Dear Sir/Madam

We, David Foster and Caroline Foster, of

wish to make a formal representation and register our strong objection to the application by Chalke Valley History Festival Ltd for a permanent premises licence for the sale of alcohol and regulated entertainment at Church Bottom, Broad Chalke.

The grounds of our objection are based on public nuisance, public safety and potential crime and disorder and also a procedural issue in relation to the purported application for a permanent licence.

Although the application states a start date for the licence of 25th June 2018 and an end date of 1st July 2018, we understand that in answer to a query from the licensing officer, an email reply was sent by Rachel Holland on 20th March 2018 to state that the applicant wished to apply for a permanent licence. We would question whether this email should be treated as a valid change to the original application which clearly states the limited dates for this year only and, so far as we are aware, the application itself has not been amended.

In any case, we strongly believe that a permanent licence for this event is completely unsuitable and wholly undesirable for this rural and peaceful location. As the premises licence is limited to the approval of licensable activities only, there would be nothing to hold the organisers to run the event in future years for the purposes of a 'history festival' featuring "literary talks, living history demonstrations, seminars and writing workshops" as these other activities would not be controlled by the licence. In fact, the only constraints on the licence, other than general event management issues, would appear to be the 13,000 capacity and the hours stated in the application for licensable activities.

Furthermore, there is nothing in the application for a permanent licence to prevent the organisers from holding a festival in the future that runs for a longer period than 7 days, or even from holding a second or third festival, or more, at other times in the year in this location, a thought which fills us and no doubt many other residents in Broad Chalke with dread.

We are seriously concerned that if a permanent licence is granted, there would be inadequate controls on the activities that would be allowed to take place and the event could quite easily morph into something quite different in future years, with music and alcohol becoming a more dominant feature and history demonstrations and literary talks less so. Our fears are hardly allayed when we see that the organisers have applied for extended hours for alcohol sales this year.

We objected to the application by Chalke Valley History Festival for a licence last year and, as most if not all the points we made are relevant to our objections this year and also to set these in context, we attach a copy of our 2017 representation and ask for this to form part of our objection to this year's application. The site plan for this year including the parking area, which is only 2 metres from our garden at the nearest point, appears to be virtually the same, if not identical, to last year and we maintain our view that the quiet rural location

of Church Bottom in the village of Broad Chalke is an entirely unsuitable location for the Chalke Valley History Festival.

With regard to public safety, we do have concerns about the risks and dangers associated with the kind of traffic attending the event bearing in mind many of the lanes around the site are narrow, unpavemented and unlit. Last year during the festival, our pregnant daughter was walking along the narrow lane by our house leading to the egress point for cars and was shouted at by a car driver to get out of the way as she sped past. Although this is only one incident experienced by our family, the result could have been much worse and is an example of the potential dangers associated with such an event in this location.

During the 2017 festival, we experienced intrusive and aggravating nuisance on a daily basis from customer vehicles and other event traffic entering and leaving the site near to our property at various times of the day, including in the early hours of the morning and late at night. These vehicles included on occasions construction vehicles and military vehicles associated with the event and on a number of days during the festival the first vehicle would arrive between 05.30 and 07.00. The noise from these vehicles was particularly aggravating because of the annoying sound as they travelled across the tracking placed on the fields and also due to the regular and intermittent nature of this noise. This was a problem not only during the week of the festival itself, but also during the build period the week before the event and the takedown period after the festival. On Tuesday, 4th July 2017 a large lorry entered the field next to our property with its loud diesel engine running at 02.25. The lorry was then loaded through the night until it left the field at 06.05. We sent an email to Peter Bell, Treasurer for CVHF, to complain specifically about the unacceptable nuisance caused by this vehicle and following an exchange of emails with Rachel Holland, Festival Director, she denied any responsibility on their part and implied that we were not being truthful about the incident. We have attached a copy of the email exchanges as part of our representation. We were very disappointed at the response from Rachel Holland regarding the 4th July incident and her clear implication that we had fabricated this incident. We understand from a person who was present at a subsequent local parish council meeting, to which we were unable to attend, that the festival organisers admitted the presence of the vehicle on the 4th July and so CVHF have clearly been less than honest with us about this incident. This is an example of how the CVHF dealt with a genuine complaint from a local resident. During the email exchanges referred to above, we also complained about the general noise and disturbance caused by vehicles regularly arriving on site in the early hours of the morning during the festival.

