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Any one for polo? Buzz in to Ewhurst or trot over to Epsom

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A huge polo club where neighbours complained helicopters arriving and leaving for events disrupted their peace, has been granted a new alcohol licence. It comes after residents objected to the plans following concerns over the summer.

The Hurtwood Polo Club in Horsham Road, Ewhurst, was acquired by its current owners earlier this year. During the summer, it hosted a number of events under temporary permission, and neighbours claimed the constant helicopters to and from the site was a real nuisance.

The owners said they have learned from past mistakes and would not want further disruption on their conscience, but claim a new licence is integral to making the club, which provides jobs for the community as well as a social hub, a financial success.

Failure to grant the licence, they warned, could result in the site being sold for potential housing – losing huge swathes of open space to development. To ensure the club becomes a better neighbour it was agreed to cut its licence to 11pm, down from the applied for 1am, and to install noise limiters that would either cut power if levels were breached – or automatically reduce the volume.

The applicant, Helene Webb said: “We do not dispute what residents experienced and we understand why it has shaped their response. Future bookings will be on new reduced hours with noise management plans in place.” The site’s period oak barn serves as a clubhouse and event venue. In summer, a marquee is erected and can be used by members.

There had been questions as to whether windows and doors should be kept closed in the summer months but the use of regulators meant this would not be necessary. Ms Webb said: “The reality is that this is not an economic model at the moment and we are asking for support from residents and the council to support what your economic strategy says.

“Organic development in sympathy with the community, that is what we want, which is why I’ve accepted their calls for reduced hours. We are in a very fortunate position to have bought 180 acres in Surrey and to have the opportunity to keep that in tact and to keep the developers away.

“We are in that position to do that, but we do need to make this business stand on its own two feet. The high street is closing, AI is taking jobs at the rate of knots. Who has the chance to do something?

“Its not to create a night club. We have a genuine opportunity to create a self-sustaining business, create some jobs, and do some good things in synergy with the community.

She said a nightclub in a marquee was not something she wanted to run adding: ”I live in this community, I live in Cranleigh, this is not something i want on my conscience.”

One objector said: “I moved to the area because I wanted peace and tranquillity, and that is exactly what I found. That will be decimated if this goes through.”

Councillor Jacquie Kean chaired the Waverley Borough Council meeting on November 23 and agreed to issue a new licence. She said the committee noted concerns raised by residents and the response to them, but agreed the concessions such as time limits and noise limiters, were significant enough to mitigate potential problems.

Chris Caulfield Local Democracy Reporter

Epsom and Ewell Times adds: Polo on Epsom’s doorstep

Epsom has its own polo club, situated in Horton Country Park off Horton Lane. Founded in 1989 by David Anderson, Epsom Polo Club offers opportunities for both complete beginners and experienced players to enjoy a sport more often associated with grand country estates.

The family-run club provides polo lessons, professional coaching, practice sessions and competitive play, with ponies available for hire and livery facilities for horse owners. Polo can be played throughout the year, with instruction catering for different levels of riding experience.

The club was established by the Anderson family and is now run by David Anderson’s four sons. Its location, just 14 miles from central London, makes it accessible to enthusiasts from across Surrey and the capital.

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