

Eversfield manor support

#### Support 1

I was at the open-air theatre at the Manor last September. My daughter was one of the actors. The amplified acting and singing, and the electric band which proceeded the play could not be perceived as too loud or disturbing. This was a delightful social event for everyone there and such events should be encouraged.

#### Support 2

I strongly support the application for a premises licence by Bernard McNelis and Li Zhu of the Manor, Bratton Clovelly.

The enterprise is an asset, which brings revenue and jobs to the area.

The grant of a licence will help to control noise nuisance, rather than cause it, because of the legal obligation to refuse the service of alcohol to anyone who appears to be drunk. I understand that, to further strengthen this control, the proprietors would no longer permit guests to bring in their own alcohol.

In addition, if there were to be noise nuisance, those affected would have recourse to calling the public health authority who have the power to close the premises for up to 24 hours. Persistent breach could lead to a review of the licence and possible revocation.

Taking these two points into consideration, I think it is a necessity for the business to be licensed.

#### Support 3

I feel that the premises license in question should be granted. The applicants are both responsible individuals and will in my opinion do their utmost to ensure that no nuisance is caused, especially after the airing of contrarian views by some other local inhabitants at the recent public meeting. Indeed, the purpose of the license is to provide for better control over the behaviour of guests in attendance. It is noteworthy that no complaints had been made directly to the applicants prior to this meeting. Also, the fact that any licence granted can be readily revoked will surely focus minds to ensure that the required standards are upheld. The applicants have indicated their willingness to discuss compromise if given the opportunity. Moreover, I feel that the suggested dangers due to

vehicles entering and leaving the premises have been overstated, in that the number of vehicles should not be affected by the granting of a license. If considered necessary, additional warning signage could be put in place at the entrance/exit.

#### Support 4

Regarding the recent application from Mr Bernard Mcnelis and Mrs Li Zhu of Eversfield Manor Cottages Bratton Clovelly, I should like to make a few points in their favour.

I have known the couple for a considerable length of time and during this time I have found them very diligent in considering the needs and concerns of the local community. The application is for an established business and at present guests are able to bring their own unlimited supply of alcohol and therefore this gives rise to possible incidents of unruly behaviour. So by having a alcohol licence, the couple will be able to limit the supply of alcohol and thereby control any unacceptable behaviour.

I believe that a number of residents of the village are concerned that the licence will result in late night drinking and live music for 365 days of the year. My husband and I have been to events hosted by the couple where they have obtained a TEN licence and at no time has there been any noise or trouble and indeed any complaints from neighbouring properties.

To my knowledge there has only been two occasions where live music has been played. In September 2021 they hosted a charity outdoor theatre and previous to that in summer 2019.

#### Support 5

My family and I were at the open-air theatre at the Manor garden last summer. It was a delightful event that brought the community together with a funny Robin Hood play, food, and bar, with dancing at the end. I guess there were about 100 people all happily enjoying themselves. There was no drunkenness. The band used electric amplifiers and it was not too loud. I cannot imagine there was any nuisance for anyone. I hope there will be more gatherings like this.

#### Support 6

I would like to support the application for a premises license by Eversfield Manor Cottages. This is an established holiday letting business which can host 18-20 staying guests and where currently guests are able to bring their own unlimited stocks of alcohol. Issuing the premises with a license would allow the owners to control the availability of alcohol and any associated disturbance. Concern was raised over late night drinking and live music 365day/year at the recent parish council meeting where the application was discussed. However, the application for the license is for no more than 25 events/year; there have been just 2 outdoor events in the past two years. A formal offer by the owners to meet and discuss any concerns raised by local residents over noise has evidently been ignored. The owners have never received any complaints by local residents directly.

The issuance of a premises licence is unlikely to impact traffic/access to the site as the guests would already be travelling by car.

#### Support 7

Last September Eversfield hosted the Tuck Inn show in their garden and my wife and I attended along with some friends. The show was most enjoyable, as was the hospitality.

Upon arrival, the organisers were very helpful with directing us to our parking bay in the spacious parking area, as they were on departing where we were safely helped to join the road.