We were also disturbed last year by the noise from the Tower light generators near our property and complained about this also in an email to Peter Bell on 30th June 2017. He replied to say that their tower generators were one of the quietest on the market and that the noise levels were equivalent to that of a passing car on the road that we have all year round. This completely misses the point that, unlike the very occasional cars passing along Bury Lane where we live, the noise from the tower lights is continuous throughout the whole period the lights are on and is not a common environmental noise in this location. The brightness of the lights from the tower lights was also a constant nuisance at night as the peripheral effect of the lights shone into our property. I understand that other local

residents also made complaints about the nuisance from the lights and noise from the generators and so this is clearly not a problem we experienced in isolation.

We were also disturbed in our home last year on occasions by noise from people leaving the event at night and passing by our house and from the slamming of car doors and engine noise from those parked in the fields nearby. We could also clearly hear the noise of singing and shouting from the festival site on the night of Sunday 2nd July 2017 at around 2200 which continued for some time and was a particular nuisance.

We are therefore very concerned that the organisers should now be asking for later hours for the sale of alcohol and entertainment as this is certain to lead to increased disturbance late at night at a time when it is normally very peaceful and quiet where we live.

More specifically, it is not clear to us why, when according to the programme the last lectures end at 2145 on weekdays, the sale of alcohol should continue through to 2300 which is also an increase by 30 minutes on the hours granted last year. Additionally, when the last lectures end on Sunday at 1900, we are very concerned why the sale of alcohol should be extended to 2300, particularly given that there was loud shouting and singing at 2200 in 2017 and almost all festival attendees will have left the site well before then. The Sunday hours applied for is 90 minutes later than the hours approved by the licensing subcommittee last year after a last minute concession by the applicants at the hearing. Any continuation of late Sunday night shouting and singing, or on any other day, would be completely unacceptable and is an unnecessary aggravation when the Festival is supposed to be about "literary talks, living history demonstrations, seminars and writing workshops". We notice also that later hours have also been applied for on the Friday night with the application requesting sale of alcohol hours to 2400 whereas last year they were granted 2330.

It is also concerning that the overall emphasis on alcohol sales is greater with the start time also being brought forward to 1000 on Sunday to Friday at a time when on the weekdays Monday to Thursday there are rarely any lectures available to the public until 1400 or 1700. We note also that the application is for alcohol sales both on and off the premises. Whilst it is the later hours that cause the greatest concern, the application for alcohol sales to virtually start when the festival opens each day adds to our fears about the possible changing nature of this event going forward.

We believe that the longer alcohol hours will increase the likelihood of unacceptable noise nuisance from various sources late at night and, for example, on Saturdays this will be exacerbated by the addition of fireworks which will presumably be set off sometime around 2200 - 2230. We fear that there is real danger of mission creep if a permanent licence is granted as the event could easily move away from its emphasis on history and more towards a standard music style festival with the history element becoming a side-show and the drinking of alcohol becoming a more dominant feature of the event and thereby leading to a greater potential for nuisance and crime and disorder.

We believe that extending the hours for the sale of alcohol will inevitably increase the level of associated nuisance and disturbance to local residents. As we mentioned earlier, in 2017

there were a number of complaints raised with the organisers expressing concern at the unacceptable disturbance from very bright lights, loud generator noise and cars leaving the parking area late at night over noisy tracking apart from our own. It therefore seems remarkable that the organisers have applied for even longer hours for alcohol sales this year when clearly the effects of any extended hours can only exacerbate the intrusive nuisance into the early hours of the morning.

In conclusion, for the reasons given in our representation, we would ask the committee to refuse the application for a permanent licence which, if granted, should in our view be restricted to the specific dates for 2018 specified in the original application and also to refuse any extension to the hours for alcohol sales later at night beyond those granted by the licensing committee last year.

