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Re

SANDON FIELDS

Dear Sir/Madam

Re THE Cow Shed, Poplars Farm SANDON

I object to the plans for the above site. Allowing 4999 people + transport to descend on SANDON would be madness & dangerous. Our lanes are far too narrow to take that amount of extra traffic. It will make it very difficult for local people to go about their lives safely.

Add to the traffic chaos, the noise. I live in church end & can hear the noise coming from the site

Sandon is a small Rural village not
Glastonbury. It will make our lives hell.
Please dont give the go ahead for
this plan

Yours Sincerely


John Smealey

MRS K. BOLTON.

Hannah Sweetman

From: pat roberts [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 January 2018 08:24
To: Hannah Sweetman
Cc: Sandon Action Group
Subject: Sandon Fields

Dear Hannah

Re the application for a two day event at Sandon fields

1. I think a 2.30 am licence is unreasonable. I would have thought midnight is quite late enough.
2. I am not clear if the 4999 attendance figure is per day or for the total event. I think that it is excessive per/day.
3. Any licence subject to the restrictions suggested above should be reviewed after the event.
4. I understand for last years limited event the emergency exit was over other peoples land and without their permission

Yours faithfully,

P.A.Roberts

The Warren, Green End, Sandon, Buntingford, Herts, SG9 0RQ

Hannah Sweetman

From: Caroline [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 January 2018 20:34
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: Fw: Licencing Application for Sandon Fields (Poplars Farm on Roe Green)

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Cocks' Lodge
Sandon
Buntingford
Herts SG9 0RF

Dear Hannah Sweetman

Against Licencing Application for Sandon Fields (Poplars Farm on Roe Green)

The village of Sandon is a completely inappropriate location for a music festival for up to 4999 people. The country lanes that would lead to this event have trouble accommodating the vehicles that use them even without any event taking place. The suggestion that alcohol could be sold up to 2.30am on the Saturday with the consequent noise and anti-social behaviour that this would bring to the village would be wholly unacceptable. Many people would drive away under the influence of drink, and accidents would be extremely likely. The roads are far too narrow for coaches to transport people and would not be able to accommodate the large number of taxis that would be required to transport people who realised they were incapable of driving themselves. NOT RELEVANT

Yours sincerely

Caroline Anthony

Hannah Sweetman

From: Joan Hoefkens [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 January 2018 17:35
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: Sandon Fields Licence Application. Poplars Farm, Roe Green.

I am a resident of Sandon, but not a musical event attendee. However, following the previous event on the same site some Sandon residents did attend and they were complimentary. So I am not against a repetition.

But I am against the extended opening times i.e. over two days rather than one.
Very much against any music and drinking after 11.30

Sandon is a quite, very rural village. The site in question is surrounded by family housing.

I hope you will find successful solution to suit both sides.

Joan Hoefkens,
Grassmere,
Mill End,
Sandon.

Hannah Sweetman

From: Colin and Lavinia Mitchell [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 December 2017 16:48
To: Licensing
Cc: Hannah Sweetman; Cllr Steve Jarvis
Subject: Premises Licence No. 6494 - SandonFields, Poplars Farm, Roe Green, Sandon, Herts.

Importance: High

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Dear Sirs

It has been drawn to our attention that an application has been made for a premises licence for another SandonFields music event, to be held at Poplars Farm, Roe Green in June 2018 and one weekend each June thereafter - premises licence no. 6494.

We wish to **object** to the granting of this licence for the following reasons and very serious concerns:

Noise

1. On Saturday 16th September 2017 Mr Alderman (owner of Poplars Farm) held a SandonFields music festival with live music coming from two stages, alcoholic bars/shacks and street food. One of the stages used was apparently in his barn 'the Cowshed' and the other was in a marquee or out in the open air. The marquee/open air stage was close to the rear of our house and, with only a few trees to act as any form of sound barrier, we felt the full force of the excessive noise of the festival from mid-day until gone 11pm. The underlying and continual bass notes of the 'music' created a frequency which made our house and windows vibrate rather alarmingly. Our house is over 200 years old, timber framed and with thin lath and plaster walls and we are concerned at the potential damage which would be caused to our house if this type of event should happen again.
2. We note from this latest application that whilst live music would cease at 11pm, recorded music would then continue until 2.30am. During the last event we did not get to sleep until after the music had stopped and all traffic had left the area. If recorded music were allowed to continue until 2.30am then we would be denied a peaceful night's sleep, possibly until dawn. It is noted that this recorded music would be amplified and may be supplied by a DJ, in other words, really loud, repetitive, bass, vibrating, music, interspersed by a really loud DJ shouting into a microphone. It states that the recorded music would be in the marquee at a 'greatly reduced level' but any noise coming from a thin walled marquee in the early hours is too much noise and could constitute a statutory nuisance as a night noise offence.
3. It is noted that alcohol would be served from mid-day until 2.15am the following day, which is a Sunday. At the music event held in September 2017 the music of the last few hours was accompanied by a lot of shrieking, shouting and singing. If drinking carried on until 2.30am then not only would the music deny us the peace and quiet we should expect in the early hours of the morning, but the additional shrieking and shouting would also disturb us and prevent a peaceful night's sleep.
4. We note from the application that 'London Road Studios will ensure the right levels of sound' applicable to the licence, but if it is as loud as last time then that is simply too loud. We would like to raise some queries:
 - Does their sound check take into account the close proximity of neighbouring houses and the likely effects of the noise on those buildings and their occupants?
 - Does their sound check take into account the fact that the marquee is not a solid wall and that it provides no more soundproofing than the open air?
 - Does the sound check take into account the great annoyance that will be caused to the whole of Sandon, and in particular the properties around Roe Green, by loud music for 14 hours (including between 11pm and 2.30am), only for it to start again for another 6 hours the next day?

- Assuming the 'right levels of sound' is measured from the speaker output, at what distance is this measurement taken? Would it ensure that no neighbours in the immediate vicinity would be able to hear any noise after 11pm or would they be required to visit every house to ensure no noise was audible after 11pm?
 - What is the 'right level of sound'?
5. On the occasion of the last event we were denied the use of our garden for the duration of the afternoon and evening of the event as the noise was just too loud. Like many people, we like to spend time in our garden in the summer months, especially the weeks of extended daylight in June, but we would be unable to do this if any further events were organised, which would be even more frustrating. At the September event the live music started with 'Hotel California' which is music which most people would not object to, although not at the decibel level of 16th September. However, the 'music' quickly degenerated into thumping bass noise which went on and on and on, with the only respite being the loud shouted introduction of the next song. It was, to all intents and purposes a 'rave' rather than a music festival.
 6. The latest intended event is scheduled for June 2018 and every June thereafter. If the weather were warm we would be unable to open windows during the day or overnight which prevents us enjoying the peaceful enjoyment of our property in one of the warmest months of the year.

