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Hannah Sweetman

From: Lisa Morton
Sent: 28 February 2018 19:46
To: Hannah Sweetman
Cc:
Subject: Sandon fields festival

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Lisa Morton
6 Green Ley cottage
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To whom it may concern / licensing officer

I am writing in support of the sandon fields event.

My partner and myself had a fantastic time last year, we met up with some friends and their children and very much enjoyed all of the facilities there, fun fair, stalls, food ect.

The car park was very well managed and the event was marshalled very well. I didn't see any antisocial behaviour at all, nor did I see any under age drinking. All staff were very helpful and one very kind security staff came to my aid when my poorly selected foot Ware gave way in a rather large muddy puddle!

At the end of the event we were asked to leave very promptly and were escorted by security back to the car park or to meet our taxi's, it was well lit and in light of the weather being pretty awful, the festival had provided special flooring in high footfall places, which was a genius idea!

We had a great time, and got to see some awesome bands and are very much looking forward hopefully to coming back this year.

Kind regards
Lisa morton

Hannah Sweetman

From:
Sent: 28 February 2018 20:48
To: Hannah Sweetman
Cc:
Subject: Sandon fields event

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Nigel Gent
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To whom it may concern.

Dear licensing officer

I am writing in support of the proposed " sandon fields event " as a resident who lives less than 1.5 miles away from the event I Walked both to and from the event , on arrival I found it well signed to the entrance and a very well organised security point before entrance was allowed . The level of security within the event was extremely good and very friendly .

There were no fights or any other crimes that I personally saw and no under age drinking as security tight. The whole event was fantastic with enough different music styles to appeal too most people both young and old .

The event finished as stated on the tickets , so it was time for the walk home via a well lite footpath to start and the on the road from sandon to Wallington and at no time were there any traffic problems.

I really do feel that this event should be allowed to go ahead , it really was a fantastic day out , as a resident of wallington for over 30 years it was great to see whole family's out together from all surrounding villages adding to the great family atmosphere.

Yours Sincerely

Nigel Gent

Hannah Sweetman

From: JOANNE CHARLES
Sent: 28 February 2018 20:57
To: Hannah Sweetman
Cc:
Subject: Sandon Fields Event

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Mrs Joanne Charles
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To whom it may concern/Licensing Officer,

I have been a resident of Sandon for over 26 years now and feel it is extremely important that I write in support of the Sandon Fields" event.

I live within walking distance of the event site and attended the event last September. I was able to walk to the event and enter by the fields from my home, it was clear from the outset this event was well planned for, there was security at both entrances and all entering were given wrist bands which were then checked by the well placed security on entering the event properly. Security staff were visible through out the event and to my knowledge there were no issues to be dealt with, this is probably because security was in place and working effectively.

There was parking at the event and Marshalls to direct people on arrival. Parking was also clearly signposted in the village. I was worried there would be parking in my road, however this was not the case, my daughter and I were able to leave our cars as normal. This is a different case whenever there is a school event and parents park wherever they wish and cause congestion in and around the school. I drove in and out of the village a couple of times passing the venue and there were no issues with traffic.

NOT RELEVANT

~~It is great to see something happening in the village, live music, food stalls and drink. There were people from Sandon, surrounding villages and outside having a good time despite the rain. I am sure there was probably a little noise from the music but it is once a year event not every weekend!~~

Over the years those there have been private parties and events at many of the houses that are large enough to accommodate Marquee's and on occasion we will hear the music late into the night along with music from Farr Fest which takes places near Baldock. It is not and never will be a problem, surely people should be able to get together and celebrate.

~~The village should embrace an opportunity to raise money for the school and a very worthwhile charity. There is very little for people to do in terms of getting together in the village, no pubs, no local shop, buses. So how nice to have something on our doorstep.~~

NOT RELEVANT

We arrived in daylight and left just before the end of the event. People that had come from out of the village were reminded to get taxis if not driving and this was evident as we left, taxis were pulling up promptly which meant people were not loitering around the village.

