

Interested Party 1

Little Hadham Parish Council

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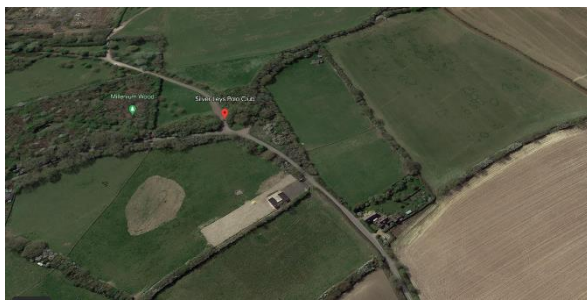
By email to Gina Winn (Case Officer), EHC Licensing Office

Monday 3rd July 2023

AmaFest 23, Silver Leys Polo Club, Millfield Lane, Bury Green, Little Hadham - Premises Licence for a 2-day event 02/09/2023 10.00-24.00, 03/09/2023 10.00-22.00.

The Little Hadham Parish Council have considered this application and agreed to object to this licence on the grounds of location, inadequate traffic measures, inadequate access and egress and lack of consultation with local residents.

Location of event

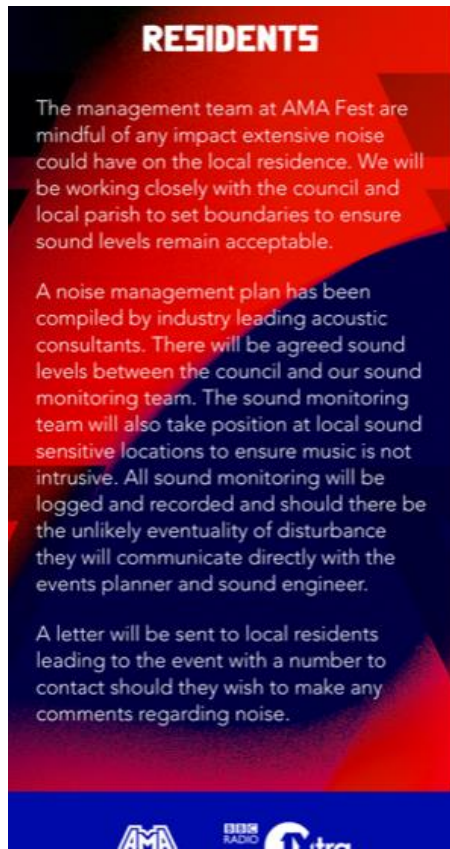


The event is to be held on the Silver Leys Polo Club, which is accessed from the C120 via Millfield Lane or through Bury Green. Both of these roads are (in many places) single track with passing places, making access for emergency vehicles very challenging. If the C15 is used, via Ford Hill, this road is no more than a track. Little Hadham Parish Council are working with Highways to make Ford Hill a 'not suitable for HGV vehicles' route.

Recently the Sign of the Times event was held at Church End, just off the C120 and the roads were grid locked. The Highways department at Herts County Council did not have adequate measures in place to safely get traffic into and out of the event. There were around 5,000 attendees, and the roads did not cope. This event is potentially having 9,999 attendees – as per the licence application. These roads are not suitable for this amount of traffic.

Lack of Consultation

The event organisers have placed a small notice up but have had no contact with the Parish Council or local residents. There is an assumption the licence is approved. In the application it is stated:



The Premises Licence Holder shall hold at least one consultation meeting for local residents, local businesses and stakeholders, a minimum of twice a year. An email address published on the event website will be available to enable local residents, local businesses, and stakeholders to request information about the event.

If this application is approved, and the Premises Licence Holder meets with the residents, the opportunity to object has passed.

The wording in the notice is ambiguous and leads people to believe the council and Local Parish have been contacted. Which is definitely not the case.

Herts County Council would not release the Traffic Management Plan with the residents or Parish Council for The Sign of the Times. We are concerned for the safety of residents through poorly managed traffic.

In the application it states that 'This Premises Licence is limited to authorise Licensable Activity for up to 2 days per year at 8,500 plus staff - Licence is a time sensitive licence of 1 year'. Does this mean the licence is only for

2023, or is it an open licence for the future?