Environment

7. The majority of houses around Roe Green are very old, some like ours of non traditional construction and some of them listed buildings. We are concerned about the potential damage to these buildings if events such as this were allowed to occur again. NOT RELEVANT
8. ~~The implementation of a conservation area for the settlement of Roe Green is important and we want it sustained for future generations. Allowing an event such as this in a historic conservation area could be the 'thin end of the wedge' and detrimentally damaging to North Hertfordshire.~~
9. ~~To the rear of our house, and adjoining Poplars Farm, is Roe Wood (the stage/marquee for the last event was located on the edge of Roe Wood) which has a wealth of wildlife including a large herd of fallow deer, badgers and a good variety of birds including red kite. Large crowds and intense noise (especially in June) will disturb nesting birds and all the other wildlife which will be nurturing their young in and around the wood. Furthermore there are bats and great crested newt in and around Roe Green. Having this type of event with thousands of people tramping over the ground making a lot of noise in this type of location is simply wrong and damaging to both the wildlife and the buildings in the surrounding area.~~
10. There was a good deal of light pollution at the last event in September 2017, with what looked like lasers going up into the night sky, which was surprising bearing in mind Sandon is on the flight path for incoming planes to Luton Airport.

Security

11. The land adjoining Poplars Farm is quite open, especially from Roe Wood and the adjoining fields. Access to the site is therefore easily available to gatecrashers as there is not merely one or two entrances to secure but multiple places where people can enter and we are sure that security and CCTV will not be able to oversee every part of the perimeter.
12. A public footpath from Roe Green to the edge of the village cuts through the middle of Poplars Farm. This is not a secure site because you cannot stop people from exercising their right to use that footpath.
13. In 2013 and 2014 we were burgled twice, as were many of our neighbours. The police suspected the perpetrators entered from the fields and the wood. With thousands of strangers potentially wandering around the fields and wood behind the adjoining houses there is a great deal of concern that there could be another spate of burglaries because people wandering into our gardens from the rear will not be seen by security patrolling the grounds, or from the road.
14. Several years ago, following a large gathering in the village where a good deal of alcohol was consumed, a lot of criminal damage was caused throughout the village, with the majority of houses in Roe Green (including us) having name signs stolen from the front of our properties. Introducing hundreds, if not thousands, of people to this rural area is bound to cause not just noise but other problems such as criminal damage because people high on drink (and possibly drugs) would be able to wander over open fields to the rear of our properties and into neighbouring gardens without being seen from the road.

Traffic

15. On the application it states that the 'taxi rank and mini bus (area) will be on the festival site, well away from the village residents and main road'. Whilst it may be half a mile or so from the village of Sandon, Poplars Farm is in the centre of Roe Green, with houses on either side and to the front of the property. Indeed, the nearest houses to Poplars Farm are not more than a few metres away from the property. Poplars Farm also adjoins the main road which runs through the village. How the applicant can state that this area will have no impact on the village we are uncertain because traffic into and out of this area will affect most of the village, and especially Roe Green; also slamming doors and revving engines will disturb those properties in the immediate vicinity.
16. It mentions that parking will be on private land, but for the last event parking was advertised as £5 a vehicle, which means that people wanting to save money would park on the village green.
17. The noise of traffic arriving and leaving the venue would cause disturbance, especially the traffic leaving in the early hours of the morning.
18. The roads in and around Sandon are narrow and if a large vehicle (tractor for example) is coming towards you then you have to drive up the bank or reverse into a passing place. Thousands of vehicles driving into and out of Sandon on one day would cause chaos. Furthermore, a lot of people enjoy cycling and horse-riding through the village. As villagers we drive slowly in the anticipation of meeting horses or cyclists. Strangers to the village would not be aware of these dangers and this would be a real cause for concern.
19. There are only a couple of small areas of footpath in the village around the village centre. For the remainder, people have to walk in the road or on the bank. Strangers to the village are not aware of these dangers when driving and this is further cause for concern.
20. Directly opposite the entrance to Poplars Farm is a small equipped children's play area which stands on the corner of a 'T' junction. There is no fence protecting children in the play area from running out into either of the roads forming the junction at this point. The speed limit through the village is 30mph; the speed limit through Roe Green is 40mph. Because this road is the straightest and probably widest stretch of road leading to/from the village there is a tendency for visitors to 'put their foot down' and it is not uncommon to see vehicles driving at 60mph or more. With hundreds of cars driving past and turning into and out of Poplars Farm (right by the play area and on the 'T' junction) we are concerned for the safety of other road users and especially children using the play area.

Further Concerns

21. The September 2017 event was held after obtaining a temporary events notice; however a premises licence is being sought for the June 2018 event and each successive June event, which makes us suspicious of the intentions of the organiser and Mr Alderman. Whilst it is stated within the application that the intention is to hold an event each June, we are concerned that application will then be made to vary the premises licence for more and more events throughout the year. This will make the lives of everyone in Roe Green unbearable and will damage and devalue our properties.
22. Mr Alderman has in the past tried to obtain permission for his barn to be used for events and his applications have been denied, except for '*purposes ancillary to the residential use of Poplars Farm*' and that the barn should '*not be hired out or otherwise let for private parties or functions*'. In summer 2016 he applied for a licence for using his barn as a wedding venue or similar, stating that it would be a quality eating and entertainment facility with state of the art sound and lighting system for live music. Many objections were raised locally and Mr Alderman withdrew his application. It would appear that he is now trying to obtain permission down a different route, although we cannot see that the purposes of this event are 'ancillary to the residential use of Poplars Farm' or that it is a private party or function.
23. Neither the applicant nor Mr Alderman have made the residents around Roe Green or Sandon aware in advance of the intention to hold another event, save for the posting of a notice on the drive leading to the property. We were also unaware in advance of the event held last September so to suddenly be drowned with loud noise for over 11 hours was a huge shock to us. It would have been nice if we had been pre-warned (both on the last occasion as well as this time), but suspect that there was an awareness that objection would be raised from the residents of Roe Green and Sandon.
24. It is disappointing that Mr Alderman is potentially ruining the unspoilt village of Sandon and the hamlet of Roe Green for his own commercial gain.

In view of the comments above we are most strongly objecting to the granting of a premises licence and would be grateful if our objections could be taken into account when considering the application.