The next morning there was not evidence of any litter in the village around the vicinity of the event, which is another sign things were well managed.

I and many others I know are looking forward to this as an annual event where people can hopefully meet up, make new friends, spend time with family, listen to some good live music at a better time of year this year.

There was something for all ages at this event, I know my daughter and her boyfriend were looking forward to attending again, along with my partner (from Wallington) and I.

Please consider this email as full support for the Sandon Fields event.

Kind regards
Joanne Charles

Hannah Sweetman

From: Maxine Casey
Sent: 01 March 2018 17:24
To: Hannah Sweetman
Cc:
Subject: Sandon fields event

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Maxine Casey
The Croft mill end
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To whom it may concern.

Dear licensing officer,

I am writing in support of the proposed "Sandon Fields event", whilst not attending last year I have no complaints with last years event ~~and would like to attend such an event this year~~. The noise level was minimal, no more than when neighbours have held weddings/ parties in their gardens. When passing through Sandon on one of the days there wasn't the slightest hold up from cars or the public. We received a cheery wave from the marshall's on duty at the top of the drive.

Yours sincerely
Maxine Casey

Sent from my iPad

Hannah Sweetman

From: Caroline Snell
Sent: 03 March 2018 19:34
To: Hannah Sweetman;
Subject: Sandon fields

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Caroline Snell 9 highbush road stotfold Hitchin herts sg5 4ja

Dear licensing officer.

Im writing in support of the proposed sandon fields event. We as a family of four and are friends attended this festival last year. The security was brilliant as were the marshals they were so friendly we travelled by car and were met by lovely people who were manning the gate we were directed straight to our space it was so easy . Im a panic driver at was so put at ease. There was no traffic jams as the venue was on all day with teenage boys we decide to go around six . I no some of our friend's went when it opened and they said the same straight in and parked. This was the same coming out no traffic hold ups we were straight out. Considering the weather they had encountered they had put down tracks and straw. I went to a few local festivals last year and this by far was the best . No trouble .The bar system was a good idea as well and yet again the bar staff were friendly. I felt so comfortable there we all did. My son and his three friends he brought said it was the best night they ever had. As they got to see famous djs and groups that had travelled all that way . They still talk about it now . And the organisers didn't even charge for them . Which is so good . I didn't see any under age drinkers. And as the event had three stages it couldn't of been that loud as you could only here the music from the stage you were at . This was a brilliant evening by far the best festival. All we have talked about is coming again this year. It would be such a shame for something so well organized. To be stopped. And they put money baek into the community. They even though about the weather as that day it rained all day but not once did we get wet. We as a family and my teenage boys are really hoping you give these lovely people a license. We felt so welcomed there and it brings something different and vibrant to the village. My mums from sandon she is 67 and we will be bringing her this year.

~~NOT RELEVANT.~~

Yours sincerely Caroline Snell

Hannah Sweetman

From: Donna Cotterell
Sent: 04 March 2018 19:15
To: Hannah Sweetman
Cc:
Subject: Sandon Fiends 2018 License

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you in support of the Sandon Fields Festival which has had its license for this year turned down. In my opinion this is unfair.

My husband and I attended last year's festival with our children aged 9 and 5 years old at the time. We travelled to the event by car in the afternoon from Baldock, just 4 miles away. We left in plenty of time as we wondered if there would be queues of traffic trying to get into the event. Upon arriving in Sandon we were amazed to find there were no extra traffic or queues to get into the event, so much so initially we couldn't find the event and thought that maybe we had the wrong day! Once we finally located the event we were dutifully shown to the car park and parked without any problems.

We then walked down the main area, again without any queuing. Had our bags searched by the security and walked through to the main area. We felt that it was very well laid out. Both music stages were located at the bottom of the field that went down into a dip which meant the sound did not carry too far as we couldn't actually hear it from the car park. There was a fabulous variety of acts playing, which catered for the tastes of the diverse groups of people there – families, old, young. The overall feel of the festival was a happy/family feel to it. At no point did we feel as if there was a bad atmosphere. We didn't witness any anti-social behaviour, there was a good visible amount of security guards which added to the feeling of safety.

