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Dear Sirs

SUNRISE FESTIVAL 30TH MAY – 2ND JUNE, CHAPMANSLADE

I very strongly object to the above festival being organised on the former golf course, Thoulston, for the following reasons:

1. I know there were plans for another site, which fell through, but the time between that application and this proposed event is far too short. The Parish Council and the local residents only heard about it very recently.
2. Despite all the promises of controlled volume, we know that music being played from 1.00pm to 3.00am will ruin the lives of those living close by. The last festival held in Bruton could be heard in Chapmanslade, 12 miles away.
3. Traffic chaos and potential accidents are a huge concern. 7,000 people, 2,000 cars, caravans, mobile homes on a very busy bank holiday weekend is inviting injury and possible loss of life. The A36 is very fast, 1km of back-up parking for cars arriving is insufficient and there will be tail backs on the main road (note Tintinhull 4 years ago – A303 blocked for 2 hours).
4. Teenagers, especially, will walk on the busy roads at night and will be very unsafe.
5. The charge of £18 parking fee for cars will mean that many will park up where they can. Old Drove Lane, roads around Upton Scudamore, Short Street, Village Hall car park (and anyone's gateway) will be used to save the fee.

6. Only one business – the pub – will benefit from this event. Barbers Nurseries, on the busiest gardening weekend, will lose business, customers being put off by excess traffic.
7. Access to elderly and infirm patients will be limited and carers will have great difficulties.
8. The site, especially this year, is as wet as ever. Sinking vehicles, and lots of mud, will hinder all movements.
9. Water pressure is not good. The adjoining farms have difficulties at certain times and 7,000 extra people will make matters much worse.
10. Litter, alcohol, drugs – all expected to create problems.
11. The meeting in the Village Hall showed a 75% objection to the festival. Those living nearby (one lady is 94) are very concerned indeed.
12. Deer, owls, bats, badgers, birds – all undisturbed for several years, will be greatly affected.

FRIENDS, TO GIVE A LICENCE TO FESTIVAL SUNRISE,
WILL, FOR THE MAJORITY, BE VERY UNWISE.

Yours sincerely

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