The show itself was preceded by live music that was clearly enjoyed by all, and along with the food from a broad menu, and a few pints of one's choice from the bar, it made an excellent evening out.

I cannot understand why anyone would have any reason for complaint as the whole event was a good natured family friendly gathering. I would certainly go again, so hope there will be a next time. Everyone there was enjoying the hospitality, both food and drink, and the atmosphere was jolly.

It was refreshing to have a cultural event locally as most such events are a long way from this rural area. This kind of event is an asset to the community and should be positively encouraged.

We Believe therefore that Eversfield Manor should be granted the license they have applied for.

#### Support 8

The premises provide job opportunities for local people. reducing the need to travel further afield, thus reducing carbon emissions.

I feel it is important to have such premises licensed as opposed to not. This would ensure greater control of activities, giving villagers the opportunity (if it were ever needed) to complain to the relevant authorities within the framework of the 2003 Licensing Act.

#### Support 9

I am writing to you in support of the application mentioned above, although I fear that I may be too late.

There are a number of properties within the village that do have similar licenses such as The Clvelly Arms, The Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall and, I understand, Eversfield Farm and no particular problems have arisen from those properties having such a license, in fact the granting of a license would seem to give the Council more regulating powers and thereby the public more protection, through license reviews or even revocation action, should any nuisances arise.

It is for this reason that I support the application.

#### Support 10

I was at Eversfield Manor yesterday evening for the Scouts & Cubs Annual end-of-term BBQ. I saw the notice that Bernard McNelis & Li Zhu have applied for a licence. I wish to support the application for drinks and music licence by Eversfield Manor. I have been to the Manor for several fund-raising events with food, drinks, and music as well as the Cubs & Scouts BBQs and camp-fires over the past eight years and all

have been a great success. I think Bernard and Li are wonderful hosts and they should be supported and encouraged to open the Manor even more than in the past.

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#### Support 13

It is my understanding that a licence for the sale of Alcohol, Food and Entertainment has been applied for at Eversfield Manor, Bratton Clovelly.

It is also my belief that the reason for the applicants applying for this licence is because currently guests arriving at the Manor house have until now brought and consumed their own drink, and this is something of an issue with the current owners, as they have no control over the amount of alcohol consumed, and of course this could lead to problems with some people becoming inebriated.

This is a problem that the owners are very keen to ensure does not become an issue for local residents, and believe that the issuing of an official licence will enable them to officially control the amount of alcohol that people drink, and with the added bonus of being able to stop selling wine and spirits at a reasonable time, this should alleviate the problem of excessive noise that can sometimes be associated with what some would refer to as drunken behaviour.

Therefore I would consider the application for a licence should be viewed as a responsible solution that is beneficial to all concerned.

With reference to the noise levels that I understand were of concern to nearby residents, it is my understanding that the only time that this has been an issue, was at the end of last summer, when the owners held what I believe was a charity event to raise funds for a good cause.

The reason for the excessive sound was because it was held outside in the grounds of the manor.

It is also my belief that this was never raised as an issue by neighbours, and I'm sure that if it had been, then it would have been dealt with in a very responsible way by the owners.

#### Support 14

I would like to support the alcohol licence application made by B McNelis and Li Zhu in connection with Eversfield Manor Cottages.

This is a family run enterprise that has been running for several years, with no complaints from neighbours. The obvious intention in applying for a licence is to further regulate the business - a responsible action.

There have been a vociferous few who are objecting - it is not clear on what logical grounds but compromise may be reached by the modification of the live music licence application .  
I would like to confirm that I have no pecuniary interest in the aforementioned business.

#### Support 15

Bernard has explained to me his intentions for the holiday lets and why they need to get a premises licence.

It seems like it is the right thing to do and Bernard has told me they only want this to cover their guests, so it should not affect other people.

I think this will help make the holiday lets more successful and that will help bring opportunities for work for young people like me in the village.

Based on the explanation and reassurances Bernard has given me, I therefore support this application.

#### Support 16

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