

From: Wickham, Jerry
To: Bray, Teresa
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Field Trip festival - West Ashton
Date: 27 April 2016 22:19:56
Attachments: New Premises Licence Application Form - Field Trip 2016 Redacted.pdf
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Dear Teresa

Thank you letting me have sight of this application. As you might be aware that the location is within the Parish of Bratton albeit its location is close to Lower Dunge and West Ashton.

I wish to make a number of representations concerning this application and have concerns about the relevant particulars presented by the applicants.

I am also aware of a number of concerns being expressed from residents in Edington and at Lower Dunge.

Thank you letting me see the Event Safety Management Plan. (Plan)

My understanding of the licensing objectives is that the applicant has to satisfy the licensing authority of the necessary steps they are taking in order to ensure these are met. I note that the applicant on page 16 of the application, has indicated against each of the four objectives, the following statement -

**The event will be operated in accordance with an event management plan which has been produced to address all issues in respect of the promotion of the licensing objectives.
The event management plan is enclosed with this application.**

I have a view that the applicant is putting the onus upon the Licensing Authority to glean the relevant information from the Plan. This is inherently wrong and I would suggest that completion of the application in this way, without direct reference to the relevant parts of the Plan, should be rejected by the Licensing Authority. (The Plan also mentions a horse race!)

However, I would also point out that there are a number of significant omissions in the Plan which prevents the Licensing Authority being able to reach a proper judgement. Equally, such omissions do not give the wider public the ability to make suitable assessments of the validity or otherwise of the application.

I wish to explicitly bring the following to your attention:

1. Prevention of Public Nuisance

The main area here will be noise related issues. An out of date Plan with an incomplete appendix (G) related to noise is not acceptable and therefore prevents this objective being properly assessed. With the presence of nearby homes, and the obvious times of either live or recorded music being played, means that there is likely to be a public nuisance to nearby residents. Revellers will be coming and going sometimes potentially after 0500hrs. The nearby village of West Ashton may well be affected by persons either on foot or in vehicles disturbing their harmony. Accordingly this objective cannot be met.

2. Public Safety

There are many detailed sections in the Plan relative to Event Management Hierarchy and roles and responsibilities. There are however inadequacies in areas relative to the ejection of people either intoxicated or affected by drug consumption. In particular, the plan appears to allow some of these persons to be ejected into what are unlit country lanes, with traffic able to travel at the national speed limit. This appears a lack of duty to these persons and others in the area.

Equally, the Plan mentions the issue of dealing with the consumption of alcohol but has a number of deficiencies relative to the means of ensuring external sources are prevented being brought on the site. Equally, the means of regulating alcohol quantities within the camping area are less than rigorous. The Traffic Management plan is outdated and whilst I appreciate this per se, is not a licensable activity on the highway, there is inadequate information available to satisfy how traffic can be safely brought off the unclassified road without there being potential safety issues to attendees and other road users.

3. Protection of Children from Harm


The Plan appears to explicitly fail to deal with this issue. What are the plans for dealing with campers bringing children? A refusal of entry? If so this should be documented - it is not! This has not be addressed and therefore fails to satisfy compliance.

Whilst the Plan does go into detail in some areas, I fundamentally question the extent of the playing of music etc and a reasonable gap between the supply and consumption of alcohol, the latter of which is excessive. Other than the provision of Late Night refreshment, all other activities appear to cease at 0400hrs. In the interests of preventing noise and for persons exiting the site, these hours are too long.

On a final note, I would wish to see the organisers not only clearing litter from the site but also in the immediate area either side of the sites' entrances and exits.

I remain unsatisfied that the applicant has adequately discharged their responsibilities under the Act.

Kind regards

Jerry Wickham
Wiltshire Councillor for Ethandune
Portfolio Holder for Highways


On 15 Apr 2016, at 10:49, Bray, Teresa <Teresa.Bray@wiltshire.gov.uk>
wrote:

Wiltshire Council

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REPRESENTATION FORM

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Premises about which Representation is being made	Powwow Productions Limited Grange Farm, Bratton Road, West Ashton, Trowbridge, BA14 6AX 26 th to 29 August 2016
Your Name	Hugh Hancock
Postal Address	Dunge Farm, Bratton Road, West Ashton, Trowbridge BA14 6AX
Contact Telephone Number	[REDACTED]
<p>Are you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An individual? My wife and I and, during the period applied for, three or more guests. • A person who operates a business? • A person representing residents or businesses? • A member of the Relevant Licensing Authority (ie, elected Councillor of the Licensing Authority)? 	
If you are representing residents or businesses who have asked you to represent them?	No

Your Representation must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives, which are detailed below. Please detail the evidence supporting your Representation and the reason for your Representation. If necessary, separate sheets may be used.