Yours faithfully
Colin and Lavinia Mitchell

Roebury Cottage
Roe Green
Sandon
SG9 0QG

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For the attention of:
Licensing Department
Hannah Sweetman,
Licensing Officer,
North Hertfordshire District Council,
Council Offices, Gernon Road,
Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire SG6 3JF

Dated: 9 January 2018

Objection

With regards to an application for a Premises Licence at Poplars Farm, Roe Green, Sandon, SG90QG by Richard Maskell, and Mr L Alderman as the DSP for alcohol, this objection has been made with all the information being correct to the best of my knowledge at the time of writing and without prejudice. (19 pages)

Application for a Premises Licence dated 12 December 2017 at the following address:

Poplars Farm
Roe Green
Sandon
SG90QG

From:

Ian Dell
Clare Cottage
Roe Green
Sandon
SG90QG

Summary

1. The proposed Highways Plan connected with the application is out of date. This was used for the 2017 event. It is dated August 2017. It does not show the proposed additional entrance/exit for; guest/customers/taxi/mini bus traffic. It does not show the proposed traffic flow control from the surrounding major highways to the event location.
2. The proposed Noise Management plan (NMP), attached to the application, provided information with regards to measurements, nearest properties, natural sound reduction, 2017 measurements etc. These are all either inaccurate (e.g. measurements, stage and speaker direction), distorted (e.g. people and vehicles make noise as well as music, no 2017 complaints made and a happy local community), or generalist technical statements directly from a technical handbook, in order to confuse. An independent research and investigation have been carried out to confirm this objection. They have not taken into consideration any properties on the north side of Roe Green, that are the nearest to the event, and who will have the highest impact from the Event
3. The proposed Event Management Plan (EMP) has many inaccuracies, false statements, and omitted details. E.g. Nearest property is 260 metres not 300 from the main stage; Anti climb fencing will be required for the boundary of the whole 22 acre site to deer movement to control people and deer movement; there are no statements as to how 2 adjoining properties to Poplars Farm, both with over 250 metres of joint boundaries ~~used for horses and stable yards,~~ will be protected from similar disturbances and incidents as accounted in the 2017 event. (The 2017 event was not well received by a significant portion of the local residents, it is an invention in the EMP to say it was) **NOT RELEVANT**

NOT RELEVANT

4. A Premises licence application has been refused by NHDC on an outbuilding in 2016, The Barn, at Poplars Farm for a number of reasons. How can a further application be made that also includes this building when the reasons for refusal have not been addressed and continues to cause issues?
5. The field proposed for pedestrian and vehicle traffic HAS NOT been given granted permission to be used by the owner, the Sales family of Sandon.
6. A Temporary Events licence was applied for on 6/12/17 to cover this event. NHDC refused this application and issued a counter notice based on significant information that a crowd (499) could not be controlled. This application proposes 4999 attendance. How have the details improved so much to allow a 500% increase in crowd volume? NOT RELEVANT.
7. Farr Festival at Hitchin. This is already a successful 4 day music festival that has permission to go ahead less than a month after the proposed Sandonfield Festival in July 2018. This is just 14 miles away. The area of North Herts is already catered for with regards to music festivals of this kind.
8. Photograph 4 (Appendix) shows the 2017 event area. The wooden fencing inside the area was not stable. A number of hours prior to event this had collapsed due to winds. The supports, and toilets to assist the stabilisation of the fence, were placed as an afterthought. The safety standards of the organisers are amateurish, how would it be improved for a festival of 4999 attendees. The 2017 event wasn't advertised as a "trial" and didn't go ahead without incident. An incident log book of 2017, including all names to ensure DBS/CBT checks were made etc should be made available to be reviewed. This also questions the insurance liability of £5million. For an event of this size this sum is not adequate to cover claims in the event of a major incident.
9. The application constantly refers to the event as "a community event for the locality". NO organisation, church, school or any village organisation will benefit from the 2018 event. The 2017 event did not offer any benefit to the village or local community apart from free tickets to those chosen few as a benefit. (None were offered to myself, nor any contact made by any of the organisers)
10. Some 5 months after the 2017 event the arena area has still to be properly cleared. Photograph 5 (Appendix) clearly shows; A number of 20 litre cans of Cooking vegetable oil leaking (and/or leaked) into the lagoon/lake which is causing a serious environmental issue for the local wildlife and habitat. This is a typical example of the disregard that Poplars Farm, 2017 event organisers and past events held there have for the environment and an issue that NHDC and/or Wildlife Organisations need to address.

NOT RELEVANT

Background

Please Note 1. In trying to be amenable and co-operate with addressing the concerns we and other local properties have, have made every attempt to communicate with the proposer of this application, Richard Maskell at the address shown on the application, Poplars Farm, without reply. No attempt has been made by Richard Maskell to contact any of the local properties seriously impacted by this event.

Please Note 2. Similarly, every attempt to communicate with the proposed alcohol licensee (DPS), Mr Lawrie Alderman of Poplars Farm, has been made without reply. Considering Mr Alderman lives just 30 metres away, I would have expected some courtesy to have been made to me or to any of the other properties in the vicinity with regards to the proposed application. To date none have been made.

No attempt to communicate was made prior to the 2017 event either.

Please Note 3. Clare Cottage has over 300 metres of common boundaries with the proposed location, and is 30 metres away from the proposed entrance / exit of all the trade, artists and support equipment required to hold the proposed event. Clare's stable yard is only 30 metres away from the proposed "Artists Green room". Clare itself is only from this facility. This holding area which will have 100-200 people in the vicinity. The noise from the barn during the 2017 event was at times as loud as that created by the musicians, with every word audible! The traffic will have a serious impact of vehicle access to local properties due to the volume and size of the traffic required to build facilities for an event this size, before, 3 days prior, during and 3 days after. (The 2017 event clearance has yet to be completed 5 months later!)

Please Note 4. From past communications of complaints of various incidents to Mr Alderman the following has been received in writing:

"I apologise you have not been contacted with....."

"I fully appreciate your concerns....."

"All the bad experiences you have encountered...."

"I have said to planning I will speak with you....."

"All of this is my BIG idea.....I would like to speak with you...."

"With regards to security...I would like to work with you..."

"I do regret not talking to you earlier...."

At the event held in 2017 we had a text from Mr Alderman promising and confirming that security fencing would be placed on the boundaries between our properties, especially the stable yard that is just 30 metres away from one of the main facilities.

This fencing never materialised. Please see Photograph 1 in the Annex

After the event, having complained, I received a follow up text from Mr Alderman**"I apologise for this....I didn't think it posed a security risk"**. I will detail the problems and incidents that occurred later, in this objection, but we had to evict drunk trespassers from our stable yard, this is confirmed in a 3rd party objection. Mr Alderman acknowledges this incident occurred.

All of the above statements from Mr Alderman is a fabrication of how he communicates. **At no time in the past** has Mr Alderman attempted to make contact on any events or changes to the vicinity at Poplars Farm; nor taken into consideration the impacts to surrounding people, ~~animals, countryside~~ and property; nor make alternative plans that would be amicable for all parties as stated in the application. **NOT RELEVANT.**

Please Note 5. The proposed notice of application was made on 12 December 2017. (Over the Xmas period when many agencies were closed or short staffed!)

The Notices that are required to be placed were not in their correct position until 19 December.

The notices were originally positioned where the public could not see them. It required a representative from NHDC to ensure the application had been advertised correctly. This was in my opinion carried out deliberately to have an impact on the timescale to make any objections.

The application was also incorrect. Amendments were required to the application 7 days after the initial notice was positioned.