Yours sincerely

Clerk to Little Hadham Parish Council

Interested Party 2

From: Geoffrey Williamson

Sent: 03 July 2023 14:08

To: Housing & Health Services - Community Protection

Subject: RE: Notice of application for the Little Hadham & The Pelhams

Dear Brad,

Thank you notice of this application (23/0781/PL).

There are a few issues with the proposed festival that may give rise to there being public nuisance concerns:

- The entry on the web portal gives a capacity of 9999. This seems a huge number for what is quite a small site. What are the numbers actually expected?
- The site is quite close to the settlements of Bury Green, Green Street and Cradle End, therefore noise could be a problem.
- The access roads are narrow country lanes and on a practical note, Route 3 as shown on the plan involves a turn in and out of Millfield Lane which is actually not what the junction is designed for. The red line hasn't been drawn correctly at this point and the angle the roads meet at is much more acute than shown. It is possible, though not easy, to do in a car but would be particularly difficult for a larger vehicle. I wonder if this has been considered within the Traffic Management Plan?

Regards,

Geoff

Geoff Williamson

Member for Little Hadham & The Pelhams Ward

East Herts Council

Interested Party 3

Sent: 30 June 2023 08:46

To: Housing & Health Services - Community Protection

Subject: [External] Fw: Licensing Act 2003 By Harrier For Silver Leys

To whom it may concern .

We wish to raise strong concerns about this application. Our home a grade 2 listed thatch building is in Millfield Lane on the same lane as the entrance to Silver leys Polo club,.

We have not objected before to the Silver Leys Polo Clubs smaller in house functions nor are we against the club itself. Our objections are on grounds of vehicle movement , safety and noise for large scale externally organised events.

Objections

1. We have requested the organisers speak with us to ally our fears and worries, prior to the 3 July 2023 dead line they have not. The wide scope of the licence application could lead to many large scale performances /functions/ events happening at the Polo club .

Other local festival

2. Lt Hadham already has a Festival annually in Church End which opposite to Millfield lane off the A120 not 1 mile away.
3. Standon has Standon Calling Festival annually this is just 4 miles away on the A120 .

Highways

4. Highways department already agree that Millfield Lane has blind spots, no pedestrian footpath ,single track lane with passing spaces it is not suitable for extra traffic or heavy vehicles (as in a recent planning application rejection(3/20/1040/FUL).
5. Cars Vans and mini buses that miss the entrance, currently turn around on our property, resulting in damage to our drive with deep rutted grooves in the gravel , large skid marks and vehicles stuck on the raised front garden . During the most recent event, my husband had to go out and drive a stuck Mini bus off our grass bank himself. The vehicle was full of young people how seemed to have already been drinking alcohol. The club was informed of this happening.
6. The parking as shown is worryingly inappropriate both in size and location,
7. Both entrance and exit routes seem to use an unmade bridle way each from the parking field one via Millfield Lane .

8. The large numbers of vehicles would also block the lane when trying to enter the parking site how do they prevent cars parking in the Millfield Lane itself.
9. The lane is not suitable for Buses to bring people to and from the Festivals as stated on the web site .
10. There is no public transport direct to Bury Green for visitors to use to access the Festival site.
11. How will they police and control the movement of increased vehicles around this tiny hamlet generally?
12. The Polo club has the same post code as we have **REDACTED** so vehicle come to our address in error all times of the day and night .

Emergency services

13. How will any emergency service reach local residences or the site if the lane is blocked with vehicles ?

Sound Lights

- 14 . The performing stages do not appear clearly mark on the plan but currently we are affected by the rhythm and drumming sounds at night from the Marquee in the club grounds.
15. What assurance can we have that music will stop at the agreed licensed hours, it does not currently comply to shut down times.
16. This is a very small rural hamlet with no street or public lighting the light disturbance from functions would have a detrimental affect on us and the local wild life.

We are not against sensible progress and events run in house .But having requested a discussion and been ignored, it leads to fear and mistrust in the organisation of these and future sound performance events. etc

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SUPPLIED: Email response received on 12th July 2023 following the applicant amending the capacity and limiting the event to one day.

Dear licensing and enforcement Officer,

thank you for your email :

The 1 day event change is very welcome and not a permutant licence.

Our other concerns remain about noise staging, parking ,movement of people, even with 8,500 guests and 499 employees it is 9000 bodies .

