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2 June 2016

Dear Councillor

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE** to be held in the Committee Room 1, Millmead House, Millmead, Guildford, Surrey GU2 4BB on **THURSDAY**, 9 JUNE 2016 at 10.00 am.

Yours faithfully

Satish Mistry Director of Corporate Services

MEMBERS OF THE LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

Councillor David Elms (Chairman) Councillor Mike Parsons Councillor Mike Hurdle

QUORUM 3



THE COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Vision – for the borough

For Guildford to be a town and rural borough that is the most desirable place to live, work and visit in South East England. A centre for education, healthcare, innovative cutting-edge businesses, high quality retail and wellbeing. A county town set in a vibrant rural environment, which balances the needs of urban and rural communities alike. Known for our outstanding urban planning and design, and with infrastructure that will properly cope with our needs.

Five fundamental themes that support the achievement of our vision:

- **Our Borough** ensuring that proportional and managed growth for future generations meets our community and economic needs
- **Our Economy** improving prosperity for all by enabling a dynamic, productive and sustainable economy that provides jobs and homes for local people
- **Our Infrastructure** working with partners to deliver the massive improvements needed in the next 20 years, including tackling congestion issues
- **Our Environment** improving sustainability and protecting our countryside, balancing this with the needs of the rural and wider economy
- **Our Society** believing that every person matters and concentrating on the needs of the less advantaged

Your Council – working to ensure a sustainable financial future to deliver improved and innovative services

Values for our residents

- We will strive to be the best Council.
- We will deliver quality and value for money services.
- We will help the vulnerable members of our community.
- We will be open and accountable.
- We will deliver improvements and enable change across the borough.

Mission – for the Council

A forward looking, efficiently run Council, working in partnership with others and providing first class services that give our society value for money, now and for the future.

<u>AGENDA</u>

ITEM NO.

1 LOCAL CODE OF CONDUCT - DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

In accordance with the revised local Code of Conduct, a councillor is required to disclose at the meeting any disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI) that they may have in respect of any matter for consideration on this agenda. Any councillor with a DPI must not participate in any discussion or vote regarding that matter and that they must also withdraw from the meeting immediately before consideration of the matter.

If that DPI has not been registered, you must notify the Monitoring Officer of the details of the DPI within 28 days of the date of the meeting.

2 APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE FOR THE SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL (CONSUMPTION OFF THE PREMISES) IN RESPECT OF MEWS GIN LTD, LITTLE RIDINGS, NORRELS DRIVE, EAST HORSLEY, KT24 5DL (Pages 1 - 70)

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LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Thursday 9 June 2016

Application Type:	Application for a New Premises Licence				
Ward:	Clandon and Horsley	Ward Councillors: Cllr David Reeve Cllr Matt Sarti Cllr Jenny Wicks			
Applicant:	Mr Richard Mews				
Premises:	Little Ridings, Norrels Drive, East Horsley, KT24 5DL				
Proposal:	being used as a sma site. The applicant is wholesale without a l The application is for consumption <u>OFF</u> the 1700hrs Monday to F The public will not ha	a Premises Licence allowing the sale of alcohol for e premises, between the hours of 0900hrs and			

1. SITE LOCATION

The premises is a barn situated to the rear of a private property, Little Ridings, Norrels Drive, East Horsley, there are a number of residential properties within the vicinity.

A site location map is attached as **Appendix 1**.

2. <u>APPLICATION</u>

The application form, a copy of which is attached as **Appendix 2**, gives the following information in relation to the proposed hours:

Licensable activities:

• The sale of alcohol

Proposed hours:

The table below shows the proposed licensable activities and hours

Activities	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
Sale of alcohol						
For consumption	09:00 -	09:00 -	09:00 -	09:00 -	09:00 -	
off the premises	17:00	17:00	17:00	17:00	17:00	

2.1 **Promotion of the four licensing objectives**

The applicant has submitted a number of proposals and steps that he intends to take, in order to promote the four licensing objectives:

1. Limit of 2000 litres of sales strength gin per calendar year.

2. The size of vehicles used by delivery/ collection contractors will be no bigger than Luton or van sized.

3. Training and monthly assessments will be provided to all current and future directors and employees to make them aware of the four licensing objectives.

4. The Designated Premises Supervisor will be present for all sales of alcohol.

5. The Premises will be locked at all times when not in use.

6. Access to the premises will be via to two gates, one if which will be manually closed and electrically operated.

7. Public access will not be permitted, and access will only be provided for deliveries or collections.

8. No alcohol will be consumed on the premises.

The applicant has also proposed allowing residents to have reasonable access to records to reassure compliance with these conditions.

A copy of the letter is attached as **Appendix 3**.

If granted, the proposals will be converted into relevant conditions attached to the licence.

3. <u>CONSULTATION</u>

The application was in consultation from 14 April until 13 May 2016.

The application was advertised in accordance with regulations.

The applicant gave a consultation end date on notices, which exceeded the statutory required period, the period of consultation was extend to that date in order to be fair to all interested parties.

A Senior Planning Officer from Guildford Borough Council has advised that the building is authorised, and it is considered that the use in connection with the production of gin does not amount to a material change of use; therefore, planning permission is not required. The rear barn is being used for domestic storage and is not being used for the production of the gin.

Responsible Authorities.

There have been no representations/objections received from any of the Responsible Authorities.

Representations from other persons

18 relevant representations have been received, mainly from residents, on the grounds of the prevention of public nuisance, raising concerns that there will be an increased level of nuisance to residents. The representations refer to nuisance from commercial vehicles using the roads in the surrounding area, which will be making deliveries and receiving collections from the property. A number of issues have been raised which are outside the remit of the Sub-Committee, these include the safety of the public on the highway, and a concern over a possible increase in property crime, related planning issues and not being appropriate for the area in general.

A copy of the representations are attached as **Appendix 4**.

4. <u>LICENSING POLICY</u>

The following sections of the Council's Licensing Policy are relevant:

- Section 5: (Fundamental Principles)
- Section 11: 11.1 11.6 (Public Nuisance)

5. NATIONAL GUIDANCE

The following sections of the Guidance issued by the Secretary of State under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 are relevant:

Paragraphs 2.14 – 2.20 – Public Nuisance Paragraphs 9.30 – 9.40 – Hearings Paragraphs 9.41 – 9.43 – Determining actions that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives Paragraphs 10.1 to 10.68 – Conditions attached to premises licences, which include mandatory conditions to be included in every licence.

6. <u>CONCLUSION:</u>

- 1. The Sub-Committee must consider the application for the grant of a premises licence on its merits.
- 2. Subject to paragraph (3) below, Section 18(2) of the Licensing Act 2003 provides that the Sub-Committee must grant the application subject to the mandatory conditions and such conditions as are consistent with the operating schedule.
- 3. Having regard to the relevant representations received, the Sub-Committee must take such steps (if any) as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

The steps are:

- To impose modified or additional conditions on the licence. Any additional or altered conditions must be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives, proportionate and should address the matters raised in the representations.
- To exclude any of the licensable activities from the scope of the licence.
- To refuse to specify a person as the premises supervisor.
- To reject the application.