We sat at the play area whilst our children played at the free craft area and I noticed that there seemed to be locals that had got there using the public footpaths that cross the land, they all looked happy to be there any had smiles on their faces as though they were enjoying the excitement of the festival atmosphere.

~~We were really surprised and disappointed to hear that the festival's license for this year had been turned down. We had already decided we would return the following year as we had enjoyed ourselves so much. I hope the information we have provided you with will be enough for you to reconsider and give them the license they most definitely deserve.~~

NOT RELEVANT

Kind Regards

Donna Cotterell

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Herts

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Hannah Sweetman

From: Liza Thompson
Sent: 28 February 2018 20:41
To: Hannah Sweetman
Cc:
Subject: Licensing petition for Sandon fields

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Liza Thompson
Fox and Duck
23 Church Street
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SG9 9AS

To whom it may concern, dear licensing officer.

I am writing in support of the proposed 'Sandon Fields event'

I am the land lady of The Fox & Duck Buntingford. I personally have not been to the festival however lots of local customers have said how much they enjoyed the event, how organised it was and family friendly. It was good for local shops, businesses, and retailers, as it seems as though it was a communal effort. It also is a great platform for local musicians, and performers to showcase.

NOT RELEVANT

It would be a real shame for the event not to go ahead in only its second year after a great success of 2017.

Kind regards,

Liza Thompson
Landlady of The Fox & Duck Buntingford

Hannah Sweetman

From: Tracey Lennon
Sent: 14 March 2018 22:17
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: Sandon fields festival

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Miss Sweetman

I am a resident in the village of Sandon living less than three miles from venue and would be very disappointed if the festival did not take place. We have lived in Sandon for twenty-two years and loved every minute. ~~My children all attended the village school and we enjoyed a great social life but unfortunately the pub closed and therefore once closed the community changed !!~~ **NOT RELEVANT.**

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the festival last year but many of my friends did go and I didn't hear one bad word. Everyone really enjoyed it and said it was like the old days when we had at least two, maybe more events a year organised by either school or pub. Great fun but not nearly as well organised!!

I travelled home past the festival there was no traffic problems, no rowdy strays. I had my windows open at home and couldn't hear anything. The only problem was the heavy rain. As I have already said from the friends that did attend it was well organised. ~~It seems such a shame that because of a few, shall I say, difficult people that this event may not take place, not only disappointing many people but also a fundraiser for village school and another charity will miss out. It's a great chance to bring a mixed age group of people together and have fun. Why people are objecting to that goodness knows.~~

Many thanks for taking time to read this email. Kind regards T Lennon

Beckfield Farm Cottage, Green end, Sandon, Herebs, SG9 0RL.

Sent from my iPhone

Hannah Sweetman

From: G La Roche
Sent: 19 March 2018 09:43
To: Hannah Sweetman; Licensing
Subject: Support Of The Sandon Fields Event / 2018

Graeme La Roche
30 Thurnall Close,
Baldock
Herts
SG7 6DR

Dear Licensing Officer / To whom it may concern.

I am writing on behalf of Sandon Fields music festival, which I attended last year. I was impressed with the family atmosphere and organisation - giving that it was a first year for the festival. I saw no violence or behaviour that could be considered 'unlawful'. The volume of the music seemed to be at a reasonable level to my judgement and timings were kept as sharp as possible.

I drove to and from the event and had no issues on either trip with traffic, parking or finding the event. It was dark when I left but cannot say that the streets looked heavily polluted. All round, a most enjoyable event, which I will be attending again if it is allowed to go on.