OBJECTIVES	EVIDENCE
1. The prevention of harm to children	Not applicable to us.
2. To prevent public nuisance	There have been several music festivals at Grange Farm in recent years that have created a significant noise nuisance. They are very audible inside our house. Last year one was so loud that it caused the house physically to vibrate. While melodic notes seem to reduce in a relatively short distance, rhythmic bass notes travel and give the impression of a never-

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	<p>ending rapid pile-driver in close but variable proximity. The noise makes it impossible peacefully to use and enjoy both our garden and home. These events have been the cause of numerous sleepless or broken nights.</p> <p>We have not raised objections before as Grange Farm appears to need the supplementary income these events provide. We make a point of not inviting guests when they take place.</p> <p>The event proposed in this Application is new in the calendar, over the August Bank Holiday weekend. It clashes with the annual Edington Music Festival, at Edington Priory Church, which takes place this year from 21st to 28th August. The Festival is well established in the week leading up to and including the Bank Holiday - the 60th took place last year. As a Festival of Music within the Liturgy, singers and musicians are drawn from Britain's great cathedral and collegiate choirs. It is internationally unique and brings visitors from Europe, N America and Australasia as well as from across Britain. The Festival is largely choral music within church services, so it is very vulnerable to external noise. Weather and other conditions will affect the Grange Farm event's impact.</p> <p>While it may be claimed that Edington is far enough away from Grange Farm not to be affected, singers and visitors taking part in the Festival are accommodated around the area; many much closer to Grange Farm than to the Church. Three singers stayed with us last year and are booked in again this year. The "Provision of regulated entertainment (live and recorded music, performance of dance and anything similar)" until three or four in the morning will seriously impact their - and our - much needed rest. Additionally it will detract from any hospitality we can offer in the house and garden during the afternoons.</p> <p>While our personal experience drives our objection to this application, we are well aware that also there will be a serious impact on all the people of West Ashton.</p>
<p>3. To prevent crime and disorder</p>	<p>No doubt the Police will have a view on the probability of crime and disorder but the availability of alcohol for 13 hours and two sessions of 17 hours over three days seems unlikely to encourage moderation. Should any attendees at this event venture to the local pubs they will encounter participants from the Edington Festival, who have a very different cultural outlook.</p>
<p>4. Public Safety</p>	<p>Edington Festival attendees, from or beyond Trowbridge, will have to pass the entrance(s) to the site of the Grange Farm event before and after services. The road through West Ashton is reduced to a single lane in many places by residents' on street parking, more prevalent over a holiday weekend. Most Edington attendees are used to the problem but it will be more hazardous with the addition of Grange Farm event traffic - some may not be fully alert after full overnight entertainment and consumption.</p>

Please list below any suggested actions that you feel the applicant could take to address your concerns.

The best option from our point of view is for this event not to happen. It is new to the calendar and has no track record nor established following.

Given a determination to run the event, the applicant would be well advised to pick another weekend. One that does not clash with the needs of other local, well established, events – nor ruin, for the inhabitants of West Ashton, the last long weekend of the summer holidays.

If it is to happen, the event should be inaudible off the premises after 2300 each evening.

If a hearing needs to be held to determine the Premises Licence Application, the Councillors will generally only be able to consider matters that have previously been disclosed. However, additional information in support of your Representation may be considered if all parties at the Hearing agree. We advise that you detail all matters that you wish to be considered on this initial Representation, attaching additional sheets if necessary.

If you do make a Representation you will be invited to attend the Licensing Sub-Committee Hearings and any subsequent appeal proceedings relevant to your Representation.

All Representations in their entirety, including your name and address, will be disclosed to the Premises Licence applicant. A copy of Representations will be annexed to the Licensing Officer's hard copy report, which is a public document circulated to the Licensing Sub-Committee and to all those who have made relevant Representations.

[REDACTED] Date...26 April 2016.....

Please return this form, along with any additional sheets, to the relevant Wiltshire Council Office listed below:

Salisbury Area – (Salisbury, Amesbury, Downton, Mere, Hindon and Tilshead as well as the rest of the old Salisbury District Council Area), please send to:

The Licensing Officer
Wiltshire Council
Public Protection Services and Licensing
Bourne Hill
Salisbury
Wiltshire, SP1 3UZ

All other areas please send to the address below:

The Licensing Officer
Wiltshire Council
Public Protection Services and Licensing
Monkton Park
Chippenham
Wiltshire, SN15 1ER

From M.E. Jones

Bonshommes Cottage
2 Monastery Road
Edington
Westbury BA13 4QH

26 April 2016

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Teresa Bray
Public Protection Officer
Wiltshire Council

Dear Ms Bray

**New Premises Application: Grange Farm, Bratton Road, West Ashton
Representation against the application**

I am aware that previous such events on this land at West Ashton have been granted a licence. I oppose this particular application because of my concern that the activities proposed are likely to have an adverse impact on the neighbouring event at Edington Priory Church. The annual Edington Music Festival, this year the 61st festival, will be held as usual over the eight days preceding the August bank holiday, concluding on Sunday 28 August. The quietude of Edington village is mildly disrupted by the presence of 70 festival participants and daily attendance of up to 400 at the morning and evening services, but this is accepted by residents because of experience of reliable management.