All whom will need to be transported to the Polo club via single track lane which has seen a recent refusal of a planning appeal for Travellers and highways strongly agreed the road could not take the extra vehicle cavity .

planning 3/20/1040/FUL.

I have attached an email showing the wider junction at lower entrance to Millfield lane it does show how the lane narrows to a single track as it goes up the hill.

I have also sent another email showing the vehicles using and getting stuck on our front drive and grass .

We don `t understand why the applicants did not come to speak to us to allay our fears as we requested.

We are unable to be present to make our representation as we have grandchildren care from 8-6 .in Cambridge

Regards



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SUPPLIED: A further three photographs were received on 12th July 2023 with the description '*Please see attached evidence of our concerns*'.







Interested Party 4

Comments were submitted at 03/07/2023 2:25 PM

Hello. I am objecting to the license application by Harrier 12 Ltd for Silver Leys Polo Club for two days of live music and alcohol licensing.

My family live next to the proposed site on a quiet and secluded farm. I believe it would constitute a public nuisance to allow live music events with alcohol to the proposed outdoor venue. My family are very worried about excessive noise, the increased traffic for event setup and removal, and up to 9999 visitors coming and going on small country lanes. This would disturb the peace and quiet of the quiet of the surrounding areas.

Interested Party 5

Comments were submitted at 03/07/2023 1:58 PM

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the application for a drinks license submitted by Harrier 12 Ltd for Silver Leys Polo Club. An urban dance event called AMA Fest 2023 is proposed (<https://www.amafest.com/event-info>) on Saturday 2nd September 12pm-10pm.

I am a local resident living on a farm adjacent to the outdoor area which is proposed to host the event. I have lived in the area for over 25 years, and my family since 1956.

My objections are based on the potential undermining of the Licensing Objectives, specifically in relation to crime and disorder, public safety, and public nuisance.

Crime and Disorder:

It is my firm belief that hosting an urban dance event of this nature in a quiet countryside area, in such close proximity to our fields and homes, has the potential to undermine the Licensing Objective of crime and disorder. The proposed event will attract visitors from urban areas who may not have the same level of respect for the countryside as local residents. This mismatch in priorities could lead to disturbances, trespassing, and other forms of disorderly conduct that would adversely impact the peaceful character of the area.

Public Safety:

The road leading to the proposed site is nearly a single lane and is ill-equipped to handle the influx of event equipment, stages, and a large number of people arriving and leaving. Additionally, the road is not lit, further exacerbating safety concerns. The lack of nearby accommodation raises the issue of late-night departures, following the alcohol-licensed event, potentially compromising public safety as attendees navigate the challenging road conditions. These safety concerns, if not adequately addressed, could pose risks to both event participants and local residents.

Interested Party 6

Comments were submitted at 19/06/2023 7:57 PM

Our lane is the only access to the site. In places it is only single width, functions at the polo club often result in the road becoming blocked. All too frequently we are experiencing cars wheel spinning off our drive where they have missed the site entrance, then needing to turn around. I regularly care for my 3 year granddaughter so this is a particular concern of mine.

The venue is far too close to our homes to allow functions involving live and recorded music to be played at such an intrusive level. All too frequently residents are impacted by noise pollution caused by music at the polo club, the same will apply for this function.

Time limitations for playing live or recorded music already appear to be consistently ignored, interfering significantly with our right to enjoy our homes.

On several occasions we have tried to contact a member of the club to ask that they reduce the volume, or the bass setting on their speakers. Either no response is forthcoming, or they make contact the following day, which is completely unhelpful. The fact that the club is tucked away, in the quiet countryside, does not mean that noise disturbance is any less annoying, if anything it makes it far more intrusive. We all work hard and deserve to be able to enjoy our evenings and weekends. We should be able to rest and recover ready for work. Our children should also be able to feel rested for school, how can this happen when, as is usual, music is still banging out, often continuing after midnight and beyond?

I feel that the club has little regard for the wellbeing of local residents, and I feel that the site is totally unsuitable for the type of functions frequently taking place there.

Interested Party 7

Comments were submitted at 19/06/2023 12:36 PM

I would like to register my objection to this application on the following grounds.

Previous, similar events have been held at this location causing noise nuisance. Although it appears to be a long way from homes, sound travels very easily to the hamlet of Bury Green. A similar event has just taken place over the last three days and we had to suffer three afternoons and evenings of booming bass sound from their sound system, which was very unpleasant.