Yours Sincerely

G LaRoche

Hannah Sweetman

From: Glen Bratherton
Sent: 19 March 2018 12:20
To: Licensing; Hannah Sweetman
Cc:
Subject: Sandon Fields

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Glen Bratherton
186 Valley Way
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To whom it may concern,
Dear licensing officer,
I am writing to support the Sandon Fields license application.

I attended the Sandon Fields festival last year with my family including my young Niece, we had a great time in what felt a very safe and friendly environment. On arrival we were met by friendly smiling helpful faces that were the stewards, who continued to be helpful all day whenever I approached one with an enquiry.

The whole day went by without any trouble or nastiness in a safe comfortable, sensibly laid out festival.

I have been to many festivals over the years and Sandon proved to be one of the most pleasant and diverse music wise that I have attended, food was great and varied.

At the end of the day we made our way out along well lit walkways to the car park which was still being marshalled by more smiling pleasant stewards.

A great day was had by all and hopefully if allowed it will be a definite booking for this year.

Yours sincerely,
Glen Bratherton

Hannah Sweetman

From: Peter Evans
Sent: 17 March 2018 16:09
To: Hannah Sweetman
Cc:
Subject: Sandon fields festival license application

Peter Evans
The Cottage
Stickling Green
Clavering
Saffron Walden
CB11 4QX

Dear Ms Sweetman

I am writing in support of the license application by the organisers of Sandon Fields music festival. I attended the festival on the Saturday this last summer with my wife Sophie and our two children, Frederick (aged 8) and Alfie (2). We travelled to the event by car and arrived around 13.00. We were efficiently parked by the security team and were quickly processed through to the event. The children made a bee line for the kids bouncy castle area and spent a fun hour in this area playing with old friend from the village. It seemed Freddie's old class from Sandon school were at the event and was a fantastic opportunity for him to catch up with them. The monitoring of the kids by the guys running these attractions was very good and we felt confident to let them play on them which isn't always the case.

We then proceeded to the main area and spent the next 6 hours dancing and listening to the music, catching up with old friends from the village, eating and drinking from the really well run bars and street food vans. The system of buying coupons for food and drinks was well done and meant no hanging around waiting. Despite the dreadful weather the event went off extremely well and we thoroughly enjoyed our afternoon as did everyone else we spoke to at the event and subsequently. We witnessed absolutely no trouble, drunkenness etc or indeed any anti-social behaviour at the event or outside. We left at around 7.30 and again witnessed no issue with traffic congestion, fly parking, crazy driving or anything that could remotely be described as anti-social.

It would be a real shame if the event was not allowed to go ahead in 2018. NOT RELEVANT I understand that a donation is being made to the Samaritans and the Friends of Sandon School who desperately need help with their fundraising, which would also be lost. It would be a pity if a few NIMBYs in Sandon ruined the entrepreneurial spirit of the organisers and resulted in this event being cancelled and, it is not as though it lasts for very long, frankly hardly longer than a wedding in someone's garden (though a lot better organised).

Your sincerely

Peter Evans
Vice President

Hannah Sweetman

From: Kerry Caldecoat
Sent: 17 March 2018 15:45
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: Sandon fields

Kerry Caldecoat
55 hills avenue
Cambridge
CB1 7uz

To whom it may concern
Dear licensing officer

I am writing in support of the proposed Sandon fields advent.

In my opinion the event was well staffed with security and felt safe at all times, and found them friendly and helpful.

I did travel to the last event by car there was no traffic jams when I arrived and guided by several staff to my car parking space, car parking was well organised.

I would also like to say that at no point I witnessed any fights or antisocial activity, I found the whole event family orientered even in the evening everyone enjoying themselves.

The event finished on time on time and had a verity of music, I found no evidence of under age drinking and the bar was well managed and staff asking for ID, at the end of the event all areas were well lit and a safe place to be.

I really enjoyed being at this event and support fully the organisers for providing a brilliant event and woutdoor like this to continue.