All the local papers have been inspected for an advertisement of the Premises application, for over a 3 week period, none can find be found. Please confirm that this has in fact been carried out, or it is part of the application process, and I have missed the notice. Would this be an irregularity of the proposed application if it wasn't carried out and was part of the process?

Please Note 6. Roe Green is in a Conservation area and includes all of the Poplars Farm house and outbuildings in the proposed area. Conservation areas exist to protect the special architectural and historic interest of a place - in other words the features that make it unique and distinctive. Although conservation areas mean some extra planning controls and considerations, these exist to protect the historic and architectural elements which make the place special. People value conservation areas for their distinctiveness, visual appeal and historic character and research by the London School of Economics and Historic England has found that this value is reflected in the price of properties in conservation areas. Being in a conservation area means that property is affected by special controls (called 'Article 4 Directions')

I quote from the Government guidelines on Conservation areas.

"Their surroundings and general environment are often of equal importance and conservation areas are intended to protect that environment. Your local council has a responsibility to make sure that the character of these areas is not diminished."

NOT RELEVANT

~~NHDC are well versed of the Conservation area. The planning regulations and the usage of "The Artist Barn / Green Room" has permission for "private functions" only, not public fee paying events. NHDC has an obligation of their duty to uphold these regulations at all times, and liaison between the licensing department, highways department and the planning department would show an appreciation of public money well spent as a preventative measure. Rather than having to deal with a "crime" of buildings being utilised outside of the regulations they are covered by and Public Rights of Way being seriously affected.~~

~~The Hertfordshire and Middlesex Wildlife Trust has taken an avid interest into the events impact on the Biodiversity of the local wildlife, especially those that are covered under the endangered species acts. NHDC have a legal duty under NERC 2006 and their duty to have regard to the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 when making decisions that may affect European Protected Species. A crime issue.~~

NOT RELEVANT

Please Note 7. The camping for the proposed 2-3000k people alongside our grazing is a major concern. During the 2017 event, that had no licence for camping, albeit Photograph 1 does show tents on the land. The information gathered was that adequate toilet facilities had been provisioned. We were informed that there were incidents of people using the boundaries as an outside lavatory. This is a public nuisance and safety measure

This Objection is based on the following:

1. The proposed application as it has been written
2. The application from a perspective on the following 4 key areas:
 - Crime and Disorder (CD)
 - Public Nuisance (PN)
 - Public Safety (PS)
 - And Protection of Children (PC)
3. Historical Incidents of events held at Poplars Farm
4. Other sensitive topics that need to be considered within the 4 key areas.
5. Photograph appendices
6. NMP Appendix

E.g. Wildlife that are covered under
NOT RELEVANT

1. The Proposed application

~~1.1. Timing of the event. (PS)~~

~~The application has been made "for a weekend during the month of June", ongoing. Objection: All major events have a regular date from one year to another. The impact personally, and to the local facilities and to the surrounding area also requires planning. An unknown date until an announcement made by the organisers is prejudicial. No other application of this kind of event has this ambiguity. Dates are provided at least 1 year if not 5 years in advance. I.e. The planning of Public Safety by third parties affected has to be planned in advance.~~

NOT RELEVANT

1.2 The time of the event. (CD, PN, PS, PC)

The application notice has requested Saturday 12:00 to 2:30 (Sunday morning) and Sunday 12:00 to 18:00. With licenced facilities during these times. I am aware of no event that allows such a window for alcohol sales. A statement has been made that music will be confined to indoor areas after 23:00. The bar areas which will attract customers are not in these areas and therefor the confinement of people

(who having partaken in alcohol) will be causing the uppermost amount of noise, not the music. Especially with a proposed 2-3000 people camping, and bedding down after 2:30 in the morning! Control of people across a 22 acre site late at night, with the access to alcohol, especially with children in the vicinity would be very hard to monitor no matter however many CCTV cameras were in place.

~~Please Note. The written application has proposed in Section E and F for the playing of Live and Recorded Music at different times than that on the public notices. The application form states from Saturday 11:00 to 22:59, and Sunday from 12:00 to 18:00 and then from again from Sunday 23:00 to Monday 2:30.
i.e. No music whatsoever of any kind between Saturday 22:59 until Sunday 12:00.~~

NOT RELEVANT.

Objection: The length of time the application has proposed for the event, even Glastonbury, Cropredy etc shuts down at 23:59. If this is supposed to be a local community family event then 2:30 in the morning is not following those benchmarks.

The ambiguities in the proposal allows the event timings to be translated in various ways.

1.3 The planned area of the event. (PS, CD, PN, PC)

There is no mention of how the Public Rights of Way on the application will be dealt with.

1.3.1 One of the most used and well known Public Rights of Way in the UK (The Icknield Way) goes directly through 2 of the fields proposed to be used. There is no application to close this right of way, but any application would need serious consideration as the alternative route would mean walkers having to use a narrow and dangerous lane putting public safety at risk, that would also have an increased volume of traffic

NB: Last year the event organisers closed this Right Of Way without any prior application to the NHDC. Photos in annex 1 show gates barred. Closing Rights of Way without permission is a criminal offence!

Objection:

The application shows security gates across this Public right of way to the parking area. It is a crime to close public rights of way

The application shows security fences across this right of way in the field proposed to be used for camping. It is a crime to close public rights of way

The application shows a change to the Right of Way by introducing a larger gateway for traffic to access the Parking field. This breaks the Countryside rights of way conventions where any changes must be applied for through the formal processes. This is a crime.

The application shows the introduction of a vehicle track for traffic accessing the event. This is either on or across the Rights of Way. Anyone who drives a motor vehicle on a footpath, bridleway or restricted byway without permission is committing an offence. This does not apply if the driver stays within 15 yards of the road, only goes on the path to park and does not obstruct the right of passage. How will this restriction be monitored and upheld to ensure a crime is not being committed, and that the public is safe from traffic.

There is no mention on the safety of the Public using this right of way, nor any mention of applications to change the surface of the right of way. Both a criminal offence

Objection: No consideration has been made to the Public Safety of persons using this right of way

1.3.2 NHDC Public Footpath #4 takes the route from the highway through the proposed access field for parking. There is no mention of the safety of persons using this Public Right of way with the amount of traffic proposed across this route.

Objection: No consideration has been made to the Public Safety of persons using the right of way

No further access rights of way (i.e. new gates or stiles) cannot be built without seeking and getting permission from the highway authority. Doing so would be a criminal offence. Highway authorities have a general duty "to assert and protect the rights of the public to the use and enjoyment" of paths in their area.

1.3.3 The proposal states no children will be allowed to leave unaccompanied. There are many access routes around the perimeter of Poplars farm, not just the planned exit/entrance routes that could be used.

NB: The Ramblers Association, who work closely with NHDC, is observing this application closely through its "Rights of Way: A guide to Law and Practice", to ensure no crimes are committed

NOT RELEVANT

1.4. Proposed area. (PN)

The proposed area, application map, of the Poplars Farm Licensable Area is incorrect. The planning application shows encroachment into woodland owned by the local farm. This area has protected species in it which will be dealt with later in this objection. I hope this is a mistake, otherwise it is a criminal offence to make a false statement on the application.