<u>Originator:</u> Mark Adams, Licensing Officer Tel: (01483) 444368 E-Mail: mark.adams@guildford.gov.uk This page is intentionally left blank



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Guildford Borough Council, Licensing Team, Millmead House, Millmead, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 4BB licensing@guildford.gov.uk 01483 444371

> Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

MEWS GIN COMPANY LTD I/We

(Insert name(s) of applicant)

apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003

Part 1 – Premises Details

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Telephone number at premises (if any)	01483	282759	
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Part 2 - Applicant Details

Please state whether you are applying for a premises licence as

Please tick as appropriate

a)	an in	idividual or individuals *		please complete section (A)
b)	a pe	rson other than an individual *		
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	iii.	as an unincorporated association or		please complete section (B)

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	iv. other (for example a statutory corporation)		please complete section (B)	
c)	a recognised club		please complete section (B)	
d)	a charity		please complete section (B)	
e)	the proprietor of an educational establishment		please complete section (B)	
f)	a health service body		please complete section (B)	
g)	a person who is registered under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales		please complete section (B)	
ga)	a person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England		please complete section (B)	
h)	the chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales		please complete section (B)	
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(A) INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS (fill in as applicable)

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Surname	First names
I am 18 years old or over	Please tick yes
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Post town	Postcode
Daytime contact telephone number	
E-mail address (optional)	

SECOND INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (if applicable)

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(B) OTHER APPLICANTS

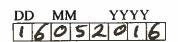
Please provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate please give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), please give the name and address of each party concerned.

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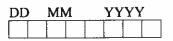
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Part 3 Operating Schedule

When do you want the premises licence to start?



If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?



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If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend.

What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises?

(Please see sections 1 and 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 and Schedules 1 and 2 to the Licensing Act 2003)

Prov	sion of regulated entertainment	Please tick any that apply
a)	plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)	
b)	films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)	
c)	indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)	
d)	boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)	
e)	live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)	
f)	recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)	
g)	performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)	
h)	anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H)	

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<u>Provision of late night refreshment</u> (if ticking yes, fill in box I) <u>Supply of alcohol</u> (if ticking yes, fill in box J)

In all cases complete boxes K, L and M

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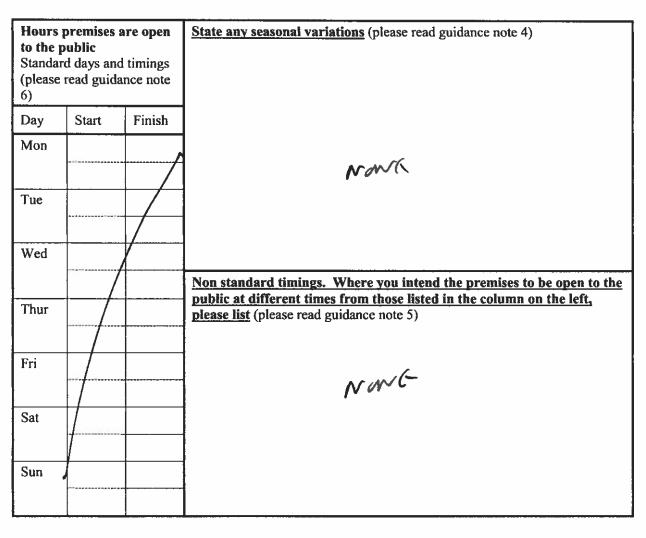
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Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 8).

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a) General - all four licensing objectives (b, c, d and e) (please read guidance note 9)

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#### **Checklist:**

#### Please tick to indicate agreement

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- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee.
- I have enclosed the plan of the premises,
- I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable. I have enclosed the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be designated premises
- J supervisor, if applicable.
- I understand that I must now advertise my application.
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.

# IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Part 4 – Signatures (please read guidance note 10)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (see guidance note 11). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Signature	Rollen	
Date	8 R APRIL 1016	
Capacity	DIRECTOR	

For joint applications, signature of 2nd applicant or 2nd applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent (please read guidance note 12). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Signature				 	
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# Licensing Act 2003

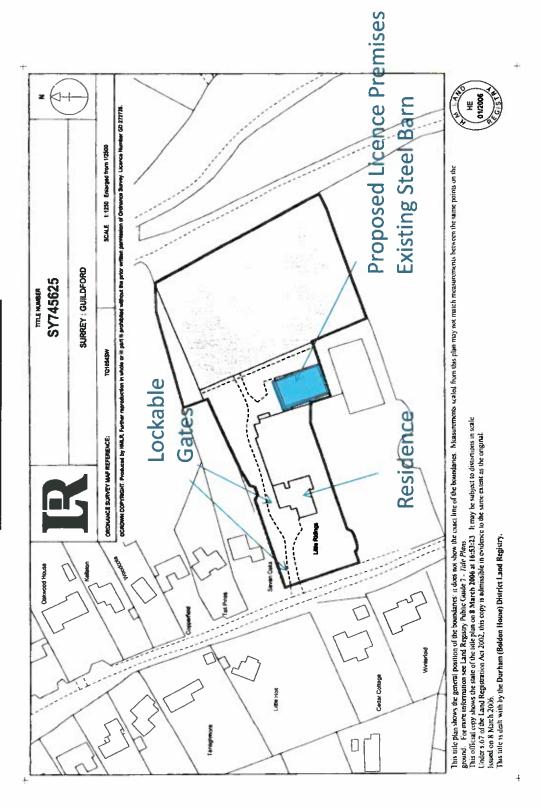
Premises Supervisor consent form



Consent of individual to being specified as premises supervisor
full name of prospective premises supervisor]
of LITTLE RIDINGS NORACES DRIVE,
ENST HORSLEY, SUMMEY
KT24 $SD4[home address of prospective premises supervisor]$
hereby confirm that I give my consent to be specified as the designated premises supervisor in relation to the application for
PREMISES ALCENCE [type of application]
by MEWS GIN COMPMY LTP [name of applicant]
relating to a premises licence
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[name and address of premises to which the application relates]
and any premises licence to be granted or varied in respect of this application made
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# Mews Gin Company Ltd





Guildford Borough Council Licensing Team Millmead House Millmead Guildford Surrey GU2 4BB

Attention: Mr Mark Adams

12th May 2016

Dear Mark

#### **Mews Gin Company Ltd Premises Licence Application**

I am writing to you with reference to the above as I wanted to provide some background and request that should you be minded to grant the Company a Premises Licence you would attach certain limitations as outlined below.

Mews Gin Company Limited has been set up as a post – retirement hobby in order to produce and supply craft gin to a very limited market. It is envisaged that sales would be very modest and at a scale such that renting commercial premises would not be an option. If the business became successful and forecast sales looked sufficient to move to commercial premises we would do so.

In order to add legal weight to what is otherwise just a statement of intent, I would ask that should the Licensing Authority be minded to grant the Company a Premises Licence, the following conditions be added to the Operating Schedule.

- 1) Mews Gin Company will not exceed an annual production ceiling from Little Ridings, Norrels Drive of 2,000 litres (sales strength gin) over any calendar year.
- The Company will ensure all Company related traffic is kept to a minimum and will not allow contractors or delivery companies to use vehicles in excess of 3.5 tonnes.

Company Number: 9307327. Registered Office: Little Ridings, Norrels Drive, East Horsley, KT24 5DL

For your information, I will also write to residents of Norrels Drive and High Park Avenue to allow their respective representatives reasonably to request such records as are sufficient to provide evidence of compliance with the above.

I also attach a schedule which calculates the number and type of vehicle movements that would be associated with this maximum ceiling. It equates to one 3.5 tonne lorry every five months and one delivery van every six weeks. Given the current level of traffic I do not believe this would have a discernible impact on local residents or infrastructure.

Should you require any clarification of the contents of this letter, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Richard Mew Director

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Company Number: 9307327. Registered Office: Little Ridings, Norrels Drive, East Horsley, KT24 5DL

# Schedule of traffic movements

Based on a maximum of 2,000 litres of produced gin:

# Goods in:

# Bottles

The main bulk item required would be bottles. These would be delivered by 3.5 tonne Luton van (or equivalent), of similar size to the local garden centre delivery vans.

2,000 Lt of gin = 2,857 bottles (standard 70cl).

1,263 bottles per pallet = 2.26 pallets per annum.

If bought one pallet at a time this equates to one lorry every 5 months.

# Alcohol

The other main item would be the alcohol which comes in 25 litre polypins and delivered using standard sized vans as used by most delivery firms.

2,000 It of gin (@38% abv) = 792 It of alcohol delivered (@96% abv).

