

## Dear Sir/Madam

We would like to thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention during this consultation period. Without your comments, we would not be able to address the community to explain our intentions and to reassure you about our respect for this beautiful area and its inhabitants.

Regarding wedding functions at Pudleston Court - our intended events programme will be centred around experience events and country escapes for the maximum of 42 guests who we might have onsite. These activities will include crafting, cookery, calligraphy, painting, historical experiences and wellness escapes such as yoga, fitness and guided walks on the property. We will also be offering seasonal events at Easter, Halloween and Christmas. These will be a supplemental offering to our guests to enhance their experience of countryside life. These will NOT be large scale events with attendance open to the public.

In general, we intend our programme to be restful, relaxing and peaceful, which is why people want to come to this exceptional part of the country. Ravers will not be welcome on our property and will have to go elsewhere. Events such as wedding breakfasts, receptions, private celebrations will be a limited part of what we offer.

Please let us reassure you that fireworks will most definitely NOT be held on our premises. Their use is strictly and specifically forbidden. We have our own livestock onsite and would never allow a fire risk to the Grade 2 listed main building or any of the rental cottages.

Regarding the licensing for amplified music - as a commercial business, we need a license to play any copyrighted sound onsite. For most of the time, this is likely to be calming soundscapes in our treatment rooms, background music for experience workshops, and guests playing their own music in the rental cottages. We do not provide guests with any amplifying equipment to play music. The rental cottages only contain televisions, and this sound will not travel to the surrounding area.



As we have previously stated, celebration events will be a minor part of the offering at Pudleston Court, and amplified sound for these will be monitored in conjunction with environmental health and recorded within our noise management plan.

Our wish and intention is to help our guests to enhance their holiday or the reason for using our accommodation. Much of this will promote our community and show what our community and Herefordshire have to offer.

As part of their stay, we offer guests a welcome hamper with local produce. This will sometimes include alcohol from local suppliers, so we need to have a premises license and be a licensee.

Since we offer the option to rent all the cottages and event space simultaneously so that families and groups can dine together, there might be a temporary bar in the events space, in place for the specific time and purpose only. We are NOT opening as a public bar, public house or nightclub venue for our guests, nor will any part of the premises be open to the public.

Finally, despite the road and traffic management not being relevant to this license, we would like to reassure you that, considering what has been explained above, you will note that, for the most part, the volume of traffic will remain at current levels. Any increase that may occur in future due to small scale group or celebration bookings will be assessed, with the appropriate measures being implemented so that there is as little impact and disruption to the local roads as possible. That is in our best interests, as well as yours.

We sincerely hope that we have explained and clarified our plans and that you have been reassured about our intentions. We very much want to retain the peace, quiet and calmness of this beautiful area, whilst sharing it with visitors.

Kind regards,

The owners and representative of Pudleston Court