

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in objection to the license application at Kilmartin Castle.

As a resident and parent of a small child within the proximity of the castle grounds I am greatly concerned of the impact this could have.

For reasons of alcohol being consumed at any proposed outdoor/indoor events at the Castle resulting in anti social noise levels which has unfortunately already been experienced without planned events since the removal last year of large trees which did help to act as a sound barrier.

Also the increase of traffic volume on Barrmor View due to any proposed licensed events is very worrying from a health and safety point of view for local children/families. There are currently no traffic calming measures in place and visitors/guests to the castle show no concern for the speed they are doing while driving in the village particularly when passing the childrens playpark and approaching the hidden entrance to the castle where they seem to increase their speed which is at private homes.

I strongly believe any licensed events/proposals at the castle would greatly increase both the level of noise to local residents who have gardens alongside the castle perimeter and are very close in proximity and also pose as a serious risk to pedestrians/children on the road running throughout the village due to increased traffic flow where there are no signs displayed to even identify the castle being where it is (currently viewed by guests as a dead end) who then turn around using private driveways where children are playing and drive back through the village only to then have to come back again.

There are no pavements, no street lighting, traffic calming or other safety measures in place to allow an increase of further traffic with shared access to the castle entrance. Which would only be a further risk to safety if alcohol were being served at outdoor/ indoor events without any measures put in place.

I fully appreciate the castle as a Bed and Breakfast establishment and admire the restoration works that have been put in place however, holding events within the grounds then proposes a change to the business and due to where the outdoor eating/drinking areas have now been established on the grounds would have a negative impact on residential homes if alcohol was being consumed or encouraged.

Kind regards
Elaine Turner.