Yours faithfully

David and Caroline Foster



Dear Sirs/Madam,

We write to formally object to the licensing application for the Chalke Valley History Festival in Broad Chalke, 25th June to 3rd July 2017.

We object on the following grounds:

Broad Chalke is a small, quiet, rural village. The organisers are envisaging a Festival that will bring in some many thousands of people and their vehicles over the course of one term time week, with up to 13,000 people allowed on the site at any one time. The organisers have applied for a licence to sell alcohol and provide various entertainment during the festival and this will act as a magnet which will attract very large numbers of visitors to the event. This huge number will inevitably be a cause of considerable nuisance and general aggravation to local residents and we will be particularly affected as we are very close to the main ingress and egress gates which lead on to Bury Lane, the nearest of which is only 65 yards from our property.

Even if these very large numbers are only realised at the weekend of the festival, it is far too high for this quiet, peaceful location and the organisers have either failed to recognise or chosen to ignore the immense disruption and nuisance it will cause at many levels which will be made worse by a licence to sell alcohol and provide entertainment.

The parking area for the event will also be very close to our property being only 2 metres from our garden at the nearest point. Noise from the traffic that will be coming and going continually throughout each day of the festival from 9am until late, with cars slamming their doors and people inevitably talking loudly as they come and go, will be horrendous. People who have consumed alcohol are naturally less inhibited and will inevitably be noisier through chatting or laughing as they leave the event and we will be amongst the most affected. This all gives us a great deal of cause for concern. We will be deprived of the peaceful enjoyment of our property including the use of our back garden throughout the week of the event and will also be affected by construction traffic and other vehicles in the setting up and break down period before and after the event.

We believe that the alcohol hours each day are far too late, finishing at 11pm during the week and on Sundays and as late as 12 midnight on Friday and 12.30am on Saturday. The late closing time every day will be incredibly disturbing as large

numbers of visitors who have consumed alcohol leave the event late at night after generally enjoying the festivities.

We are also very concerned about the cumulative effect of noise from late night musical entertainment at the weekend together with any other entertainment provided during the week; noise from special effects; explosives; pyrotechnics; generators and other equipment running during the night; noise from the campsite and general noise from visitors attending or leaving the event each day. All this noise will be channeled by the valley's shape and the sound magnified which will be severely disturbing and a dreadful nuisance day after day. The organisers say that they will have a small jazz band playing intermittently throughout the day at the weekends but the effect of the sound in such a quiet rural area can be very intrusive and aggravating. We do not believe the organisers have considered the detrimental effect of this cumulative nuisance in their plans which is made much worse by applying for a licence for alcohol and entertainment and by the huge numbers they wish to attend the event.

We are also very concerned about the nuisance effect and risks to health and safety of waste and litter left behind carelessly by such a large number of people visiting the festival over the course of the 7 days, together with any damage that may be carelessly or inadvertently caused to grassland, verges, pathways or any other sensitive features around the site and within the Broad Chalke village.

The organisers want to erect a number of light towers some of which will be in the car parking area close to our property. These towers will presumably be in operation late at night every day and will inevitably cause a nuisance to ourselves and other nearby residents.

Many residents walk daily along the narrow, unpavemented, unlit lanes of Broad Chalke to visit the school, church, surgery, village hall, sports fields, pub, shop and cafe. Many of these are elderly or have young children with them. They are simply not used to the kind of traffic envisaged for this event and its accompanying dangers. The public safety risks will be unacceptable. There is no train station nearby and so the vast amount of visitors will be traveling to the event by car. We have seen some information on the traffic management plans in the organiser's Event Management Plan but we do not consider these are in any way adequate for this location, which gives us even greater cause for concern.

There will also be a great disturbance and danger from large construction traffic during the week before the festival and the period afterwards for the deconstruction and clearing up.

There will also be the daily servicing of the site, including waste lorries and food and water deliveries, and the sheer number and size of vehicles on the roads will be unable to pass each other safely.

Public safety is going to be compromised, you simply can't have an influx of this unprecedented number of people, tens of thousands, into a small village environment and think it will not have an adverse effect on the well being and safety of the residents.