Two of the licensing objectives to be considered by the Licensing Committee are relevant to my concern:

Public safety

The opportunity for enjoyment of loud music entertainment and alcohol refreshment at the application event over three days and nights will attract comings and goings throughout of many visitors accessing the site by car. An obvious route for those travelling from south east Wiltshire and beyond will be via Edington. My home is close to the junction of Monastery Road and Lower Road Edington which is adjacent to the church. Recent improvement of this road junction has brought better visibility for drivers and pedestrians. The Edington Festival benefits from this, particularly the frequent pedestrian movement of young singers to the church from their administrative base at the Parish Hall. The additional traffic generated by the application event, drivers unfamiliar with the roads and possibly influenced by alcohol, would increase the risk of accident.

Prevention of public nuisance

It may be that loud music at the application site extending well into each night, a nuisance for those living in and near West Ashton, would extend to conflict with the music in Edington Church but that is unpredictable. However I anticipate that car drivers approaching or leaving the event will have their car radios at high volume, to

my mind a public nuisance. When on roads within Edington that nuisance sound would likely be heard in the church, an unacceptable interference.

My objection

My reason for this representation against the application is prompted by the coincident timing of this new event with the long established Edington Music Festival. I have confined my comments to two of the licensing objectives for which your Committee will have regard.

Yours sincerely,



Dear Tereas Bray

I am sending this a copy of the Council's from to register my objection to the Grange Farm Event scheduled for the 25th to 28th of August 2016. I apologise for my 'last minute' Approach but I have only been informed of the instructions today. I would be grateful if you could submit my concerns to the Council's Licensing authority.

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Premises about which Representation is being made	Grant Farm Event 25-28 August '16
Your Name	Major R M C Wilson
Postal Address	\$ Lower Road, Edington Westbury, BA13 4QN
Contact Telephone Number	[REDACTED]
I am An individual	
	I am a member of the Parochial Parish Council of Edington And I am involved with the administration of the Music Festival providing accommodation for up to 4 young Choristers (between the ages of 10 to 14) for the period 20 - 28 Aug.
	Because of the young ages their hosts are vetted and consequently responsible for all round safety to their parents. WE are naturally apprehensive of any increase of Traffic and strangers in the village

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1. The prevention of harm to children	There is an appreciable risk to the choristers walking between the Church and Church Hall and residential accommodation in the village, especially between the hours 2000 to 2200hrs.
2. To prevent public nuisance	

OBJECTIVES	EVIDENCE
<p>3. To prevent crime and disorder</p>	
<p>4. Public Safety</p>	<p>The roads in Edington Village and area are both narrow and winding. An increase in traffic including the extra traffic for the Music Festival will be excessive with the additional traffic from Grange Farm.</p>

Please list below any suggested actions that you feel the applicant could take to address your concerns.

It would seem sensible to separate these two major festival events either by time or a greater distance apart.

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Signature ... [REDACTED] Date 27th August 2016.....

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Dear Teresa

Thank you so much for your email

I have been in Manchester so you could not reach me by phone. Thank you for trying.

I do wish to make a formal representation. I am happy to be part of a public document.

I am grateful to you for accepting an email as trying to fill in your form using this device is beyond me.

The principal ground for my objection is the noise pollution

At any time this would not be ideal but that weekend is particularly sensitive given the fine and once a year music happening in Edington at the same time.

For choice the Grange farm application will be turned down but the rest of the year tolerating the noise pollution will be much less of an intrusion, however unfortunate.

We can hear it all the way over here.

It has happened before as I imagine your records show you. Generally I just shut the window's and there we are.

I am 50. I grew up with popular music so may claim not to be reactionary. I appreciate most musical offerings.

I also understand you need good reasons for the council to reject it within the council set parameters of the 4 categories

So moving to my supplementary objections

Transport. The roads locally will already be extra busy with traffic as the Edington festival will have been underway since 21 August and there are the multitudinous day visitors to the region for this purpose plus the ones who arrive and stay all week.

All of them drive to the venue as it is the only way they can enjoy the experience though there is happily a great deal of car sharing which has been fostered over the years.

The Grange farm goers' may not feel the need for such fuel economy given that they may not be regulars and so just at a time when the roads are busier than usual the congestion will be added to.

We can accommodate only so many locally so they spread out and stay all over the area and regularly use the Grange farm road.

Finally - alcohol. I understand it is entirely appropriate to offer a late licence for an event especially if the organiser is keen as they have a tight control on what their event goers' can bring with them which of course makes complete commercial sense for them, but it may be considered by the council that on this specific occasion given the extra heavy late night road use after the final singing event in Edington it could be unwise to allow the Grange farm event goers the opportunity to tank up into the early hours unless somehow the council can ensure they stay onsite and do not decide to take to the roads under the influence. I am sure most of them will be responsible but.

I would much appreciate if you could find these comments in an acceptable format to pass on

Best wishes

note only one d in Edington just in case it makes any difference when you write your report

Sent from my Windows Phone

Elizabeth Webbe

[Redacted contact information]