= 32 polypins
= 8 deliveries (assuming four at a time) equates to one van every 1.5 months

# Botanicals

Botanicals (herbs) are used to turn the alcohol into gin. Each distillation run produces approx. 40 litres gin and uses 0.25kg of botanicals. 2,000 litres therefore requires 2000*.25/40 = 12.5 kg botanicals per year.

# Goods out:

All goods out would be delivered by car either to retail premises or to the post office. Given that the majority of deliveries will be coordinated with other errands it is likely that additional car traffic will be minimal.

Calculated that the total impact on the number of lorry/van movements in a year would therefore be one 3.5t lorry every 5 months and one delivery van every 1.5 months.

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# Mews Gin Co. Ltd, Little Ridings, Norrels Drive, East Horsley.

Application for a Licence to sell alcohol.

Norrels Drive (East Horsley) Ltd wish to object to the above application by Mews Gin Co. Ltd ( 'the Company') unless certain specific conditions are embedded within the licence

Norrels Drive(East Horsley) Ltd, is the company owning the freehold of Norrels Drive, the road that services Little Ridings and the other 35 properties adjoining Norrels Drive.

We understand there are 4 grounds on which an objection can validly be made. We would address each of those in turn.

**First, Prevention of Crime and Disorder**. Mews Gin name, activity and address are widely and actively promoted in the public domain. The production and storage of alcohol in an area of low density occupation could well be a magnet for miscreants from a wide geographic area. Further, such miscreants targeting the Mews Gin Company premises would swiftly appreciate the secluded, and apparently affluent housing in Norrels Drive thus significantly and unnecessarily increasing the risk of crime in Norrels Drive and adjoining roads.

**Second, Public Safety.** Norrels Drive is a single track narrow lane with no pavements or lighting and with several 'blind spots' for traffic. It is used as a walking route to the local woods by ramblers and dog walkers. Residents drive cautiously in the knowledge of those conditions. There will be an increase in uninformed traffic using the Drive delivering raw materials to Little Ridings and also an increase in road usage stemming from the departure of finished product from Little Ridings. There may also be further traffic from customers travelling to Little Ridings in the expectation of purchasing gin there. It is an unavoidable conclusion that any increase in traffic must increase the risk to public safety.

Third, Public Nuisance. As stated above, the company's name, activity and address are widely and actively promoted in the public domain. While the company has said in its application that public access 'will not normally be permitted' the company cannot prevent potential customers from arriving unannounced at the premises with the intention to buy at any time of day or any day of a seven day week. So a customer turning up to buy, inside or outside these trading hours would have to be turned away. Such rejection will, in some instances, generate an adverse reaction which will result in public nuisance behaviours. The alternative would be to make the sale but this would, we understand, be in breach of the terms of the licence.

The traffic volumes noted above will cause significant nuisance to the residents.

**Fourth, Protection of Children from Harm**. While I don't believe the granting of the requested licence will, of itself, result in harm to children as a consequence of the sale of alcohol, that would be a very narrow interpretation of this issue. The children living in Norrels Drive ( and there are several young children) have the privilege of living in a quiet, rural lane where their existence is known by residents who drive across the lane in the knowledge that there may be children emerging from blind entrances on bicycles or on foot. As mentioned under 'Public Safety' above any increase in non-resident traffic in Norrels Drive increases the risk of harm to those children. It is this broader

interpretation of the concept of harm to children that the licensing committee must contemplate when considering the licence application.

Each of the consequences or actions outlined under the four headings above result in nuisance.

While the objections are valid at any level of sales under the licence applied for, the degree of nuisance increases with the scale of the business.

Notwithstanding these objections we are prepared, in principle, to waive these objections if three specific conditions are attached to the licence and enforced. Namely,

1) Volume of production to be limited to 2000 litres sales strength gin over any calendar year

2) No public access to the site for retail sales nor otherwise hold any events beyond those for family and friends that would attract or invite members of the general public to Little Ridings for any purpose connected to the Company, its products or processes

3) Any application to vary the terms of the licence (including these restrictions) will be subject to an open public process where interested parties will have the right, and be given time, to make valid representations.

We believe that these restrictions will enable the applicant to fulfill their stated intentions while not leading to significant traffic that would damage the environment of the road.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Frank Milton, Graeme Morrison Simon Byles, Ian Little, Andy Lewis Directors of Norrels Drive (East Horsley) Ltd Frank Milton Treasurer ND(EH) Itd Date:10/05/2016

Dear Guildford Licensing Unit,

#### Subject: Licence Application - Mews Gin Company Ltd, Little Ridings, Norrels Drive, East Horsley KT24 5DL

I wish to <u>OBJECT</u> to the granting of a license to Supply of Alcohol at the above private residence in East Horsley.

#### <u>General</u>

The proposed application is from a private residential home and as such will have a material adverse effect on both the residents of Norrels Drive and High Park Avenue.

#### Protection of Children from Harm

This is my primary concern, as this is currently exclusively a residential area with a high percentage of families with young children. The road Norrels Drive is a private road with no pavement for pedestrians, backed on both sides by houses directly on the road. Many children either use this road to access local bus routes or for general usage such as walking the dogs or riding their bicycles up to the woods (at the end of Norrels Drive). The road being a narrow private, one lane road does not suit delivery vehicles in any volume and would propose a significant threat to the safety of both my children and the children of the area given that there is no pavements for pedestrians.

If one used some of the other boutique Gin distilleries in the Guildford area as a comparison they have significant feet through the door to see the distillation process etc and typically this is a valuable marketing tool for these boutique alcohol brands it seems very unlikely the same would not occur at Little Ridings.

#### **Prevention of Crime and Disorder**

Norrels Drive has no lighting and Little Ridings would not offer the typical security you would find on a industrial manufacturing site. The fact that the property backs onto private woods and the product the type produced being produced increases the likelyhood of crime when compared to similar businesses in specific industrial/commercial areas where they are normally found.

#### Public Safety

Increased traffic will be inevitable ,this will impact on the public safety of all users of the road. This in addition to the poor road surface quality , the presence of permanent running water on the road and the fact that the road basically turns into a sand track at the top of Norrels Drive, means it does not lend itself to any development that involves deliveries and manufacture.

In summary the applicant wishes to start a fully operational supply of alcohol (high proof spirits), from this site, located in a private residential area, currently free from commercial development, and within the Metropolitan Green Belt. It is not intended to be one person producing and supplying

small amounts of alcohol in a garden shed for their own consumption. The application does not satisfy the criteria for issuing the licence requested.

Hugh Soellaart Brambles Norrels Drive East Horsley KT245DR Sent: 18 April 2016 08:52 To: Mike Smith Subject: FW:APPLICATION MEWS GIN COMPANY LITTLE RIDINGS NORRELS DRIVE EAST HORSLEY SURREY [UNC] Importance: High

#### Dear Sirs,

My wife and I (Dr Graeme and Mrs Kim Ladds, Oakwood House, Norrels Drive) wish to object to the application to obtain a license for the above business within the residential area of Norrels Drive, East Horsley. The reasons for our objections are as follows:

- 1. This is a residential area and not a business area. There is no provision for staff to be going to premises in the heart of a residential area with limited road access.
- 2. There are no kitchen/recreation areas for staff on site which may increase traffic movements in the provision of food, beverages or staff leaving the site.
- 3. No time limits have been stipulated on when the business can operate and therefore such activities could occur every day of the week (including weekends) and any time during the day or night.
- 4. The storage of alcohol in such a large premises is a potential fire hazard in a residential area where there is limited access for any fire control
- 5. The road access within Norrels Drive is a single track driveway and therefore the transport and collection of any quantities of alcohol could be detrimental to residents and cause a number of delays in getting to and from home.
- 6. There is no limit on the size of vehicles that can come down Norrels Drive and the application itself does state that the volumes would be 'modest' to begin with but there are no limitations. The size of the vehicles could not only undermine the surface of the road (privately maintained by residents) but also larger vehicles continually using the road will cause a noise pollution and there are many families in Norrels Drive with young children as well as staff driving to the premises.
- 7. Large vehicles could also damage the extensive tree canopy that exists down both sides of Norrels Drive.
- 8. The assumption is that alcohol will not be manufactured, modified, re-packaged or further distilled or amended on site. If such were to occur then this may place a further safety hazard for fire and then the possibility of the smell from further alcohol distillation and repackaging which would be detrimental to the other residents.