Your sincerely
Kerry Caldecoat

Hannah Sweetman

From: Mark Steedon
Sent: 17 March 2018 14:55
To: Hannah Sweetman;
Subject: Sandon Fields

Mark Steedon

8 Rushden Road, Sandon, Herts, SG9 0QR

Dear Licensing Officer,

I am writing in support of the proposed Sandon Fields festival.

I attended the inaugural Sandon Fields last year with my wife, my 7 month old son & my wife's parents who are both in their early 70's & we all felt very safe.

We are all residents of Sandon & therefore, walked to the festival, but the parking & entrance was well marshalled & I didn't see any problems or traffic jams in the village.

I go to quite a few festivals & this one was as well organised as any I've been to & I didn't see any trouble or bad behaviour.

My wife & I stayed until the end & from what we saw, everyone left in a civilised manner & again, we didn't witness any problems at all.

It was great to see everyone, from young children to the likes of my in laws enjoying such a great event on our doorstep & we were all really looking forward to attending again this year.

Best Regards,

Mark Steedon

Sent from my iPhone

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 16 March 2018 15:51
To: Molly Shiells; Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Sandon Fields support

From: imogen charles
Sent: 16 March 2018 13:47
To: Licensing
Cc: Hannah.sweetman@north-herts.gov.uk;
Subject: Sandon Fields support

Imogen Charles
9 Dark lane
Sandon
Buntingford
Herts
SG9 0Qt

To whom it may concern

I am writing to give my support for the Sandon Fields event.
I have lived in Sandon for 26 years and attended the event last year.
It was a well organised safe event for people of all ages. Security was evident at all entrances and throughout the event.
There was signposted parking and no impact on the residential street i live on.
Our garden virtually backs onto the Sandon Fields venue and there was no excessive noise.
When we left the event to walk home there were no people loitering about.

I am looking forward to attending the event this year.
Yours sincerely
Imogen Charles

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 16 March 2018 15:48
To: Molly Shiells; Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Sandon Fields Festival Support

From: Lawrie Alderman
Sent: 16 March 2018 08:54
To: Licensing
Subject: Sandon Fields Festival Support

Dear Licensing Officer

I have lived on Roe Green since 1991 having lived in the vicinity, for most of my life.

NOT RELEVANT

~~Having brought two daughters up in the village, who both went to the local school in Sandon, I spent a number of years as a School Governor for Sandon JMI School.~~

~~During my Stewardship there in the late 90's, there was a drive to expand the school to make it more financially viable.~~

~~My skills were brought in to play as an entrepreneur and became responsible for creating a Festival on Roe Green itself, we called "Rock on Roe Green" which lasted for 3 consecutive years and proved there was a big demand for music in the locality. The proceeds of these events paid for a new Classroom at the School.~~

~~When Richard Masters approached me to use Poplars Farm as a venue last year for a Festival, I jumped at the opportunity.~~

~~I also own the local pub in Rushden called the Moon & Stars and have discovered that there is a pent-up demand in the local area for live music, after having a series of Live Music nights there on Wednesday evenings.~~

I have got to know Richard over a number of years and I have a great respect for his very professional approach to his work as a stage, sound and lighting production Company at other local events, as well as at his own studio he has created in a building that I rent to him.

Last year he created a very professionally run event having learned many pitfalls from other festivals he has worked on. Steps he took by employing one of the best security firms in the area paid dividends.

This Company created an extremely safe and well run event. I was particularly impressed with the steps taken to stop crime occurring with drugs and noted that an undercover Policeman who was sent in to openly pretend to sell drugs, was very quickly dealt with by security staff.

Having agreed to operate my Personal Licence for the event and also the local pub, I was very keen to make sure that measures were in place to prevent under-age drinking. The consequences for me personally getting this wrong were very severe, as it could jeopardise my own pub.

Richard also teamed up with the Director of a local Ground Working Company in Hitchin, that made a very professional job of fencing, stage building and lighting and creating car parking for the whole venue.

The combined forces of a very professional security firm and proper car park management meant that the event finished exactly on time and the whole site was empty just 50 minutes after the last act finished on Stage.