This festival takes place in term time, there will be school drop offs and pick ups that will be inconvenienced. The organisers produced a plan that clearly showed they wanted to use the fields opposite the school. They now say they won't use them, quite right as this would put the children at risk from strangers and traffic. However, it concerns us that they have not given proper thought to the planning for this event and wonder what other plans they intend to change.

We would like to stress that we have no objection to the principle of the Chalke Valley History Festival and we have enjoyed attending the event in its previous location. However, the plan for this year's festival is quite simply the wrong site. The valley bottom is unsuitable both in terms of gradient and geography. It is on certified organic land that is in receipt of additional funding to be kept in good higher level stewardship order. Any substantial rainfall could turn this precious soil to mud. This happened at last years festival site at Ebbesbourne Wake and we attach two photographs showing the effect on the land at the end of the 2016 festival. Slippery mud isn't safe and restoration to its former state isn't easy. We are also very concerned that the gradient of the land shown for parking is too steep and will give rise to public safety concerns in the event of poor weather conditions.

There are severe worries that visitors (including campers) who will have been drinking alcohol during the day could be walking along the unlit lanes at night in an unfamiliar area to them and could put themselves and others at risk. We accept that the large majority of visitors to the festival will be law-abiding citizens, but with the huge numbers planned for the event we cannot ignore the possibility of disorderly behaviour, criminal damage or theft being caused in

the village by undesirables attracted to the event who may see an opportunity due to the inability of our quiet village to deal with such people.

The airshow is causing concern to a number of residents including ourselves who know that elderly planes are unreliable and potentially unsafe. They do not want to be flown over at all.

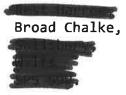
The notices advertising the application around the site are lacking and inadequate. Some additional notices were posted on Monday 20th March after intervention by the Council but are still insufficient and not on the obvious side and we would ask whether the application is therefore defective.

We don't believe the consultation with the village over this festival has been carried out in an open and honest way. This is the biggest event ever to hit Broad Chalke, which must have been planned months if not years ago, and yet the first meeting was held in a small hut well outside the village. We believe this is unacceptable and shows that the organisers are not truly prepared to listen to anyone who objects to their proposal to hold the event in Broad Chalke.

Finally, we object to the granting of this licence on the grounds of Public Nuisance, Public Safety, Crime and Disorder and an improper consultation period. This festival would be far better off, not in a quiet rural village, but somewhere more remote, in a flatter, safer and less environmentally sensitive location.