Yours sincerely, Dr Graeme Ladds B,Sc (Hons); PhD; MTOPRA; DIA

Sent: 01 May 2016 21:50 To: Licensing Unit Subject: Licence Application - Mews Gin Co. Ltd., Little Ridings, Norrels Drive, East Horsley KT24 5DL

# Dear Guildford Licensing Department,

I wish to OBJECT to the granting of a licence to manufacture, store and supply Gin at the above private residence East Horsley.

#### a. General

The application to supply Gin (or any other alcoholic product) from a private home in Norrels Drive, is an inappropriate development, which if approved, will impact adversely on the residents of both Norrels Drive and High Park Avenue – all within the Metropolitan Green Belt. The precise proposed location is a 3000 sq ft outbuilding behind the property. The outbuilding was used as a garage by the previous owner of 'Little Ridings' to store their classic car collection.

The applicant states that the outbuilding is 200m from Norrels Drive. I understand it to be 100m from that private road. The proposed distillery/storage for this application to supply alcohol would be appropriate on an industrial estate or on a large farm/private estate. This is the case with the 'Silent Pool' distillery at Albury. There is indeed no identified need for a second distillery in this Metropolitan Green Belt area. I understand that East Horsley Parish Council has already opposed this application under the five criteria set out for a licence application.

There are of course separate but crucial Planning issues linked to this licence application. A private garage should not be turned into a Distillery for the manufacture, storage and supply of alcohol without following formal planning procedures. The applicant states that he has not communicated with/sent copies of the application to responsible and interested bodies such as the three Emergency Services, Thames Water, SCC or the Environment Agency. I understand that Guildford Planning/Planning enforcement are investigating the situation.

#### b. Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Norrels Drive is currently a low crime/burglary area. Norrels Drive is a narrow tree lined and unlit private road. 'Little Ridings' and its neighbours back on to a large area of private woodland. The whole area is ideal cover for burglars, attracted by the high value potential of stolen spirits. Mews Gin <u>www.mewsgin.co.uk</u> is an expensive product and therefore particularly vulnerable to theft. The location is ideal for a quick getaway via Norrels Drive and High Park Avenue to the A3/M25 and beyond.

#### c. Public Safety

In an area such as Norrels Drive/High Park Avenue, public safety is not normally an issue. Any crime threat regarding Gin theft will impact on the health and safety of residents in both roads. Norrels Drive is a narrow unlit road with limited passing points and without pavements. Additional delivery/collection vehicles will be hazard to pedestrians, children going to and from school on foot or making for the Effingham cycle path and playing/cycling in both roads. Other users are of course owner car drivers and a large number of dog walkers who use both roads to the adjoining woods. The applicant states that all delivery/collection vehicles should be Luton sized vans. This would be an impossible condition to enforce. One can expect therefore much larger vehicles to enter the site via Norrels Drive and High Park Avenue. Gin production would involve the delivery of raw alcohol for storage on site at 'Little Ridings'. High proof alcohol in its delivery/final bottled state would be a fire hazard and in a totally residential road.

d.Prevention of Public Nuisance

The Mews Gin Company <u>www.mewsgin.co.uk</u> indicates that the company already has successful distillery facilities elsewhere and is growing/expanding. Expansion is appropriate in the right location.Not via private roads with solely non commercial properties. The applicant writes of 'employees'. Employees would have cars and need parking spaces. Such employment activity on this proposed site is inappropriate.There would of course be regular delivery/collection vehicles and waste collection vehicles associated with Mews Gin company. Given the applicant's objective of growing the business – the result would be even more vehicles, larger/more stills and effect on waste disposal and on demand for increased water supply – all impacting on a domestic water and sewerage system. The proposed activity is also a dangerous precedent for increased commercial activity in this wholly residential part of East Horsley.

Given the high value of the product there would need to be sophisticated alarm and lighting in place to protect the raw materials and finished stock. The impact of an industrial alarm system in a residential area would be harmful to the peace and tranquility of the area.

e. Protection of Children from Harm

The proposed distillery and supply of Gin would impact adversely on the safety of children walking to Forest Road to catch the school bus to the Howard of Effingham School – as well as to other local schools. Alcohol manufacture should not be permitted to take place near families with children. This would happen if a licence is granted.

Those wishing to purchase Mews Gin will, according to the application, self certify that they are aged 18+. Alcohol and under age purchase/drinking is a problem in the UK. The applicant can apparently give no firm guarantee that either at the point of sale/transit or delivery the Gin will not pass into the hands of those underage.

In summary, the applicant wishes to start a factory for the commercial production and supply of alcohol (high proof spirits ) in a private residential area currently free from commercial development and within the Metropolitan Green Belt. It is not intended to be one person producing small amounts of alcohol in a garden shed for their own consumption. The application does not satisfy the criteria for issuing the licence requested.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Braton

'Hadlands', High Park Avenue, East Horsley, Leatherhead, Surrey KT24 5DB

Sent: 13 May 2016 12:38 To: Licensing Unit Subject: Licence Application - Mews Gin Co. Ltd., Little Ridings, Norrels Drive, East Horsley, KT24 5DL.

#### **Guildford Licensing Department,**

I wish to **OBJECT** to the granting of a licence to manufacture, store and supply Gin at the above private residence in East Horsley.

The grounds for my objection are based on the prevention of public nuisance.

The development of a gin manufacturing and distribution facility in the heart of a quiet residential community will give rise to considerable **public nuisance** arising from:

- Restricted access for commercial delivery/ collection vehicles. Access is only possible via narrow private drives and avenues comprising residential, non-commercial properties occupied by families, many with young children.
- Lack of parking for employee cars other than on the adjacent private residential drives and avenues.
- The local services water supply, sewerage, waste disposal upon which the company would depend for its production activities are designed only for private residential use and are already overstretched. The water supply in the area, in particular, frequently fails during the summer months.
- Alcohol manufacture and distillation gives rise to unpleasant smells which are unacceptable in a strictly residential community.
- The storage of high value and highly inflammable alcoholic products will require the installation of sophisticated industrial fire and theft alarm systems, the impact of which will disturb the peace and tranquility of the area.
- Mews Gin Company is an expanding business so the impact of the above will only increase and further add to the public nuisance that will be created.

This development will give rise to considerable public nuisance; the application should be rejected.

Yours sincerely

Gordon Forrest

Dr G C Forrest

Braemore High Park Ave E Horsley, KT24 5DB Sent: 09 May 2016 10:30 To: Licensing Unit Subject: Licence Application - Mews Gin Company Ltd, Little Ridings, Norrels Drive, East Horsley KT24 5DL

Dear Guildford Licensing Unit,

Licence Application - Mews Gin Company Ltd, Little Ridings, Norrels Drive, East Horstey KT24 5DL

I wish to OBJECT to the granting of a licence to Supply of Alcohol at the above private residence in East Horsley.

#### General Objection:

The licence application address is at a private home situated on a solely residential street with no current or previous commercial premises. Norrels Drive is a quiet, narrow road, designated as a Public Footpath, with a unique street feel and limited vehicle access.

The granting of this licence will have a permanent adverse effect on the residents of Norrels Drive and High Park Avenue and on the general public.

Risk of crime:

There is an increased risk of crime as the licence application address backs onto Great Ridings Woods giving easy access to potential thieves alerted to the property by the granting of a licence and all the associated publicity for the distillery business.