As already stated the proposed field to be used for pedestrian and guest traffic has not been granted permission to be used!

1.5. Conservation area. (CD)

The planning application shows usage of a Conservation area on Roe Green for "Holding Traffic and Emergency Vehicles". This contravenes both the access rights of this conservation area and its usage due to protected plant and wildlife species on Roe Green. (Roe Green cannot be cultivated during the months of May to September). It is a crime if carried out. NOT RELEVANT

Also this area is outside the proposed area of the application and will not be covered by the premises licence

Roe Green as a whole is also a Public Rights of Way. The public on this land needs assurance they are in fact safe

The planning application does not show the planned advertisements (large signs placed on Roe Green) that were used at last year's event. This also contravenes conservation rights and is a crime if carried out

Objection: All use of this land is illegal and contravenes the conservation regulations attached to it.

1.6. Highway access (PS, PN, CD, PC)

1.6.1 The application states it will work with highways to ensure safe crossing points. It states nothing to ensure the safety of all other traffic or public rights of way. The lanes and highways around the event are narrow and have passing points for traffic. The disruption caused for the local horse community and walkers will be immense, and dangerous.

Bollards (illegally placed on the highway) were used at the 2017 event causing serious disruption for local traffic. No highways planning from NHDC was requested and thus was a crime, along with security staff stopping through traffic during the event.

Objection: No planning for public safety within the vicinity has been provided within the application

1.6.2 Rights of way on The Icknield Way. Any change will require a Highway application or require assurances for Health and Safety across the event ground, to date it has not been stated how this will be controlled. During the 2017 event pedestrians using The Icknield were barred from using the Public right of way!

1.6.3 Child pedestrians using the Public Rights of Way will need to be identified differently from those attending the proposed event. No proposal of how this will be managed

1.7.1 Security Fences (PN, CD, PS, PC)

The application states that security fences will be used to ensure the safety of guests. The application does not mention about using these to ensure the safety of local properties.

At 2017 event it was promised in writing that fencing would be put in place

" I am fencing off access to you from my yard"... the fencing did not materialise. The following was received after complaining of drunken trespassers

"the fencing was missed at the last moment, I apologise for this".

This failure to ensure the safety of our property caused an incident with drunken behaviour by trespassers being caught in our stable yard and hay barn.

Even worse was the fact that these trespassers were known to Mr Alderman. The communication we received after complaining was

"They were under the impression everything was cool and your yard was connected to (my) house"!!

Mr Alderman couldn't even control his own family and friends, what will happen when there are 4999 people coming from outside the area! A crime and disorder situation of our worst nightmare. We cannot go away and ignore the event as we have due care and attention to our horses and other animals.

The proposed application has camping. Security fencing along the length of the property will be required to ensure the safety of our horses. However this would not stop glass bottles and litter being tossed into our paddocks (based on past behaviour) and campers causing a general public nuisance. Incidents we have had to contend with in the past.

Equally, Clare Cottage has a perimeter of over 300 metres with Poplars Farm, with open access boundaries and gates. The stoppage of foot traffic, including that of children through our property will not be able to be monitored or stopped, especially with a Public Rights of Way going directly through both the proposed Camping and Parking areas.

Objection: The application shows no respect to safety of third parties or property and probable crime and disorder that such an event produces.

1.8.1 Fire and BBQ's. (PS, PN)

There is no statement within the application to the use of Fires and BBQ's in the camping area.

Objection: A concern for public safety as well as a public nuisance with animals (horses) in such close vicinity

NOT RELEVANT

1.9. Fire and Emergency points (PS, PN)

The application does not show any points that would have Fire Safety equipment, just a statement of intent.

The application has stated that it will work closely with Herts Fire Services closer to the event.

Objection: I have been informed by the Fire Service that a fully detailed Risk Assessment would be expected as part of the EMP approval process. Public Safety should be considered prior to any application approvals, especially with 4999 people proposed to be in attendance

1.10. Funfair family zone. (PS, PC, PN)

There is no statement with regards to the HSE policy of this area, especially the CBT/DBS checks that would be required for the operators of the proposed events available. This family zone should require full attention to public safety and child protection. It also fails to take into account the noise issue that will occur for local properties, who I am aware have Shift workers in residence, just 30 metres from the proposed area to be used

Objection: The lack of preventative measures made in the application to cover child safety, criminal damage and the health and safety of third parties in the vicinity

1.11 Emergency exits and terrorist attacks (PS)

Mr Alderman has stated to a known third party that there is a need for an Emergency Exit to farmland to the north of the main arena, "because of possible terrorist attacks".

As there is a fear of this occurring I would expect the application to cover how preventative action will be taken, safety searches of all people and vehicles. Historical incidents across Europe show that

vehicles are the chosen equipment for terrorists where large crowds congregate. Will anti vehicle bollards be put in place?

Access to the proposed arena areas for Emergency personnel will be hampered in such emergency due to the locality of the area, and terrorists could easily escape due to the nature of the proposed land

Objection: Terrorists, as history has shown in Germany, France and Manchester, identifies events such as these as "easy targets", why introduce more potential targets

1.12 Fire Tower. (PS, PN)

It is positioned in the proposed Camping field, but because of hedgerows between each field, to enable a clear view across the whole site and be effective it will need to be in the region of 50 metres in height!

Objection: The safety to third parties and property has not been taken into consideration in the layout of the application nor a full Risk Assessment been carried out.

2. Objections on Specific Statements from the Application and Event Management Plan- (PS, PN, PC, CD)

1. General.

- What personal licences will the bar staff have, how will these be checked and processed
- No plan of where the security fences will be placed to adjoining properties
- No plan of where the CCTV will be positioned to ensure the safety of the public and will cover the whole of the location which is spread across 22 acres
- Statement that CCTV will only be used and monitored whilst the bars are open, I would expect these to be used and monitored for whole duration of the event and cover a larger area than just where the bars are located. The majority of people movement when the music has stopped will be in the proposed camping field.
- There is no statement on the application that covers the movement in and the clearance of camping areas after the event. At 2017 event we had incidents of camping and the use of caravans adjacent to our property for over two weeks after the event had finished, causing disturbances and nuisance

2. Prevention of Crime and Disorder

- The licence is to cover the times as stated, but the camping will be for 24 x 2 (or possibly a longer duration, i.e. setup build and take down). There is no statement that security and welfare be on premises along with HSE during all these times
- All the gates to the proposed area on the application do not have manned security personnel. There is no statement how Public Rights of Way pedestrians will be handled and monitored
- It is possible to access virtually the whole of Poplars Farm via various routes around its perimeter, not just those shown on the application. Unless Security fencing is provided for the whole area the Premises Area is vulnerable. The application states what kind of fencing but not the actual sighting of it. Events of this size are 100% enclosed.
- It would appear from the application statement they are expecting incidents being caused by "Personnel". I would hope a higher degree and experience of staff to be used. Incidents are normally caused by the public
- How will CCTV be used as a prevention, these type of devices only record incidents. In experience CCTV does not stop incidents occurring only the recording of it
- Wristbands do not stop underage drinking, only the purchasing of it. Will all foot passengers and vehicle traffic be searched to stop alcohol being brought to the event. Will alcohol only be available from the licenced bars? What process will be used to stop underage drinking? Will all underage drinking be monitored, even inside tents?