In the past we have assurances from this venue that the music will stop at sensible times but in most cases it goes on past midnight. If time limits are set, who will be policing these?

Although there is plenty of parking onsite, access is very limited. From A120 there is a choice of two single track roads. These are often difficult to negotiate because of horseboxes and other traffic coming to and from the polo club. At the last event, this Lane was completely blocked for some time by cars trying to enter the site.

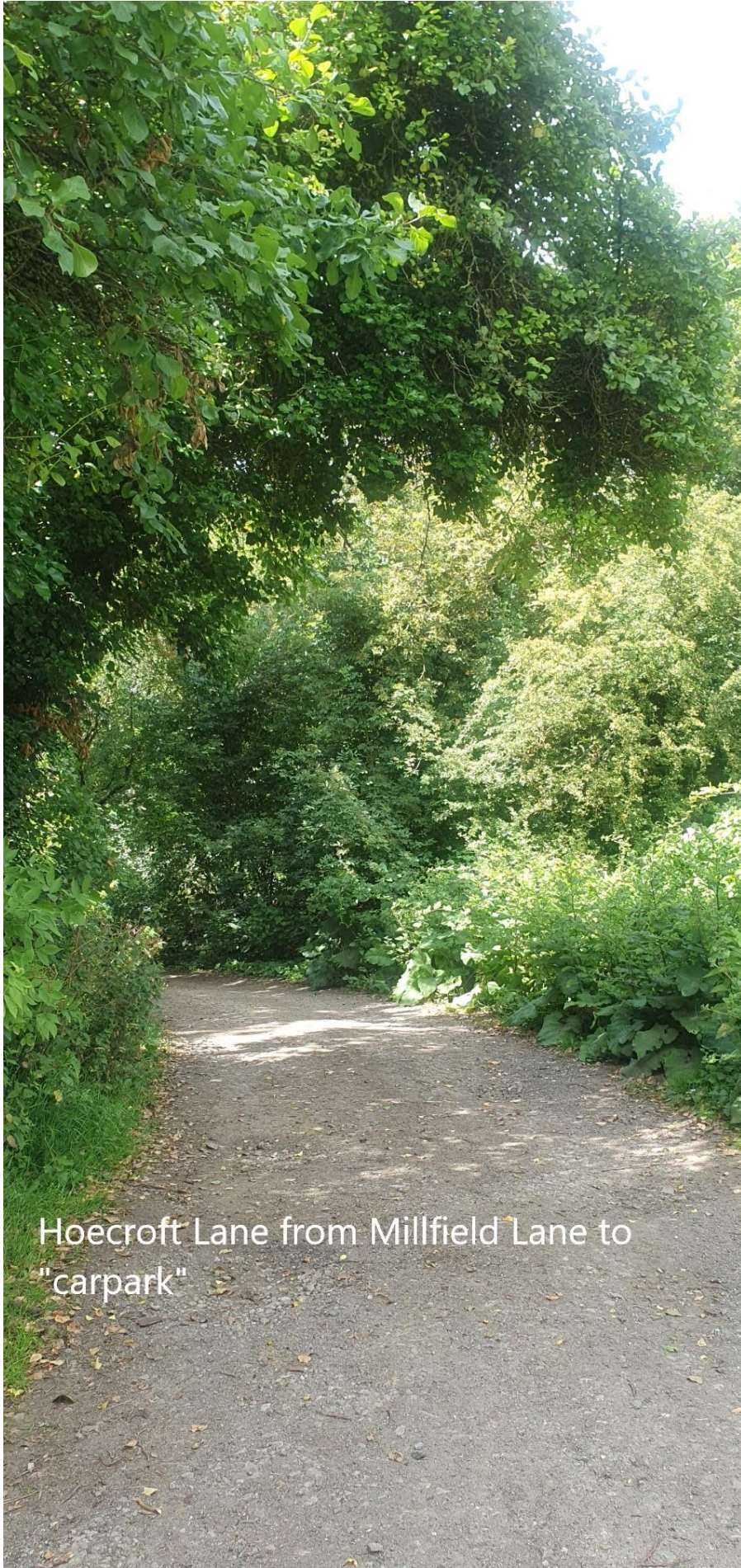
In short, although at first sight this venue seems to be out of the way, there are neighbours who would be impacted by the noise and the roads being blocked while the event was in progress. Being a temporary event, held at a weekend, what do we do if there are problems? Presumably, nothing!