As the distillery is situated on a residential road this will increase the risk of crime to neighbouring domestic properties which also back onto the Woods.

Public Safety:

The increase in commercial traffic serving and visiting the licence application address on a narrow private road is a concern to public safety particularly to children living in neighbouring residential houses and pedestrians using the public footpath.

Any business supplying commercial distributors will require vehicles capable of transporting pallets. HGVs have difficulty accessing Norrels Drive, which is a poorly surfaced private road with restricted access at one end.

There is no guarantee the business can be serviced only by vans, now or in the future.

Therefore any increase in heavy goods traffic is a risk to both residents and pedestrians and will increase damage to the road.

The application address is serviced by domestic drainage and sewage therefore it is of concern to neighbouring domestic residents whether run off or accidental spillage may impact public safety. Current production levels are small but increased production volumes will increase the risk particularly as there are open drainage areas on the road accessible by children.

Risk of Public Nuisance:

Granting the licence will allow the applicant to offer tours of the distillery and visitors to consume alcohol on the property. This means increased traffic, noise and disturbance to residents. The licence will also enable on site sales of high spirit alcohol. Norrels Drive is a wholly inappropriate location for a licenced premises of any sort.

Risk of harm to children

The increase in traffic serving and visiting the licence application address on a narrow private road is a concern to public safety particularly to children living in neighbouring houses and pedestrians using the public footpath.

Any supply of alcohol to visitors at the licence address introduces the potential risk of harm to children on a residential road.

Any increase in disturbance and risk of harm to neighbouring children due to granting this licence is unacceptable.

The application address is serviced by domestic drainage and sewage therefore it is of concern to neighbouring domestic residents whether run off or accidental spillage at present or future production levels may impact public safety. There are open drainage areas on the road accessible by children putting them at increased risk from potential accidents.

Yours sincerely, Adrian Smith

Tall Pines, Norrels Drive, East Horsley KT24 5DL Sent: 13 May 2016 20:42 To: Licensing Unit Subject: Mews Gin application for a license to use alcohol

Dear Sir,

#### Mews Gin Co. Ltd, Little Ridings, Norrels Drive, East Horsley.

Application for a Licence to sell alcohol.

I am writing to object to the above referenced application.

Norrels Drive is a very narrow residential lane that already has significant issues with regard to traffic and deterioration of our road surface. It is single track, and wholly inappropriate for the location of a trading business, however small the scale. There are no pavements or lighting, limited passing places, and with several 'blind spots' for traffic. Residents drive cautiously in the knowledge of those conditions, but unfortunately vans and couriers are not so careful. Indeed, only this evening a white van man careered into Norrels Drive at high speed, almost colliding with my car. Delivery drivers are notoriously unconcerned with public safety, and establishing a business that will require regular deliveries and pick up traffic will undoubtedly create a public safety issue. Children play in our road, and it is my view that the application should be turned down on grounds of safety. If Mews Gin wish to produce gin as a hobby for their own and relatives enjoyment, that would be fine, but establishing a business with the express intent of selling through the internet channels should be refused.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Andy Lewis

Sent: 10 May 2016 17:47

To: Licensing Unit

Subject: objection to licence application:-Mews Gin,Little Ridings,Norrels Drive,East Horsley,KT24 5DL

dear Sirs,

I am writing to object to the granting of a licence to supply alcohol at Mews Gin company,Little Ridings,Norrels Drive,East Horsley.KT24 5DL I am a resident of Norrels Drive,a private road,with solely private non-commercial properties.This is a wholly residential area, and has not previously been used for business or commercial purposes.As a separate issue surely some form of planning /change of use has to be obtained before setting up a distillery/bottling plant?

My main reason for objecting to this proposed is on the grounds of the public nuisance that would be created. An enterprise like this would bring increased traffic, delivery/collections, not to mention employees cars and parking. Totally inappropriate for a small leafy road. There is also the question of the disposal of waste from distillery processes, presumably via the local services?

Other considerations are those of the potential for an increase in crime and disorder linked to large amounts of alcohol being in this residential area. Public safety may also be affected by the increase in traffic-there are a large number of young children living in this road.

please look at this application as one not in the best interests of Norrels drive and its residents. yours sincerely

David Williams

**Sent:** 13 May 2016 14:23 **To:** Licensing Unit **Subject:** Objection to the application below

**Dear Sirs** 

Mews Gin Co. Ltd, Little Ridings, Norrels Drive, East Horsley.

#### Application for a Licence to sell alcohol.

I am writing as a resident of Norrels Drive to object to the granting of the above licence unless certain restrictions are put in place.

#### Context

Norrels Drive is a single track road, and although there is access through High Park Avenue this is not greatly used. Vehicles passing have to use either the few passing places that are available or the drives of residents. The road is tree lined and curves so there is limited line of sight in some places. There is no lighting in the road.

The road is entirely domestic premises with no other commercial activity other than people working at home. It is used as a walking route to the local woods by ramblers and dog walkers.

I understand there are 4 grounds on which an objection can validly be made.

**Prevention of Crime and Disorder**. Mews Gin name, activity and address are widely and actively promoted in the public domain. The production and storage of alcohol could well be a magnet for miscreants from a wide geographic area as the road is secluded. Further, such miscreants attracted by the Mews Gin Company premises would swiftly appreciate the secluded, and apparently affluent housing in Norrels Drive thus significantly and unnecessarily increasing the risk of crime in Norrels Drive and adjoining roads.

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Lesley Milton

Guildford Borough Council, Licensing Team, Millmead House, Millmead, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 4BB

> Honeyhanger, High Park Avenue, East Horsley, Surrey, KT24 5DB

4th May 2016

Dear Guildford Licensing Department,

# RE: Mews Gin Company Limited. Little Ridings, Norrels Drive, East Horsley, Surrey KT24 5DL

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The applicant states that the outbuilding is 200m from Norrels Drive. From Google Earth it can be seen as closer to 100m from the road. The proposed distillery/storage for this application to supply alcohol would be appropriate on an industrial estate or on a large farm/private estate. This is the case with the 'Silent Pool' distillery at Albury. There is indeed no identified need for a second distillery in this Metropolitan Green Belt area. I understand that East Horsley Parish Council has already opposed this application under the five criteria set out for a licence application.

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In an area such as Norrels Drive/High Park Avenue, public safety is not normally an issue. Any crime threat regarding Gin theft will impact on the health and safety of residents in both roads. Norrels Drive is a narrow unlit road with limited passing points and without pavements. Additional delivery/collection vehicles will be hazard to pedestrians, children going to and from school on foot or making for the Effingham cycle path and playing/cycling in both roads. Other users are of course owner car drivers and a large number of dog walkers who use both roads to the adjoining woods. The applicant states that all delivery/collection vehicles should be Luton sized vans. This would be an impossible condition to enforce. One can expect therefore much larger vehicles to enter the site via Norrels Drive and High Park Avenue. Gin production would involve the delivery of raw alcohol for storage on site at 'Little Ridings', the application does not mention mitigation measures against such a fire and explosion risk. High proof alcohol in its delivery/final bottled state would be a fire hazard and not appropriate in a totally residential road.

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The Mews Gin Company (www.mewsgin.co.uk) indicates that the company already has successful distillery facilities elsewhere and is growing/expanding. Expansion is appropriate in the right location. Not via private roads with solely non-commercial properties. The applicant writes of 'employees'. Employees would have cars and need parking spaces. Such employment activity on this proposed site is inappropriate. There would of course be regular delivery/collection vehicles and waste collection vehicles associated with Mews Gin company. Given the applicant's objective of growing the business – the result would be even more vehicles, larger/more stills and effect on waste disposal and on demand for increased water supply – all impacting on a domestic water and sewerage system. The proposed activity is also a dangerous precedent for increased commercial activity in this wholly residential part of East Horsley.