3. Public Safety

- Glass will be searched for and taken away at the entrance of all foot and vehicle traffic. Clare Cottage has a history of glass bottles being thrown onto the property from past events, including the 2017 event, held at Poplars Farm.
- Challenge 25 cannot stop drinking away from the bar areas, only the purchasing of alcohol
- How will the ticketing stop a 17 year old buying an adult ticket
- No statement on what the guest searches will be looking for or banned from bring into the event except glass alcohol containers. Access to The terms and conditions have not been made available for this event in any of the application documents
- It should be reminded that ALL staff, artists, security, food vendors etc are included in the number of the application limit. How many tickets are proposed to be sold?
- Security Fencing covers just guests public safety, not surrounding property or livestock
- Any Changes of Highways and Rights of Way require Highways planning applications, not only liaison

4. The Prevention of Public Nuisance

- The 2017 event caused incidents by “guests” of Poplars Farm. There is no statement on how Non Paying attendees will be controlled and continually monitored. There were no constant security personnel based in the non-arena areas during 2017.
- Guests can be invited to leave quietly, but how will guests causing noise nuisance be controlled outside of the event boundaries, especially on the highways at 2:30 in the morning when the proposed event will be bedding down. The 2017 event had crowds of youths across the length of Roe Green well into the night
- Will all Guests, support, artists etc be requested to keep noise to a minimum away from the music arenas. Clare Cottage is just 40 metres away from the proposed facilities that will be used on an ongoing basis throughout the event.
- All traffic will have to travel through the village, there is no other route. The proposed taxi area is on a Public Rights of Way and the traffic will be a public safety issue where “non event pedestrians” will have rights of way. The Icknield Way is a well-known Rights of Way with many Scout groups using it as part of their overnight (and day) Duke of Edinburgh courses.
- Litter. Some months after the 2017 event litter was still being blown onto adjacent property. Glass bottles and glasses have always been a concern especially when scattered onto paddocks. From the 2017 event (and past) we have always had problems with these being discarded without any thought. An after clean-up is all well and good, the harm to animals could already been caused.
- The storage of some of the equipment is yards away from Clare Cottage and is still being moved around months after events, whilst allowing debris to be blown across the boundaries. Personnel have complete dereliction of duty to neighbouring properties and all the application promises to ensure cooperation are long forgotten.
- A third party cleaning company is proposed. These will require a full risk assessment, CBT checks etc as there are children in the vicinity of the proposed family zone. Will the checks be in place from a security point of view, for the full names and addresses of all personnel in use. I would not allow any person onto my property, especially with animals, due to this risk of unknown / unchecked and inexperienced staff with animals.
Will this cleaning company be on hand during and after the proposed 3 day de commission period. There was no sign of this activity 24 hours after 2017 event.
- Car Parking. The area proposed to be used has not any Right of way access to it from the proposed routes designated on the application maps. These will have to be created. The Public Right of Way in place now is a single file path not wide enough for vehicles.

Any change to this Public Right of Way (Icknield Way) has to have approved planning application from NHDC, especially during the months of March – October. If a different access is proposed then this would require a hedgerow to be taken away. These hedgerows are under a certain amount of control through the Countryside Wildlife Hedgerows Regulation (1997). Access tracks could not be created during the months of March and October if nesting birds were in the vicinity, of which there is historical nests in view. A survey would need to be held and approval provided. This is both a public safety and a crime issue

- End of the event. All guests will be channelled to the car parks, taxi ranks etc. The volume of traffic in a short duration will cause a public and highway risk in lanes around the proposed location. The area is well known for cyclists, horses and walkers. I cannot see any impact statement to assure the safety of other road users within the locality in the highways plan, nor any statement in the Noise management plan. Please Note. The 2017 event had the event signposted on the local Highways. To place these signposts a Highway application is required, especially when attached to 3rd party posts, e.g. BT poles. An application was not requested. I.e. A crime issue.
- Statement re Security staff wearing hi vis vests. Hi vis vests are available from any hardware store. How will these be distinguishable from any other person that is wearing a hi vis vest, e.g. a terrorist, or someone abducting a child?
- Statement on Security teams patrolling outside the event area. The area outside the event covers over 1 kilometre in length for the highways alone, with a further 1/2 klm when you include surrounding farmland. Boundaries to neighbouring properties a further 3/4 kilometre. There is no provision of security personnel planned to be in these areas to ensure the safety of ~~animals and~~ private property. The “smaller” 2017 event had incidents at these localities. **NOT RELEVANT**
An example of an 2017 incident has already been detailed, but it should be noted other properties connected to Poplars Farm had similar issues of drunken trespasser’s from the event.
During the 2017 event we slept overnight in our hay barns to ensure the safety of horses. This is not a favoured option but has to be carried out to ensure the safety of our property and animals. Clare Cottage has had numerous occasions of such incidents whenever parties/events have been held at Poplars farm. One such incident was when an emergency visit from the vets were required at 2:30 in the morning. Outside 3rd parties in the stable yard were not the flavour of the day, whilst Mr Alderman shrugged of the incident without showing any empathy or concern!
There have been incidents at Poplars Farm reported to the police where their attendance has been required. Details of these records I am sure will be available from the police. We have had letters of apology about incidents and issues from Mr Alderman after events have been held on more than one occasion.
- Statement on Street drinking not being allowed.
Post the 2017 event, many complaints were made at the time to NHDC and the event organisers of the drinking being carried out, outside the proposed area, without any effect How do they propose to stop drinks being taken outside in vehicles, or by large groups of event guests, or event guests who decide to drink outside the event prior to entering (i.e. loading up on drink)?
Will all people and vehicles that are exiting be searched?
There is no mention of barring entry to those that appear drunk?
- Vast amounts of litter was collected from around the locality last year, but not all was picked up. Litter was still being found in the form of glass weeks after the event on the sport pitches in the locality of Roe Green.

No attempt was made by security what so ever to control this, what is going to be so different at this years proposed event? The area of Roe Green covers over 10 acres and is over 1 kilometre in length!

The area will require more than a single sweep of the locality to ensure it is clean of debris, especially with the post event de commissioning carrying on for a further 3 days

- Noise.