Yours sincerely,

David and Caroline Foster



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> Dear Rachel,	
> Thank you for your email about CVHF not noticing the arrival of a large articulated lorry on the Festival site at 2:25 am on Tuesday 4th July and leaving at 6:05 am can only imagine that the security guard was either absent, asleep or dishonest.	. [
> Over the past three weeks there have been many occasions when vehicles entered the Festival site before 7:00 am including several occasions when there was vehic movement before 6:00 am including three occasions during this week alone.	le
> For information, several vehicles went down the drove road at just past 5:00 am this morning with some returning at just past 6:00 am.	
> Yours sincerely,	
> David	
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> Subject: RE: Complaint >	
From: "Rachef Holland" < > Date: Thu, July 6, 2017 4:14 pm	
> To: '	
> Cc: "Peter Bell"	
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>> Dear David and Caroline, >>	
>> Peter forwarded on to me you complaints >>	
>> I have checked with the tracking guys who confirmed that they have not been picking up or laying down overnight. They confirmed that the latest they had been of was 7pm one evening and then they moved to higher ground off site.	ı site
>> Security also confirmed this morning that they were not aware of any overnight contractors working during this week in the hours that were mentioned by David. (that they patrol on foot regularly I suspect they would have seen them. If you have any photos or number plates you could share with me, then I can dig further.	Зive
>> There was one early, unexpected morning departure this week and I apologise if this caused you disruption.	
>> Yours.	
>> Rachel	
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>> >>	
> From: Peter Bell	
>> Sent: 05 July 2017 20:31 >> To: d	
>> Cc: Rachel Holland <	
>> Subject: Re: Complaint >>	
>> Dear David >> Apologies for the confusion re the time of the incident. We are clear when it happened. Rachel will be speaking to the tracking company asap to get to the bottom of the incident.	of
what happened. >> Regards	
>> Peter >>	
>> Peter Bell >> Treasurer	
>> Chalke Valley History Festivals	
>> Tel:	
>> On 5 Jul 2017, at 15:36, "	
>> Dear Peter, >>	`
>> Thank you for your e-mail - as I said in my e-mail we are talking about yesterday morning (Tuesday) not last night. The vehicle concerned was a large articulated that went away loaded with track.	orry
>> Yours sincerely,	
>> David >> Sent from my BlackBerry® wireless device	
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> From: Peter Bell	
>> Date: Wed, 5	
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>> Subject: Re: Complaint
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 >> Dear David and Caroline,
>> I'm reverting to you regarding the lorry that you say arrived at 0225hrs last night, loaded through the night and left at 6.05am. The security staff on duty did not see or
hear any such vehicle. We have made enquiries of all of our contractors and none of them did what you say you heard. Katie has confirmed there is nothing from the farm
that could have done this. We are completely mystified. Did you get any photos or video or a number plate?
>> We will revert re the other site vehicles movements.
>>
>> Regards
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>> Peter
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>> Peter Bell
>> Treasurer
>> Chalke Valley History Festivals
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>> On 5 Jul 2017, at 08:32,
>>
>> Dear Peter.
>> It was good to see you at the Festival.
>> Please could you let me know whether you or any of your team had approved the arrival of a large lorry in the fields beside our house at 0225 yesterday morning? The
arrival of this large lorry with a loud diesel engine at this time of night is an unacceptable noise and nuisance. The lorry was then loaded through the night and left at 0605.
>> In relation to your comments about tower lights, I am surprised that you felt unable to apologise to Caroline and I for the disturbance it caused us and others throughout
the week. Against your own readings, the noise of the tower lights is equivalent to a line of cars passing our house continuously for the complete period the lights were on.
>> Yours sincerely,
>> David
                        --- Original Message
>> ------
>> Subject: Re: Tower Light Noise
From: "Peter Bell"
>> Date: Sun, July 2. 2017 11:50 am
>> To:
              "Holland"
>> Cc:
<c |
>> "Terry Barrett"
>> "David Foster"
>> "Rachel Holland"
>> ----
>>
>>> Dear Caroline,
>>>
>>> I'm just following up on your query. We have been taking noise readings at your fence throughout the week so I just want to let you know the latest readings that we
have:
>>>
>>> Ambient noise: 48dba
>>> Ordinary car driving on Bury Lane: 53 dba
>>> Ordinary vehicle on trackway; 53 dba
>>> Tower light generator: 49.4 dba
>>>
>>> Our tower generators are one of the quietest on the market and, as you can see, the noise level is below that of a passing car on the road that you have all year round.
And as you know we are turning off the tower lights as soon as the majority of the vehicles have left the site.
>>>
>>> Do keep letting us know of any further issues as we are, as ever, keen to ensure that we do what we can to minimise the disruption to you both.
>>>
>>> It was super to see you. David, in the audience yesterday for Ben McIntyre's talk on the SAS and so obviously enjoying the talk!
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>>> All the best
>>>
>>> Peter
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>>> Peter Bell
>>> Treasurer
>>> Chalke Valley History Festivals
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>>> >>> [cid:CB400576-7D84-470A-951B-3DFC70E9C55F]
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>>> On 1 Jul 2017, at 08:50, James Holland
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>>> Dear Caroline, >>>
>>> I'm so sorry about this. We're looking into what we can do about it. We'll report back.
>>> All best,
>>> James >>>
>>> James Holland FRHistS
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>>> On 30 Jun 2017, at 23:10, "
wrote:
>>> Dear James, >>>
>>> The Tower Light generators are incredibly noisy, if you are passing them tonight please listen to them. >>> They are loud enough to prevent sleep and are very annoying. >>> There are tower lights available that are much quieter.
>>> Sind regards.
>>> Caroline
>>> >>>
>>> Sent from my iPad >>>
>>> >>
>> >> David Foster
>> Foster Executive Ltd
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>> Tel:
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