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Reply contact name is **David Bennett**

Dear Mrs Jones,

**Ref: Sunrise Festival – Application for Premises Licence Thoulstone Park
Golf Club
30th May – 3rd June 2013**

Wiltshire Police are in receipt of the above described application and have given consideration to the proposals described within, including the associated management plan.

Police are in ongoing consultation and negotiation with the event organisers around the development of the plan to ensure the promotion of the licensing objectives.

Whilst progress has been made there are still areas within the event management plan that have not been finalised to the satisfaction of police.

In particular there is further work required to develop a comprehensive drugs strategy and determine the requisite level of resource to enable it to run effectively.

There are also anomalies in relation to the level of, roles and deployment of security staff and stewards.

These matters require further detailed discussions to be conducted with the event organiser in the hope that they can be resolved.

Wiltshire Police consider it necessary to make a formal representation to the Licensing Authority in respect of this application on the basis that the event management plan does not currently meet the licensing objectives, in particular the prevention of crime and disorder and promotion of public safety.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

David Bennett

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Our ref KRG/SR01

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To address the concerns of the Licensing Authority it is recommended that:-

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Yours Sincerely

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From: Freegard, John
Sent: 05 April 2013 08:26
To: Jones, Maggie; Golledge, Kate; Grant, Lisa
Subject: FW: Sunrise Festival 2013- Written representations on noise grounds on behalf of Public Protection

Importance: High

Dear all,

Further to my email of 28th March 2013, I can confirm that Steve(Anderson) contacted me yesterday afternoon and whilst he is not able to get the 'site specific' noise assessments to me today, it should certainly be submitted in the next few days.

I am therefore obliged to make written representations on noise grounds, although I am happy to review the information after today's deadline to see whether it deals with all of my noise concerns.

In this regard, following my lengthy conversation yesterday with Steve, I feel the need to clarify a few matters that I thought were covered in my email below and what I stated at the meeting last Thursday:

1. The reason I have asked for the spreadsheet of noise predictions outlined below is to ensure that we can 'understand' the predicted impact of the noise generated from amplified music and design the appropriate conditions in order to protect residents near and far. As I explained at the meeting, I would be loath to agree a 'blanket' daytime MNL of 60dBA(before 23:00hrs) at all noise receptors, if the predicted impact is proven to be, for example, 10 to 15dBA below this figure at certain locations. I would not be able to explain or justify this to any concerned residents as it would give the festival too much leeway, even accounting for wind factors.
2. The spreadsheet will inform me of the actual 'on time' for music, but also the predicted impact on which we can agree conditions that are fair to all parties.
3. So essentially, I see it that the predictions will dictate the level in the noise conditions. Steve thought that the 60dBA had already been agreed as a reasonable licensing condition.
4. I envisage the spreadsheet to include all named stages, with the distances stated to clearly identified receptors and then the resulting noise level. There should also be a scaled plan showing all stages/venues and off-site receptors around the site. This may already exist? Noise conditions can then be agreed.
5. Steve also asked me to define what we meant about the festival music being 'inaudible' after the night-time 'cut off' times eg after 1am/2am. I explained that we expected any music to be inaudible **outside** of residential receptors, hence the phrase 'off-site' in my email below. Steve pointed out that the Noise Council 'Pop Code' definition stated inaudible 'inside' premises after 23:00 hrs, ie 'barely audible' outside the noise sensitive premises.
6. I reminded him that we have already agreed to 9 hours of 'clearly audible' measured MNL(45/50dB) beyond 23:00 hours over the four nights which is extremely generous to the festival and we could not agree to any music(regulated entertainment or otherwise) being 'barely audible' beyond those stated curfews as this will be unfair on residents in terms of risk of prolonged disturbance. This position is non-negotiable.
7. Again, I thought I had made this clear in the meeting and in the email below. It is for the organisers to 'manage' the situation with siting/distance etc., to ensure that any music (drumming/acoustic/ radios etc etc) is inaudible outside any noise sensitive receptor from any bars, cafes or tents. I would suggest the phrasing of inaudible 'at the boundary/curtilage of any off-site residential property'.

8. This is a 'virgin' site with no history of outdoor amplified music(to my knowledge) and Sunrise are wishing to introduce a new festival into this locality, so it should be in their interest to ensure that residents are not unduly disturbed.
9. We agreed to disagree on this point, and I did not sense that Steve thought that this stance was reasonable or achievable, but I will need confirmation on this vital aspect in order to know where we are in terms of these written representations and a potential hearing.
10. I am out on district this afternoon, but am happy to assess any information submitted in the next few days that deal with these written representations.

Regards

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To whom it may concern

Sunrise Celebration: Gilcombe Farm, Bruton, 2009 – 2012: Noise Management

I am an Environmental Protection Officer working for South Somerset District Council and the officer with primary responsibility for monitoring noise levels from the Sunrise Festival at Gilcombe Farm between the period of 2009 and 2012.

This monitoring had two main aspects. Firstly to conduct my own noise measurements in the vicinity of the festival site to monitor for compliance with the relevant licence conditions and secondly to respond as necessary to any complaints from residents.

During this period I would rate the overall level of compliance with the licence noise conditions as high to very high. There have been isolated, marginal, breaches of the licence conditions, but nothing I would consider either deliberate or persistent. Once these problems were brought to the attention of the festival management, corrective action was promptly undertaken. At no point was formal enforcement action considered.

Over the same period I would rate the overall level of complaints as low. I have no figures for 2009, but for 2010 SSDC received 2 complaints, 2011 had 3 complaints and on 2012 SSDC received 4 complaints. I understand the festival received additional complaints directly during the same periods. While I do not have these figures to hand, the numbers of complaints were of the same order of magnitude.

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While any complaints are unwelcome, given the nature of the event, I consider the levels of complaints as acceptable. I do not recall any of the complaints the Council received as been substantiated with recorded breaches of the licence noise conditions. It should however be recognised that compliance with the licence noise conditions at Gilcombe Farm does not mean that the Festival was inaudible offsite. Given the rural character of the area, inaudibility would not have been achievable without compromising audience expectations.

Should you have any questions relating to this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Paul Huntington
Senior Environmental Protection Officer



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To Whom It May Concern,

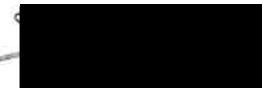
As Principal Licensing Officer for South Somerset District Council and Taunton Deane Borough Council, I had the pleasure of working with the Sunrise Festival organisers for a number of years and helping them develop what I believe was an excellent Operations Manual for their event.

Both SSDC and TDBC Licensing Departments used the Sunrise Operations Manual and supporting documentation as an example of best practice with other festivals and large events in the South West.

In my role I oversaw the licensing process of the festival, the enforcement of licensing policy onsite and scrutinised the Event Management Plans on an annual basis. This included working with the festival directors and their staff through some very challenging situations, all of which we overcame through teamwork, open communication and tenacity.

Sunrise has always shown a high level of integrity in their dealings with the Council, Responsible Agencies and the local communities affected by their event. I believe that they will be a welcome addition to the Wiltshire event calendar and wish them well in their new 'Homeland'.

Yours sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Julia Bradburn.

Julia Bradburn FCILEX

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