Will the family zone be in operation at all proposed times of the application? The timing of its operation has not been stated. It is not included in the Noise Management plan and is located just 30 metres from properties on the north side of Roe Green

The proposed Artists Barn and the area around it will have activities being carried out all night. This facility is under a planning control, how will this ~~planning~~ regulation be upheld? **NOT RELEVANT**

How will the noise and nuisance be controlled, as well as the proposed lighting and generators or will they be closed down at 2:30 Sunday morning?

The proposed area and alternative traffic entrance for events traffic is only 30 metres away from Clare Cottage and only 10 metres from other properties in the case of the car park. Traffic movement will be continual through-out the night.

- Public Safety.

The roads and highways in the vicinity are not built to take a high volume of vehicles as stated(prediction of over 2000 based on 2-3 passengers per vehicle) in a short space of time.

The surrounding villages will effectively be in lock down before, during and after the event. (I.e. When a major incident occurs on the A505 and Sandon is used as a diversion, the area becomes grid locked!) Emergency vehicles for incidents in the surrounding villages will be seriously hampered in their response times. Not only on the days of the event but whilst heavy lorries, pre and post the event, build the events facilities.

If like 2017 traffic cones are used to make Roe Green a single lane highway. Movement of local traffic is made impossible. Please note. **No Highway application was approved** to do this, it also caused a major disruption to the local traffic. See photographs 3 in the Appendix

5. Protection of Children at Harm

- Safety stewards will patrol all areas of the site. Considering there are over 23 acres of the proposed location including the car parking, family zone, and artist preparation areas, how many Safety stewards are proposed in the Event management plan?

Are they same as security personnel? What cover of CBT/DBS and H&S certificate will they be expected to personally hold.

- " all gates and entrances will be closed if a child is lost".

The proposed location covers 23 acres and there are numerous points of access along the perimeter. Is it proposed the whole perimeter will be closed in by security fencing, as with events such as Knebworth, Hyde Park, Wembley Stadium, Glastonbury, Farr Fest?

- "all gates will be closed in the event of a lost child"

Considering there are 2 Public Rights of Way across the proposed event location, any proposal to close down entrances will require planning approval from the highways authority.

The perimeter of Poplars farm has many access points not just the official entrance and exit points

- How will the proposed event organiser fit "under 18" wristbands to pedestrians that are using the Public Rights of Way?

- How will a risk assessment ensure ALL event personnel especially in the funfair / family zone who will come into contact with children be covered by a CBT/DBS certificate. There is no stated proposed process how these certificates will be processed on the day and checked to ensure the regulations are being followed. Especially as 3rd party organisations will be delivering this service.
- “children under 18 will not be allowed to leave un-accompanied”, but they will be allowed to enter! A contradiction of terms and conditions.
This is totally un-achievable and unrealistic to believe that it could be considered in any event planning as the application is written. Considering there are many exits that do not have security personnel, **access away from the Camp site and the Family Zone is just a matter of climbing through a 3 bar fence. Where is the considered H&Se event risk assessment that covers this statement.**
- “a nominated welfare person”.
Considering the event will run for at least 36 hours, possibly longer, how will this 1 person be able to function throughout the whole period. A DBS check only covers very basic criminal history. A person in charge of “welfare” would be expected to hold at least an “enhanced check”. All personnel dealing with events, including under 18’s supporting the event, should hold DBS/CRB certificates. The application as it stands does not cover sufficient H&Se regulations.
- I quote from government guidelines. “Who Needs a DBS Check? - uk.gov website
“If there is ever a safeguarding issue within your organisation and the people working or volunteering with children and/or vulnerable adults have not been adequately checked, your organisation could be held legally liable. **To prevent this possibility SAFE advises standard or enhanced DBS checks are conducted on all eligible staff and volunteers within your organisation.**”

K. Other Matters (PS,PN, PC, CD)

- As a family zone has been designated, DBS checks should apply to all operators of proposed funfair facilities. The HSe requirement for DBS, covers event support personnel who would not normally come into contact with children
- “Proposed Clicker system for head count.”
With more than one proposed entrance how will this be centrally controlled for the whole of the proposed location area. How will the two public rights of way pedestrians be monitored and counted, who have the right to walk, stop and come and go of their own free will? Groups of ramblers up to 30 or 40 regularly use this route.
Please note. All personnel associated with the event are counted as part of the overall licence capacity, that includes operators, bar staff, artists etc. I.e. Anyone inside the perimeter of the application area. These will need to be controlled on an ongoing basis as they enter and leave the propose trade entrance. How will personnel already in the premises area when the system is started be accounted for?

3. Other Observations within the proposed application that cause concern

1. Public Safety - Fire.

There are no references to a Risk Assessment being carried out in accordance with Herts Fire Service as part of this application. Failing to do so neglects the approval process.
Apart from a labelled “fire tower” in the camping area, there is no mention of it being manned through-out the period of the event, and what facilities this tower will have.
In the ticketing T&C’s of the 2017 event there was no mention of emergency routes other than the exits would be lit on the day. There is a bit reference to a Fire Marshall without any reference to any Risk Assessment that they will be managing.

There is no reference to a co-ordinated fire exit plan or guest emergency area in the event of a fire. There is no reference to the use of fires or BBQ's in the camping or family zone areas.

Public Safety - Control on numbers.

There is reference to a clicking system to control numbers. The application does not detail how this will also monitor the number of "support", artists, security and event staff who are all within the total of 4999 of the application applied for. How will all the systems be connected to register an exact total at any one time. How will Right of Way pedestrians who decide to stop within the area of the event be discounted and/or identified?

2. General. The application is ambiguous. Part E and F states an 11:00 start for music whilst the application notice and other parts of the form that has been arranged for public viewing on the local Highways around Poplars Farm states 12:00.

3. How will sound tests be carried prior to the start of the event, at what level is permissible? No statement is made, which when carried out will be a public nuisance.

4. General - Public nuisance.

How will music however loud be stopped anywhere within Poplars Farm after 2:30. The proposal is also to have camping, this will also attract an area where music will be played. Will this be permitted? (Music festival camping areas do not really ever go to bed)

5. General – Public Nuisance

~~Light pollution. The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 has brought artificial light from premises under the statutory nuisance regime as of 6 April 2006. Light pollution is best described as artificial light that is allowed to illuminate, or pollute, areas that should never have been lit. The following will constitute a statutory nuisance under this act: "Artificial light emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance".~~ NOT RELEVANT

~~There are numerous flood light towers planned. What Risk assessment is planned to ensure these do not cause a nuisance in the locality.~~

~~There will be many birds nesting at time year. What risk assessment is planned ensure of their welfare especially when there are endangered species in the area.~~

~~The area the event covers have many bat habitats who only fly at night. How will their welfare be assured which if ignored or when known about, amounts to a criminal offence.~~

~~I will cover Wildlife and Conversation in more detail later in this objection~~

NOT RELEVANT

6. General – Public Nuisance – Noise

Is the proposal to close down all generators at 2:30, including those in the family zone. The noise generated (no pun meant) from these cannot be dampened. No statement of noise output has been made apart from they are a special make. What decibel limit can they realistically be allowed to run that ensure noises pollution is monitored and managed adequately. Especially from the fun fair and family zone that is metres from a private property. This property through my knowledge of the owner requires assurance of sleep during the day due to being on shift work, that includes weekends. H&Se regulations covers this as a requirement of any event organisation. Events such as Hyde Park, Wembley, Knebworth have strict regulations to stop much earlier than 2:30 in the morning.