Many thanks for your consideration of my comments

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SUPPLIED: Pictures submitted on 16th July 2023 to illustrate the access routes to the site are not suitable for such a large event. Each one has been annotated with a description:



Hocroft Lane from Millfield Lane to
"carpark"



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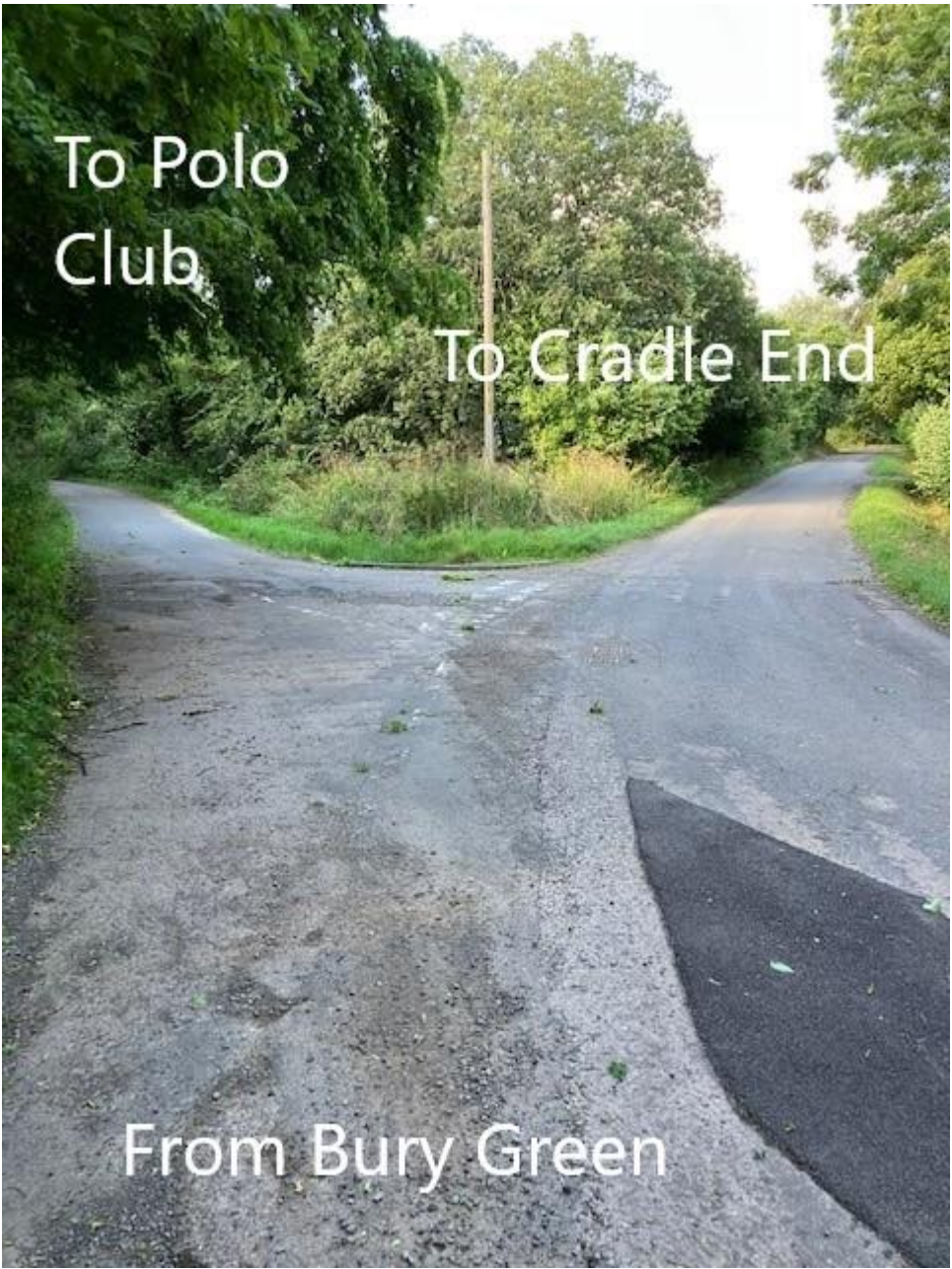
Millfield Lane from A120 to Polo Club
Width - 9' 6" / 3m