Given the high value of the product there would need to be sophisticated alarm and lighting in place to protect the raw materials and finished stock. The impact of an industrial alarm

system and security lighting in a residential area would be harmful to the peace and tranquillity of the area.

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The proposed distillery and supply of Gin would impact adversely on the safety of children walking to Forest Road to catch the school bus to the Howard of Effingham School – as well as to other local schools. Alcohol manufacture should not be permitted to take place near families with children. This would happen if a licence is granted.

The result of commercial traffic through a quiet residential road (which has no other access) would put children playing outside at a risk which is currently not there.

Those wishing to purchase Mews Gin will, according to the application, self certify that they are aged 18+. Alcohol and under age purchase/drinking is a problem in the UK. The applicant can apparently give no firm guarantee that either at the point of sale/transit or delivery the Gin will not pass into the hands of those underage.

In summary, the applicant wishes to start a factory for the commercial production and supply of alcohol (high proof spirits) in a private residential area currently free from commercial development and within the Metropolitan Green Belt. It is not intended to be one person producing small amounts of alcohol in a garden shed for their own consumption. The application does not satisfy the criteria for issuing the licence requested.

Yours sincerely,

**Robert Deatker** 

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The Licencing Team Guildford Borough Council GU22 4BB

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of Norrels Drive and I am writing to object to the application made by Mews Gin Company Ltd. to obtain a licence to sell alcohol at Little Ridings, Norrels Drive, East Horsley. It is changing the use of the land from residential to commercial and I have not, as yet, seen any planning notice from Mews Gin Company in this respect. The Director of the Company, Richard Mew has assured us residents that he is only doing it as a hobby, I find this hard to believe as in his application he states that he will be open from 0900 till 1700 from Monday to Friday. He also mentions employees and Luton vans, this is going to be NO small enterprise. It is going to have a massive impact on the road and the users of the road including children, dog walkers and cyclists. The road is only a lane, a narrow, single tract with passing places, unlit with street lighting, no pavements and a speed limit of 20mph. Little Ridings at the top of Norrels Drive, it is not a suitable site for a Gin factory and its delivery vans could make it unsafe for pedestrians.

The gin is being distilled in a former large garage at the back of the house, Little Ridings. On the plans submitted with the application there is no mention of the new adjacent house, Ridings Wood Lodge, one wonders why an out of date plan (08/03/2006) was submitted? In advertising his application he gives a false statement outside of his house, latest date for objections 13th May, it is in fact 11th May! The Director of Mews Gin is an astute businessman and I am surprised that he should get such details wrong. Secondly the property backs onto Little Ridings Wood and there have been in the past burglaries at Little Ridings, paintings and copper piping stolen, the criminals have got away into the woods. A shed full of alcohol will be a honey pot for burglars and will bring more crime into the area. If Mews Gin installs security lighting, that is also inappropriate, it will change the ambience of our residential road.

I object to this new proposed application for a licence to sell alcohol by Mews Gin Company on the grounds that it will bring more traffic to the road, speeding vans could be potentially dangerous. The sale of alcohol should be restricted to the high street or an industrial estate not a quiet residential road. With internet sales of alcohol, I would also question the age of the customer, are they all going to be over 18? I do feel that we have to protect our children

Yours sincerely, Elizabeth Clinton (Mrs)

Thors, Norrels Drive , East Horsley KT24 5DL

Dear Sir,

# Mews Gin Co. Ltd, Little Ridings, Norrels Drive, East Horsley.

# Application for a Licence to sell alcohol.

I wish to object to the above application by Mews Gin Co. Ltd ( 'the Company') unless certain specific conditions are embedded within the licence

I understand there are 4 grounds on which an objection can validly be made. I would address each of those in turn.

First, Prevention of Crime and Disorder. Mews Gin name, activity and address are widely and actively promoted in the public domain. The production and storage of alcohol in an area of low density occupation could well be a magnet for miscreants from a wide geographic area. Further, such miscreants targeting the Mews Gin Company premises would swiftly appreciate the secluded, and apparently affluent housing in Norrels Drive thus significantly and unnecessarily increasing the risk of crime in Norrels Drive and adjoining roads.

Second, Public Safety. Norrels Drive is a single track narrow lane with no pavements or lighting and with several 'blind spots' for traffic. Residents drive cautiously in the knowledge of those conditions. There will be an increase in uninformed traffic using the Drive delivering raw materials to Little Ridings and also an increase in road usage stemming from the departure of finished product from Little Ridings. There may also be further traffic from customers travelling to Little Ridings in the expectation of purchasing gin there. It is an unavoidable conclusion that any increase in traffic must increase the risk to public safety.

Third, Public Nuisance. As stated above, the company's name, activity and address are widely and actively promoted in the public domain. While the company has said in its application that public access 'will not normally be permitted' the company cannot prevent potential customers from arriving unannounced at the premises with the intention to buy at any time of day or any day of a seven day week. So a customer turning up to buy, inside or outside these trading hours would have to be turned

away. Such rejection will, in some instances, generate an adverse reaction which will result in public nuisance behaviours. The alternative would be to make the sale but this would, we understand, be in breach of the terms of the licence.

Fourth, Protection of Children from Harm. While I don't believe the granting of the requested licence will, of itself, result in harm to children as a consequence of the sale of alcohol, that would be a very narrow interpretation of this issue. The children living in Norrels Drive ( and there are several young children) have the privilege of living in a quiet, rural lane where their existence is known by residents who drive across the lane in the knowledge that there may be children emerging from blind entrances on bicycles or on foot. As mentioned under 'Public Safety' above any increase in non-resident traffic in Norrels Drive increases the risk of harm to those children. It is this broader interpretation of the concept of harm to children that the licensing committee must contemplate when considering the licence application.

It is clear that each of the consequences or actions outlined under the four headings above result in nuisance.

While the objections are valid at any level of sales under the licence applied for, the degree of nuisance increases with the scale of the business.

Notwithstanding these objections I am prepared, in principle, to waive these objections if three specific conditions are attached to the licence and enforced. Namely,

1) Volume of production to be limited to 2000 litres sales strength gin over any calendar year

2) No public access to the site for retail sales nor otherwise hold any events beyond those for family and friends that would attract or invite members of the general public to Little Ridings for any purpose connected to the Company, its products or processes

3) Any application to vary the terms of the licence (including these restrictions) will be subject to an open public process where interested parties will have the right, and be given time, to make valid representation.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Sirs

## Representations - Premises Licence by Mews Gin Company Ltd ("the Applicant")

#### Application dated: 8 April 2016 by Mr Richard Mew on behalf of the Applicant At: Little Ridings Norrels Drive East Horsley KT24 5DL: Title number SY745625 ("the Premises")

We are instructed on behalf of Mr Adrian Holmes ("our client") concerning the above Application for a Premises Licence. Our client wishes to raise the following representations in respect of the Application for the reasons set out below.

By granting a Premises Licence enabling the Applicant to carry on a business which involves the use of the Premises for the suggested licensable activity for the purpose of supplying [and/ or storing] alcohol would be totally detrimental to nature and character of the local environment and contrary to the Council's aims and objectives.

#### Validity of Application and Notice

We should draw your attention to the enclosed photograph of the Notice relating to the Application which was affixed to a post near to the Premises. We would also refer to the enclosed classified newspaper advertisement which was published in the Surrey Advertiser 15 April 2016 edition. The deadline for raising representations is incorrectly stated as being 13 May 2016. Our instructions are the actual deadline for interested parties to make representations or to raise an objection is 11 May 2016 which has been confirmed by the Licensing Officer.

It is an offence under section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003 to make a false statement in connection with the Application.

It is incumbent on the Applicant to amend these details and we would draw your attention to the Statement of Truth signed by the Applicant's Representative dated 8 April 2016. The Application has not been (as at today's date) been corrected and re advertised.

