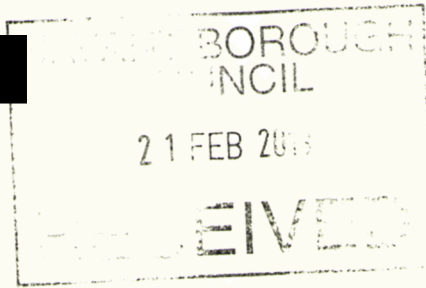


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Dear Sir,

Application No: 18/00943 – Wedding Venue at Tournerbury Woods Estate

We strongly support the proposed plans to develop Tournerbury Woods Estate into a wedding venue for the following reasons:

1. The estate has been in the hands of the same family for about 100 years. In that time the woods have been carefully maintained and have remained in a natural and environmentally friendly state. The present owners have continued to conserve the 50 acre woods and to adhere to Natural England's guidelines for SSSI woodland areas. Natural England have been consulted previously and extensively on the development of the woods and have raised no objections to the owners' plans thus far. The owners continue to work hard to preserve the site in its natural state.
2. We are aware of the complaints that have been raised due to undue noise. We don't share those comments as in our experience it is not excessive. The owners have already taken steps to reduce noise levels and are working with experienced acoustic consultants to reduce these levels still further.
3. As a successful wedding venue with increased staff there will be further employment for local people, which is badly needed on the island. In addition it will boost the local economy by promoting the island to people who would not normally come here and their use of local hotels, B & Bs and shops. The business will also use more island suppliers and services.
4. In addition to the plans submitted the owners are undertaking a number of projects to preserve and conserve Tournerbury woods for the future. One of these is the rebuilding of the sea wall, a vital conservation project not only for the estate itself but also for the surrounding area. Many of these conservation projects are likely to be put on hold if the owners are unable to develop their business plan.
5. It is of concern to us that if the owners are denied planning permission they may have to abandon the site or indeed sell it for other development.

It is for these reasons that we support this planning application and strongly recommend that it is approved.

Yours faithfully,

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