

Dear Mr. Bonthron and Mr. Ghani,

I am writing in respect of the recent 'Additional Noise Assessment' that was conducted in relation to the Planning Application Reference 20250604 (Cobham House Vineyard). I was surprised after reading the report as it appears to conclude that the planned bottling activity will cause 'no observed adverse effect' resulting from the requested factory/winery at the top of Gold Street.

To put a little context on my surprised reaction, I live at [REDACTED] which is located just after [REDACTED] on Gold Street (DA130XA). We are [REDACTED] from The Cock Inn public house in Luddesdown. I have lived here for 6 years and can state without any fear of contradiction, that the noise caused by bottles being delivered and disposed of at the public house is the single biggest noise disturbance I have experienced.

Each morning and each evening, the public house conducts activities which involve glass bottles. The noise of bottles being delivered, unloaded and transported into the Public House cellar is clearly audible from our house, even in winter when the windows are closed. In the evenings (or sometimes during the day if I am at home), the noise is three times worse as the bottles are taken out and placed in the recycle bin.

I chose to live in a location that had a public house [REDACTED] downhill from us and so the noise, although annoying at night, is something that we have to accept. The pub was here before we were. However, I will not accept having to live with additional continuous noise from a 40m by 16m factory that will be handling bottles for 8 hours a day. The proposed 'winery' will be [REDACTED] from my property, so effectively the same distance as the Cock Inn public house. I know from experience that the sound of glass contacting even slightly with more glass is a sound that carries for greater distances than most noises. Therefore, to read the report by [REDACTED] as mentioned, very surprising and disturbing.

I believe that the report cannot be accurate and that the conditions used for the testing should be reviewed by an independent specialist, one engaged by the council would be best. This is not due to any scientific data I possess, merely experience of the noise of glass from a public house located the same distance from my home as the proposed winery will be. As also mentioned, the public house handles its glass twice a day on average. The proposed winery will be 8 hours a day and also involve heavy machinery, plant and HGV traffic.

I would be happy for you to conduct an experiment or even attend my property to listen to the noise from the Cock Inn if you wish. However I do insist that this email be considered as part of the ongoing decision making process involving the Cobham House Vineyard. I strongly oppose the application for the above reason, as well as the disruption that the HGVs, plant, lights and increased traffic will bring. It is worth also noting that, if a resident who is [REDACTED] from an existing bottle/ glass noise disruption is voicing concern, the properties that are a matter of 10m from the proposed site will have to suffer noise issues ten fold worse.

I would appreciate an acknowledgement that this email has been received.

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