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By way of general background: Our client and his wife live in the adjacent property Seven Oaks, Norrels Drive. The entrance to our client's drive is approximately 12 feet from the entrance to the Premises and there is a distance of between 5-8 metres from the boundary as between our client's property and the drive at Premises which is to be used for transporting the goods. As such our client and his land would be directly affected and impacted upon if the Premises Licence is granted.

We enclose a series of colour photographs which sets out the nature of the land in question.

#### **Basis of Representations:**

The basis for this opposition is that granting a licence for the Premises will not promote the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and public nuisance.

#### The Environment

Little Ridings, the Premises the subject of this Application lies within a private residential road, Norrels Drive which is used by local residents including children and older people and other pedestrians including dog walkers. Norrels Drive a relatively narrow lane, approximately 15 feet wide and has speed humps which attempt to restrict driving speed to no more than 15 mph. It is a single lane with limited passing places. It is unpaved and it is does not have street lighting. It is privately maintained with gates. The lane leads from the Forest Road in East Horsley to Great Ridings Wood and it enables access to the Tennis Club at the top of the lane. The area is not for industrial or commercial purposes and the land at Little Ridings should not be used as such as it will have an adverse effect on the residential amenity of local residents and users of the lane in general.

#### **Change of Use**

The Applicant is looking to use the Premises for a material change of use which our client understands is subject to a pending application with Planning Control. In all the circumstances there will undoubtedly be an intensification in the use of the land due to the change of use and our client considers there is no direct relationship between the ordinary/primary use of the land as residential to the proposed ancillary commercial use. There will therefore be two separate or mixed uses. The development does not fall within the permitted exception under section 55(2) Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

The Applicant as part of its Application positively anticipates and suggests the business will grow over time which will further intensify the use of the land, as can be seen from the following sites.

#### http://www.mewsgin.co.uk/landing

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#### http://www.notonthehighstreet.com/partners/mewsenglishdistillers/returns

https://www.yumbles.com/mews-gin-company

https://twitter.com/MewsGin

http://www.ginfoundry.com/gin/mews-gin/

Our client has been informed by the Applicant's representative, the production capacity of the alcohol still at the Premises, is capable of 100 bottles every 6 hours.

#### Prevention of crime and disorder

Norrels Drive has been a low crime/burglary area. This is of comfort to the local residents. The Premises and in particular the proposed storage facility is approximately 100m from the road. Advertising the sale and supply of alcohol (promoted as being a premium brand) is unwelcomed due to the obvious threat of theft and possible vandalism at the Premises. The Premises is located in close proximity to A3/M25 allowing easy access and flight.

It is not clear precisely what security measure will be put in place for example CCTV.

#### **Public Safety**

The application proposes that alcohol will be sold for consumption off the premises between 9:00am and 5.00pm, five days a week by use of a Luton sized van. This may have an adverse effect on highway safety and the convenience of road users particularly given the nature and design of the road. For example, school children, cyclists and dog walkers and ramblers.

Residents in this area will experience an increase in traffic and it is anticipated will suffer noise nuisance.

The stipulation as to type of vehicles proposed as part of the Application will be impossible to enforce.

Alcohol is a flammable substance and Surrey Fire & Rescue Service risk assessment will be vital, as we understand the dimensions of a Fire Appliance to be over 8 feet.

Increased volume of traffic will severely affect the ability for emergency services to gain access along the length of Norrels Drive.

#### Public nuisance

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It is not clear what measure will be put in place to prevent smells and or noise emanating from the Premises.

It is not clear what steps the Applicant proposes to take in terms of waste disposal particularly of glass and broken bottles. Of itself this will affect waste and refuse collection resources.

#### Other safety considerations

The Committee is requested to consider the findings of the Dangerous Substances and Explosives Atmospheres Regulations 2002 (DSEAR) (S.I. 2002/2776) and the Approved Guidance Health Impact Assessment. The purpose of the Regulations is to reduce the risk of fatality or serious injury resulting from serious substances, of which ethanol /alcohol comes within this category. From the information contained as part of the Application it is evident that all risks from dangerous substances have not been properly assessed and controlled.

It is not clear from the Application that adequate training and provision has been made in relation to first aid on site.

The Responsible Authorities under the Licensing Act 2003 will no doubt have comments and representations of their own to make.

Notwithstanding the Application may be invalid, the above representations should please be taken in to account.

If you have any further requirements at this stage please do not hesitate to contact the writer.

We await hearing from you in duc course.

Yours faithfully,

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**TWM Solicitors LLP** 

> Butterflies Norrels Drive East Horsley KT24 5DR

10th May 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

# Subject: Licence Application - Mews Gin Company Ltd, Little Ridings, Norrels Drive, East Horsley KT24 5DL

I wish to **OBJECT** to the granting of a licence to Supply of Alcohol at the above private residence in East Horsley.

#### General

The application as proposed from a private home in Norrels Drive, is an inappropriate development, which if approved will impact adversely on the residents of both Norrels Drive and High Park Avenue – all within the Metropolitan Green Belt. This outbuilding (described as a "Barn" in the application), was used as a garage by the previous owner of 'Little Ridings' to keep their car collection, and storage of gardening machinery associated with a large garden e.g ride-on mower etc.

The latest date for objections placed on the notice by the applicant was the 13th May, when in fact, it is 11th May, and the location of the proposed License premises provided with the application is from a Land Registry official copy dated 08 March 2006. The latter does not include the residential building which immediately neighbours "Little Ridings" (not the house known as "Seven Oaks" but the other side of Little Ridings...and known as "Ridings Wood Lodge").

The proposed License for this application for Supply of alcohol would be appropriate on an industrial estate or on a large farm/private estate. I understand that a distillery process will also occur on the same site .This is the case with the 'Silent Pool' Distillery at Albury. There is indeed no identified need for a second distillery and supplier in this Metropolitan Green Belt area.

There are of course separate but crucial Planning issues linked to this licence application. A private garage should not be turned into a location for Supply of Alcohol without following formal planning procedures.

The applicant states in the application that it has not communicated/sent copies of the licence application to responsible authorities and others, such as the three Emergency Services as well other stakeholders e.g. Thames Water, SCC, Environmental Agencies.

I understand that the East Horsley Parish Council recommended the application for the above License be refused, at a recent public meeting, which included concerns covering (inter- alia) the four Licensing objectives....General, Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, Prevention Public Nuisance.

In addition, the proposed location backs onto woodland, which has been recognised as a site containing special wildlife interest. Indeed, wildlife eg deer, is sighted in residents gardens and in Norrels Drive itself.

#### **Prevention of Crime and Disorder**

Norrels Drive is currently a low crime/burglary area. Norrels Drive is a very narrow tree lined private road which has no lighting whatsoever. 'Little Ridings' and many other properties in Norrels Drive back on to a large area of private woodland. The precise proposed location for the operation of this business is in a 3000 sq ft metal outbuilding behind the property. Despite the applicant stating "anticipated volumes small initially", the size of the building will enable ramping up capacity to supply alcohol, quickly, and further increase propensity/probability for increased crime and disorder. The applicant states that the garage is 200m from Norrels Drive. I understand it to be only 100m from that private road. The whole area is ideal cover for burglars attracted by the high value potential of stolen spirits. Mews Gin <u>www.mewsgin.co.uk</u> is a premium value product and therefore particularly vulnerable for theft. The location is ideal for a quick getaway either via Norrels Drive or High Park Avenue to the A3/M25 (just 10-12 minutes away by vehicle), and beyond.

