

*Charney Manor, Charney Bassett OX12 0EJ  
April 22nd 2021*

*Dear concerned resident,*

*Application for a premises licence for the sale of alcohol and live music  
Premises Licence (LAPREM/13530/21) Charney Manor OX12 0EJ*

*The Trustees of Charney Manor have appointed me to be the managing trustee for this application, and I am writing to you now that I have read your objections to a granting of such a licence.*

*The objectors raise several issues which are not relevant to the application but which need to be considered for the future relations of the manor with the village.*

*It is clear that the most important issue is noise during extended hours. Although the application mentions a maximum of 20 occasions per year, it is most unlikely that there will be as many as that. Some submissions imply that there is already an undesirable level even during permitted hours and without the sale of alcohol. One submission, on the other hand, mentions that noise emanates from other parts of the village too. We note the comment about the soundproofing of the Barn and will see what we can do about that.*

*If alcohol were to be available inside the manor, the level and timing would be controlled and incidents mentioned where drunken guests get lost on the way back from the Chequers after hours, mentioned by several people, would not occur. In this context, we note the comment about inadequate signage and will do something to remedy that.*

*Fears have been expressed for the future development of the property. We are currently exploring a range of options to use the land in a greener and more sustainable manner, according to our Quaker testimonies. We have opened discussions with the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council and look forward to continuing them on a basis of regular shared information and discussion.*

*The trustees greatly value good relations with the village and hope that we can continue to work together in the future.*

*Best wishes,  
Catherine Hilliard  
Co-Clerk to the Trustees*