#### Email received 10/7/2025

A new Representation on a licensing application form has been submitted (00110251).

## **Customer details**

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Only completed fields are included. If a non-mandatory field was not filled in, it will not appear in the summary.

Do you agree to your contact details being made public?: Yes Do you intend to attend or be represented at any hearing?: No

I make my representation as: A person representing residents or businesses If you are representing a resident or business please provide details: Waltham

Parish Council

I would like to receive the notice of hearing by email: Yes

Name of applicant: Jens Christian Fredrichsen

**Address of premises**: THE RAILWAY CARRIAGE, WALTHAM WINDMILL, BRIGSLEY ROAD, WALTHAM, DN37 0JZ

**Application details**: Supply of Alcohol Monday to Sunday – 11:00 to 22:00 hours **Which of the licensing objectives does your representation refer to? (Select all that apply)**: The Prevention of Crime and Disorder; Public Safety; The Protection of Children from Harm

**The prevention of crime and disorder**: The Parish Council feels limited size of the carriage gives concern for the safe storage of alcohol

**Public safety**: The Parish Council notes the premises do not have toilet facilities an the on-site public conveniences are closed for a proportion of the hours 11AM to 10PM

**The protection of children from harm**: The Parish Council notes that the premises' outdoor space is straight onto the car par and family areas of the site. If a location was provided on a map, follow the below link to display on a map.

## Email received 13/7/2025

122 Middlethorpe Road Cleethorpes DN35 9PR 9 July 2025

Licensing Section North East Lincolnshire Council Doughty Road Grimsby

The Licensing Officer Humberside Police Cromwell Road Grimsby

> Licence Application by Jens Christian Fredrichsen Hvide Sande Danish Restaurant The Railway Carriage, Waltham Windmill DN37 0JZ

I am a Trustee of Waltham Windmill Trust and as such am one of the Trustees that manage the Waltham Windmill site.

I write to object to the application for a Premises Licence for the Railway Carriage.

I also wish to challenge the notion that the application for a premises licence is for a restaurant. The railway carriage is not considered and has never been considered a restaurant.

In the UK under the Local Government Miscellaneous Act of 1976 to be a restaurant the Act specifies the number of toilets required in the restaurant and this is based upon the number of seats for customers. This building has never had toilet provision and is unable to provide such, it is misleading to call the premises a restaurant

Please also note that at this current time the applicant does not have a lease for this property

I would like to give some context about the site which in some part is a reason for objecting to the application.

At the heart of the site is a Grade 2 \* listed windmill of significant heritage value and is recognised as a heritage asset at risk. There are fifteen craft or commercial units on site and a museum. The land comprises a picnic area with benches, a children's playground with equipment, a large sports type field with visitor seating, a car park and other small public areas.

The site has always been marketed as a cultural, historic, educative and family oriented site particularly attracting school visits and hosting family events.

I give my reasons for requesting refusal of the application in line with the four licensing objectives.

1. The railway carriage is very old and is of historic value, early last century the miller and his family lived in it. Indeed the Trust has recently spent over £11,000 restoring it. By nature of the building there is very little storage and it is a single storey, single walled non brick structure with a hedge and field behind it. Because of its age and historic nature the building cannot be considered secure as a modern building might be. This fact and the public awareness of sales and obvious storage of alcohol lends itself to opportunist crime and disorder and its location abutting a large open field gives access not easily able to be covered by CCTV. We are well aware of licensed premises in NEL being targeted for theft. Most importantly we do not want to attract any activity that might not only damage the carriage but might turn their attention to the Windmill and associated buildings.

For very many years any events on site have been family focused. The Waltham Windmill Trust has promoted and advertised them and does not allow alcohol on site. This has been a decision to minimise risk and potential disorder. The November firework event which is a substantial earner for the Windmill restoration fund challenges anyone who might be bringing alcohol on site and we have had support from both the Police and PCSOs as well as stewards to maintain this policy. Having a premise such as the railway carriage as a licensed premise would severely compromise the Trust position. It would mean that at the November event we refuse public entry if people are bringing in alcohol but yet the public can buy food from the carriage, as they always do, and purchase alcohol at the same time. This undermines the Trust policy and leaves the situation open to abuse. Events such as this attract hundreds and hundreds of people, it is not an odd person.

2. The railway carriage has very limited seating. At most about fourteen seats inside and perhaps could seat six people on the decking outside the carriage structure. There is no free standing area. The curtilage of the carriage and its small decking area absolutely abuts the public roadway and the public car park. There is no pavement and a public footpath runs by the side of the carriage. Any customer waiting for a table would only be able to stand on the access road or on the car park. This, if alcohol is being consumed, could be seen as a public safety matter not only for an adult or child but also any car driver coming up the roadway to get to the car park.

The Windmill site is very much an open space for public and community use and as said has a public footpath running through the site. Public safety is of paramount importance and the Trust has a system of checks to ensure safe measures for public use eg at least twice weekly raking of playground surface. Any irresponsible use of glass or actions by patrons puts further pressure on the Trust for maintaining public safety. Moreover the carriage design means staff in the carriage cannot see customer behaviour, either on the decking or further outside the carriage This is a potential hazard for the Trust.