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In an area such as Norrels Drive/High Park Avenue, public safety is not normally an issue. Any crime threat regarding alcohol theft will impact on the public safety of residents in Norrels Drive and High Park Avenue. Norrels Drive is a narrow unlit road with very limited passing points and without any pavements. Verges are extremely narrow and contain large mature trees whose branches over hang the road itself. Pedestrian access is very limited when a vehicle larger than a family saloon approaches. Additional delivery/collection vehicles will be a hazard to pedestrians, children going to and from school, making their way to the Effingham Cycle Path, playing and cycling in both roads, making their way ( as pedestrians/cycles) to local cricket and tennis facilities within minutes of Norrels Drive and High Park Avenue. All the above will be particularly pronounced during school holidays. Other users are owner car drivers and the large number of dog walkers who use Norrels Drive and High Park Avenue. The application states that all delivery/collection vehicles should be commercial

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At this juncture, I believe that the following comments are apposite, despite inclusion elsewhere. The applicant states that the garage is 200m from Norrels Drive. That looks too far, and it is only 100m from that private road

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The Mews Gin Company website <u>www.mewsgin.co.uk</u> indicates that the company already has successful distillery facilities, and clearly has already supplied/sold Gin. The website and twitter feeds show that this is a growing/expanding business, with a marketing push behind it. Expansion is appropriate in the right location but NOT for a private road with solely private non-commercial properties. The applicant writes of 'employees'. Employees need cars and parking spaces. Such employment activity on this proposed site is inappropriate. There would of course be also regular delivery/collection vehicles related to Mews Gin Company. Norrels Drive is inappropriate for such activity. Given the applicant's objective of growing the business as a commercial enterprise – the result would mean even more vehicles and equipment, the ability to introduce larger/more alcoholic drink production stills in site to boost supply of alcohol meaning waste disposal of commercial water supply/waste disposal – all via the domestic water supply/sewerage system. The application is also a dangerous precedent for increased commercial activity in this wholly residential part of East Horsley.

Further, as a fully operational trading business for supply of alcohol, there would need to be sophisticated alarm and lighting systems in place to protect the raw materials and finished stock. The impact of an industrial alarm system in a residential area would be harmful to the peace and tranquillity of the area.

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The proposed Distillery and Supply of Alcohol will of course impact adversely on the safety of children walking to Forest Road to take the bus to the Howard of Effingham Secondary School, as well as other schools in the vicinity. My earlier comments under "Public Safety demonstrates my concern as there are many families with children /young adults in the vicinity. Alcohol supply (or even distillation) should not take place near families with children as would happen if the licence is granted.

It is noted that the business model is based around the self-certification of minimum age (18 years) for orders. The application also includes the use of couriers who, (according to the application), "where

possible" check ID in respect of the above. This caveat of "where possible" demonstrates the risk that bottles of alcohol, from Mews Gin Company Ltd, could get into the hands of under age children at point of delivery, with some sort of control being that of the courier, himself (or herself) not trained or qualified for such a duty/role. Alcohol and under age purchase/drinking is a problem in the UK.

Furthermore, the application indicates that where there is uncertainty as to age from receipt of order, a call will be made ahead of despatch to confirm over 18. Is this really the key measure to identify whether the person ordering is at least 18 ....a phone call (eg mobile) for the simple verbal assurance/confirmation of the age limit?

In summary the applicant wishes to start a fully operational supply of alcohol (high proof spirits), from this site, located in a private residential area currently free from commercial development, and within the Metropolitan Green Belt. It is not intended to be one person producing and supplying small amounts of alcohol in a garden shed for their own consumption. The application does not satisfy the criteria for issuing the licence requested.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Privett

White Oaks

High Park Ave

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Date:10 May 2016

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**The primary objection:** The application as proposed is for a distillery in a private home in Norrels Drive. This is an not at all appropriate as it will impact greatly on the residents of both Norrels Drive and High Park Avenue in many ways. The location of the proposed distillery is within the Metropolitan Green Belt.

There is already a gin distillery nearby at'Silent Pool' at Albury. There is indeed no identified need for a second distillery in this Metropolitan Green Belt area.

Judging by the website and social media for the distillery, this is a growing business. Although the owner claims to be running a small still in an outbuilding, it appears he is ambitious to grow by the looks of his marketing material. A private garage should not be turned into a Distillery and Supply of Alcohol without following formal planning procedures.

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Furthermore, the application indicates that where there is uncertainty as to age from receipt of order, a call will be made ahead of despatch to confirm over 18. Is this really the key measure to identify whether the person ordering is at least 18 ....a phone call (eg mobile) for the simple verbal assurance/confirmation of the age limit?

In summary the applicant wishes to start an alcohol distilling factory and fully operational supply of alcohol (high proof spirits), from this site, located in a private residential area currently free from commercial development, and within the Metropolitan Green Belt. It is not intended to be one person producing and supplying small amounts of alcohol in a garden shed for their own consumption. The application does not satisfy the criteria for Issuing the licence requested.

Yours sincerely,

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**E** Horsley

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Date:10 May 2016

Dear Guildford Licensing Unit,

Subject: Licence Application - Mews Gin Company Ltd, Little Ridings, Norrels Drive, East Horsley KT24 5DL

I wish to **OBJECT** to the granting of a licence to Supply of Alcohol at the above private residence in East Horsley. Like many other neighbours, we do not feel it is an appropriate invocation, in view of the size and nature of the Mews Gin brand <u>www.mewsgin.co.uk</u> and the social media and online marketing that clearly points to it being a successful, growing business. A secure light industrial site would be a far more suitable location. I outline my arguments below:

**The primary objection:** The application as proposed is for a distillery in a private home in Norrels Drive. This is not appropriate and it will impact greatly on the residents of both Norrels Drive and High Park Avenue. The location of the proposed distillery is within the Metropolitan Green Belt.

There is no need for a distillery in this area, as there is already one in Albury.

The social media for the distillery, shows this is a growing family business. I am not convinced that it will remain a small still.

East Horsley Parish Council recommended the application is refused, at a recent public meeting, for reasons covering (inter- alia) the four Licensing objectives....General, Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Public Safety, Prevention Public Nuisance.

The proposed location backs onto protected woodland, which has been recognised as a site containing special wildlife interest. Indeed, wildlife eg deer, is sighted in residents gardens and in Norrels Drive itself.

## **Prevention of Crime and Disorder**

High Park Avenue and Norrels Drive are currently a low crime/burglary area with regards house burglary, but shed and vehicle break ins are quite common as there are no street lights only a few houses have security lights. Norrels Drive is a very narrow tree lined private road which has no lighting whatsoever. 'Little Ridings' and its neighbours back on to a large area of private woodland.

The applicant states "anticipated volumes small initially", but the size of the building will enable ramping up capacity to supply alcohol, quickly, and further increase propensity/probability for increased crime and disorder. The applicant states that the garage is 200m from Norrels Drive. I understand it to be only 100m from that private road. The whole area is ideal cover for burglars attracted by the high value potential of stolen spirits. Mews Gin <u>www.mewsgin.co.uk</u> is a premium value product and therefore particularly vulnerable for theft. The location is ideal for a quick getaway either via Norrels Drive or High Park Avenue to the A3/M25 (just 10-12 minutes away by vehicle), and beyond.

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## **Prevention of Public Nuisance**

The Mews Gin Company website <u>www.mewsgin.co.uk</u> indicates that the company already has successful distillery facilities, and clearly has already supplied/sold Gin. The website and twitter feeds show that this is a growing/expanding family business, with a marketing push behind it. Expansion is appropriate in the right location but NOT for a private road with solely private non-commercial properties.

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Further, as a fully operational trading business for distilling and supply of alcohol, there would need to be sophisticated alarm and lighting systems in place to protect the raw materials and finished stock. The impact of an industrial alarm system in a residential area would be harmful to the peace and tranquillity of the area.

## **Protection of Children from Harm**

The proposed Distillery and Supply of Alcohol will of course impact adversely on the safety of children walking to Forest Road to take the bus to the Howard of Effingham Secondary School, as well as other schools in the vicinity. My earlier comments under

"Public Safety demonstrates my concern as there are many families with children /young adults in the vicinity. Alcohol supply (or even distillation) should not take place near families with children as would happen if the licence is granted.

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