

Distillery applies for permission for pilates and ceilidh

An East Lothian distillery wants to introduce a wide range of events at its grounds from yoga to ceilidhs as it aims to diversify.

Glenkinchie Distillery, in East Lothian, has applied to change its licence to include dancing, exercise and even host the start and finish of cycling and running events.

They have also applied for permission to increase their on sales capacity by 200 when cycling and running events are being hosted there.

The application, which is due to go before East Lothian Licensing Board next week has received one objection from a local resident, concerned about noise and litter from events.

In it they say: "I take particular exception to the proposal to become involved with cycling and running events as not only will they have large numbers of people and vehicles on site but these will also cause congestion and dangerous driving conditions in the surrounding areas."

A report to the board from its licensing standards officer said the new licence would include allowing dancing facilities and charity events, talks lectures and demonstrations along with 'holistic wellbeing activities including yoga and pilates' as well as ceilidhs and being either start, finish or stopping points for races.

Last year representatives for the distillery won a battle to have a condition removed from their licence which meant they had to give two weeks notice to neighbours of upcoming events.

The condition, which was imposed by the board when concerns about a new outside garden area were raised by locals, was described by the distillery as a "hefty burden".

The application to change the conditions of the licence will go before the board next Thursday, October 24.

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