~~4. Countryside Welfare – Crime and Disorder. Objections to the application~~

~~The proposed area to be used for the event includes a multitude of wildlife and endangered species. The wildlife that I am aware of and under threat are covered by legal protection enforcement rules include:~~

~~Please Note: I rented the fields proposed to be used for the event for grazing from Mr Alderman for a number of years and therefor I am very familiar with the habitat and wildlife of the area proposed for the event. E.g. it is with great sadness when I see the unused/fallow grass fields cut by Poplars Farm at the height of the butterfly and moth season, and Deer Foaling season without any thought to the~~

NOT RELEVANT

impact that is being caused. The proposed event timing, June, is within this sensitive period of wildlife activity and preparation for the proposed areas will have a huge impact.

Please Note: The conservation area along Roe Green has strict guidelines on when grass cutting activities can take place, the application has taken a portion of the conservation area as storage of Trade and Emergency vehicles. This not only contravenes regulations to the lands usage, and the wildlife on it, but is also outside of the proposed area of the application. What is the outcome from a C&D position if any incidents occur, wildlife or otherwise, and how does the public liability insurance cover this public right of way area

I have already stated earlier that from 2017 event a number of 20 litre cans of Vegetable oil are leaking or have leaked into the lagoon/lake that is used continually over the year for a vast number of different wildlife species, including those endangered including:

Great Crested Newts. There is a 1/2 acre lake/lagoon in the proposed application area that is used for their habitat

Bats. These have habitats in shelters within the proposed fields

Barn Owls (and other owls). These have established nests and habitats in the proposed fields and trees

Red Kite and Buzzards. These have established nests and habitats in the proposed area.

Fallow deer. These use the proposed fields for foaling on a regular basis. The propose event timing will be around the time of foaling. For the uninitiated, foals are left for up to 3 days after being born unaccompanied with the mothers returning. Any disturbance in this activity will cause the foal probably being left to die. Any knowledge of this is dereliction of duty to wildlife any the harm being caused as is seen as a criminal offence

Badgers. A set is in the vicinity of the proposed areas. Any interruption is a criminal offence

Proposed alterations of public rights of way including the ripping up of hedgerows. Any Hedgerows where birds have had or will be nesting, are covered between the months of March and October. Any disruption will be a criminal offence. (Prevention is far better than cure!)

Matt Dodds, Planning & Biodiversity Manager of the Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust has made NHDC aware of all the above information. NHDC have been requested to make comment, impact assessment and a considered decision with regards to the proposed application.

NHDC have a duty to maintain and protect the environment. NHDC have a duty to follow NERC duty and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations

NOT RELEVANT.

I would like to make a representation in person when this application is reviewed by NHDC, thank you

With Best Regards

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Photograph Appendix

Photograph 1

Shows no security fencing between Poplars Farm and Clare Cottage for the 2017 event, allowing open access to Clare Cottage House and Stable Yard. Trespassers from the barn, top right hand corner, accessed Clare Cottage through the fencing that runs through the centre of the image



Photograph 2

Photos of gates tie wrapped stopping access across a The Icknield Way public rights of way. A criminal offence.



Photograph 3

Highways on Roe Green, unauthorised limitations of road access, and signs blocking the highway



Photograph 4

2017 Sandonfields arena field. The wooden fence in the middle of the picture had blown down hours before the event started. It was held up with emergency supports and the blue temporary toilets. The fence and supports are still stored in the area..



Photograph 5

20 litre, Vegetable Oil cans leaking into the lagoon/lake and surrounding environment, some 5 months after the event.





Appendix 1

Noise Management Planning – Objections

Proposed Premises Licence, Poplars Farm, Roe Green, Sandon, SG90QG

Noise Management Planning (NMP) – Objection and Appeal. Ian Dell, Clare Cottage, Roe Green, Sandon, SG90QG.

Please see Google map of the area below.

The Noise Management planning has not identified the nearest property to the event correctly. This is in fact "Thatched Cottage, Rushden Road, Roe Green, SG90QG", owned by Mr and Mrs Williamson. This is just over 250 meters away from the proposed main stage, and 340 metres from the Garage stage, in a southerly direction. The majority of the northly properties on Roe Green are well within a 300 metre distance from the main stage. (e.g. Clare Cottage is 260 mteres away on line of sight).

The NMP has stated it has used "the Garage" sound as an example. Using the NMP map, The nearest property to this sound system is 350 metres away, Thatch cottage, not 385 meters as stated. The property they have indicated is in fact 410 metres away and used for readings, 15% less than indicated.

The NMP states noise levels to be required from 10:00 on the Saturday. The premises application is from 12:00. This ambuity can only be assumed for set up of the event. At what time can the event start or set up start? When will the noise start?

The NMP has taken an Easterly direction for its noise planning. The nearest property is in fact in a southerly direction.

The NMP states measurement points will be take on a regular basis. These measurement points have not taken into consideration ANY of the properties on the North side of Roe Green, all within 300 metres of the, event. The proposed measurement points are well over 400 metres away. A discrepancy of 25%.

The NMP states there are "miles" of open farmland, especially to the north of the event. The nearest hamlet, Gannock, is in fact less than 1 kilometre away. Not the 2 kilometres they have based some their statements on.

The NMP states that natural hedgerow will act as a "dampner". Considering the main stage will be approximately 15 - 20 metres higher than the hedgerow and the "water based audience" will make a human wall, unless the speakers are directed at the ground (highly unlikely), then this statement is....presposterous. (This has been verified by an independent sound engineer who has surveyed the area. Details of whom, would be provided on a private basis to NHDC on request. His conclusion was , the application, and its proposed arena area and noise management was at best amatuerish and shambolic for an event of this size).

The NMP states that readings were taken during last years event. These are requested and as evidence as part of the application process. None were taken during the 2017 event from the nearest properties, Thatched Cottage, nor Clare Cottage.

The NMP is incorrect, fabricated and needs to be re addressed. " It is an offence, liable on summary conviction to a fine to make a false statement, under section 158 of the licensing act 2003, in connection with the application"

The NMP states that it aims to keep an acceptable equilibrium for the event and local residents. The event organisers made no attempt to contact or communication whatsoever in 2017.

The NMP and the proposed location has been surveyed by Paul Cain. An idependent and professional Events Organiser. His statements have been included in the Sandon parish Council comments on the application. At best his summary on the application "it is very poor"

Key to photograph below. Thatch Cottage is on the base of the southerly line. The main stage is at the triangulation point. The property used for measurement in the NMP is to the far east of the top white line.

