



Sandon Parish Council

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Ref: 26/01820/FP Full Planning Permission : Change of use of existing barn for live music for charity events for a maximum of 15 evenings in any calendar year (development already carried out). Poplars Farm, Roe Green, Sandon, Buntingford, Hertfordshire, SG9 0QG

Dear Vicki,

Sandon Parish Council met to consider application **26/01820/FP**. Following discussion and a formal vote, the Parish Council resolved to **SUPPORT** (or raise **NO OBJECTION** to) the application, subject to the inclusion of reasonable planning conditions to safeguard local amenity and highway safety.

The Parish Council recognizes the charitable nature of the events and considers the proposed use acceptable in principle, provided that the operational scale remains strictly controlled.

Recommended Conditions

To ensure the impact on neighbouring residents and the surrounding rural infrastructure remains minimal, the Parish Council requests that the Planning Authority attach the following conditions to any planning consent granted:

- **Cap on Event Frequency:** The use of the barn for live music events shall be strictly limited to a maximum of **15 calendar evenings per year**, as detailed in the application. The applicant must maintain a log of event dates to be made available to the Local Planning Authority upon request.
- **Hours of Operation & Music Cut-Off:** Live and amplified music must cease by **23:00 hours** (11:00 PM) on any event evening to prevent unreasonable noise disturbance to nearby residential properties.
- **Noise & Acoustic Controls:** Sound levels must be managed to prevent public nuisance. Barn doors and windows should remain closed during live performances where practical, and sound amplification equipment should be oriented away from neighbouring boundaries.
- **Parking and Traffic Management:** All event parking must be accommodated entirely within the farm boundary/curtilage to prevent overspill onto Roe Green and narrow village lanes. A temporary traffic/parking steward should be present for larger gatherings to manage ingress and egress safely.
- **Waste and Lighting Management:** All temporary external lighting must be switched off at the conclusion of each event to protect the rural dark skies character, and all site litter must be cleared within 24 hours of an event ending.

Conclusion

Sandon Parish Council supports the community and charitable contribution of this initiative, provided the requested conditions are formalised within the decision notice to protect local residential amenity and highway safety.

Yours sincerely

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Caroline Scott
Clerk to Sandon Parish Council