- 3. As has already been mentioned Waltham Windmill site is promoted as a family friendly venue encouraging activities associated with outdoor sport, art and entertainment. Waltham Parish Council working in partnership with the Trust organise family events during the summer school holidays. Nunnys Farm visit with their animals, football activity and the Earth bound misfits will be on site this summer. The Waltham Windmill Preservation society (a charity) ran an Easter Egg hunt and Santa at the mill. Local residents are used to this type of activity. Potentially having licensed premises on site could alter this situation and may result in public nuisance around areas such as litter, glass breakage and noise. We have never had reason to patrol or monitor the site for anti social behaviour or incidents and do not have capacity to do so. I am sure the applicant does not either.
- It could be said that Waltham Windmill site is very much a 'play site' one that is open and where children feel safe and families do not feel uncomfortable. Whilst I understand most people are responsible when consuming alcohol the Trust have always resisted children witnessing alcohol consumption preferring it to be an alcohol free area.

It is noticeable that the railway carriage is offering only tables for two. This does not support the principle of family first. As mentioned earlier It should also be brought to your attention that there are no toilet facilities in the carriage nor is there any room to put such facilities in. This is not in the spirit of protection of children.

Finally, the applicant upon showing interest in locating to the site made it clear he wished to sell homemade fish cakes and Danish fare as a cafe type venue. At no time was the sale of alcohol mentioned. Any granting of a licence would adversely affect the nature and ambiance of the site and completely go against the spirit in which the community use the site.

The protection and preservation of this historic building and site which is recognised nationally and must be maintained for future communities, has be the over arching consideration in determining this application. An individual can take their business elsewhere, this monument and all it means cannot ever be moved.

Yours truly

Margaret Cracknell

Dear madam,

I write to you as the Chairman of Waltham Windmill Trust.

I wish to lodge an objection on behalf of Waltham Windmill Trust, to the application for an alcohol licence by Jens Christian Fredrichsen, for unit 12, the Railway Carriage, at Waltham Windmill.

The reasons being the applicant does not have a lease for the unit only a "Tenancy at Will" agreement, and the reason being that the Trust cannot reach a positive agreement with the applicant due to his failure to comply with the conditions the Trust require, prior to offering a full lease. The Trust do not believe that the applicant will be able to comply with the licensing rules that are being stipulated by the Local Authority regarding on premises consumption only.

The Trust policy has always been to make the site a go-to family site, with children at most times running around the site.

At no time has the applicant approached the Trust to state his intentions or asked for their permission.

The only unit selling alcohol onsite is a commercial restaurant who has sufficient inhouse room to accommodate alcohol consumption without the risk of consumption spilling out onto site.

The Trust monitored this permission in the early days to be assured that alcohol consumption would not impact on the families visiting the site.

The Trust do not believe that the size of this unit, unit 12, Railway Carriage, lends itself to be able to minimize the risk of drinking spilling beyond the licenced area due to the size of the unit.

The Trust also have concerns as to where the applicant will be storing the alcohol, as he has already had to ask for extended storage space, constructed to the rear for food, which he has built prior to permission being fully granted. Due to the success of his business it now seems that it is not big enough for purpose.

This leads the Trust to wonder where, and how secure storing his alcohol would be. Please could you forward this to any other relevant persons.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely

Martin Archer

Chairman of Waltham Windmill Trust

#### Email received 14/7/2025

As Ward Councillor for the Waltham Ward, I would like to object to the above application for the following reasons:

## **CAUSE NIUSANCE**

Though this application is for the supply of alcohol with food in a restaurant, I believe this will be very difficult to monitor and control because of the open nature of these premises. There is a real danger that customers will purchase a minimal amount of food in order to be able to predominantly drink alcohol. If the premises are legally allowed to sell alcohol until 2200, there is real danger that the premises will, in effect, become a public house with excessive noise in the open and potentially antisocial behaviour in the roads around the Waltham Windmill site as customers leave. These premises do not have access to their own toilets and customers may cause nuisance when looking for toilet facilities.

## AFFECT PUBLIC SAFETY

The promises are immediately adjacent to the busy car park and main access road to the Waltham Windmill Site. There is a real danger of vehicle/customer conflict, which would be more dangerous for customers under the influence of alcohol.

## INCREASED CRIME AND DISORDER

Customer under the influence of alcohol could behave in a disorderly manner on a site which is predominantly targeted at families and family related activities and entertainment. This could put families off using the site, which would be detrimental to Waltham Windmill site's economic viability and the viability of other businesses on the site. It could also increase the chances of vandalism on the site as well as burglary from other businesses on the site.

# PREVENT THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

Waltham Windmill Site predominantly attracts families so there will often be many children onsite during the hours that alcohol will be served at these premises. Some customers under the influence of alcohol could present more of a danger to children on the site in general.

Cllr Philip Jackson North East Lincolnshire Councillor for the Waltham Ward