Millfield Lane from A120 to
Polo Club



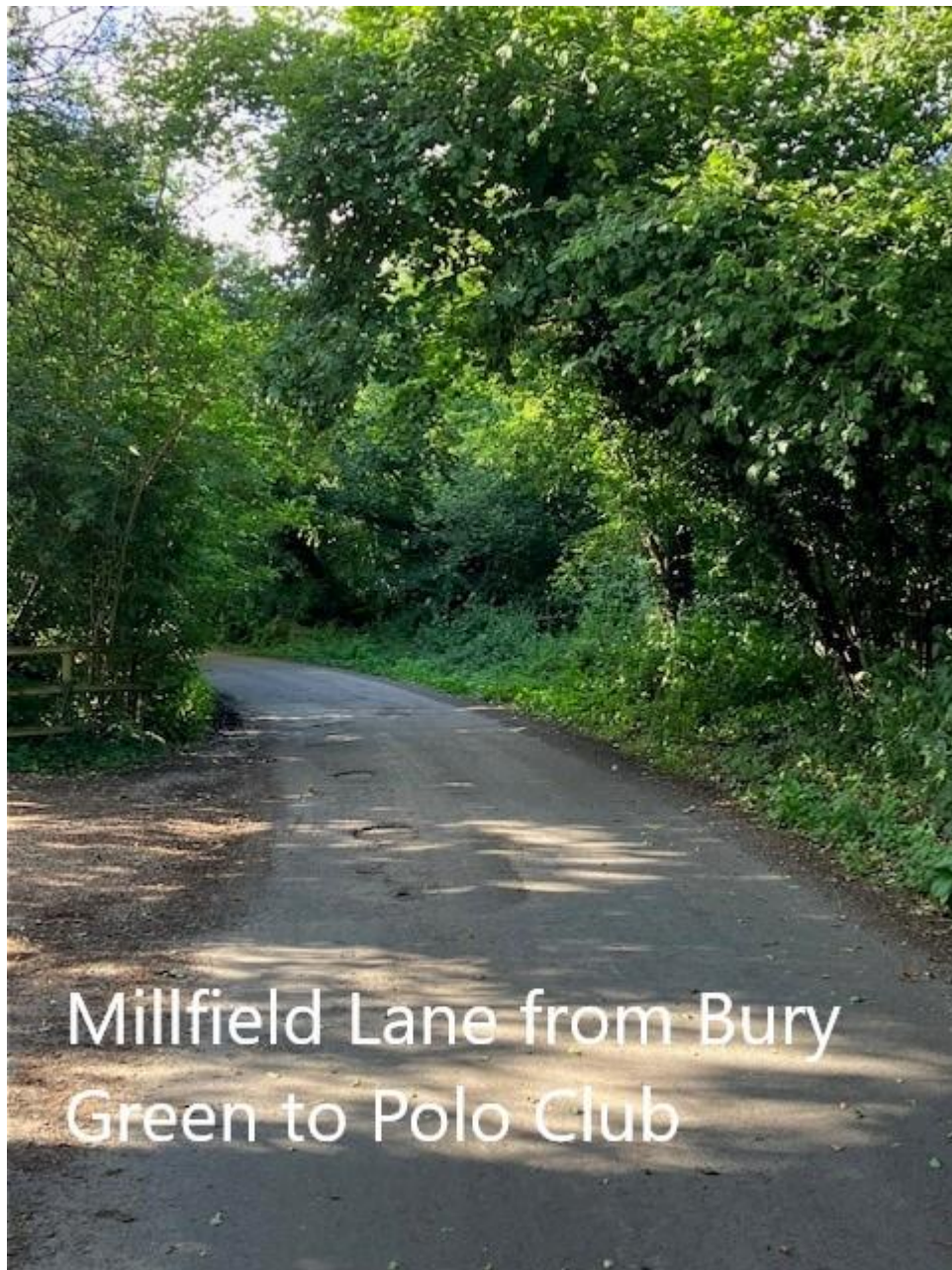
Millfield Lane with typical traffic



To Polo
Club

To Cradle End

From Bury Green



Millfield Lane from Bury
Green to Polo Club