Finally, as a local resident, many local people approached me, that I have got to know over the past 27 years and congratulated me for allowing Poplars Farm to be used for the event.

It proved to be a very inclusive event for young people, from young children with parents who enjoyed the small funfair that was in place to a couple of 90 year olds who were doing some great "moves" to the music.

At the Public Consultation meeting that was called two weeks ago in the Village Hall, there were several positive comments on the same theme that it was the first event held for many years where so many people from all the

surrounding villages joined up together and had some fun. Many acquaintances and friendships were re-ignited as a result.

~~Part of my life is as a part time worker as a Samaritan volunteer. In that work we come across many people who live in rural areas that suffer from Mental Health issues, due partly to their isolation. Sandon Fields Festival is a family event that is partially a personal crusade on my part to create something that local people can look forward to -a fun event where local people can socialise and enjoy good food, good music with famous bands and enjoy good times together.~~

NOT RELEVANT

~~I believe that some of the objectors to this event are not really looking at the bigger picture. The very last thing that I wanted was to create discord or disturbance in the Village - as I am a true Villager at heart.~~

~~I am very pleased that some worthwhile proceeds, of this proposed new annual Licensed event, will also give Sandon School a helpful regular income, to carry on a tradition that I started.~~

NOT RELEVANT

Best Wishes

Lawrence Alderman
Owner
Poplars Farm
Roe Green
Sandon
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Herts
SG9 0QG

Hannah Sweetman

From: Don Brown
Sent: 15 March 2018 20:19
To: Hannah Sweetman
Cc:
Subject: Sandon fields festival 2018

Don Brown
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To whom it may concern

I am writing in support of the sandon fields festival 2018 which I believe has been refused licensing this year. I attended last year 2017 and was blown away by such a professional organisation at such a small and intimate venue, we travelled by car was ushered in by polite car park attendant into more than adequate parking space and went on to enjoy the music.

May I add there were several signposts and it was a breeze to arrive there, there was a token system for drinks which was clear and concise and worked well, there was a good mixture of ages which all got on fine. At no stage did I see any trouble, security were constantly visible without being imposing, and we had a great time, considering it absolutely hammered down with rain on the day this was no small feat in my opinion.

The music was never too loud, there was no rowdy ness or littering or anything, all that was missing was the sunshine!!!!

We have attended reading festival, and standing calling down the road and many many more outside music events and like I say was really really impressed with the set up and this was their first year!!!

~~I think this really could be something for sandon to be really proud of, and deserves another shot this year, my son used to live in sandon and whilst it's obvious it's a lovely little village it could definitely use something like this for everyone not just the youngsters as it was a cracking day out and people really did come together Please I urge you to reconsider and grant a license this year These guys have put so much effort in~~

NOT RELEVANT.

Best regards
Don Brown

Sent from my iPad

Hannah Sweetman

From: Ian Massey
Sent: 15 March 2018 18:37
To: Hannah Sweetman
Cc:
Subject: Sandon Fields 2018

Ian Massey
52 Turpins Way
Baldock
Hertfordshire
SG7 6LW

To whom it may concern

Dear Licensing Officer

I am writing in full support of the proposed Sandon Fields Event 2018.

We attended the Sandon Festival last year and loved it although it was a very wet day.

The event was very well run, it was very safe and secure. All the marshalls were very informed and helpful. The security was very tight which was very reassuring.

My brother lives in the village so we walked to the event, at no time did the traffic on the roads seem to be any more than a normal day, no traffic issues and once on the site the parking was marshalled and well organised.

I did not witness any fights or other anti social behaviour, everyone was just happy to be at the event.

My brother lives across the field from the event and no noise was heard at his house, I understand that the event finished on time, although we did not stay until the end, but no noise issues at all.

I did not see any under aged children drinking alcohol.

All the footpaths on and off the site were well lit.

Everyone enjoyed the event and I really hope that it gets the approval for this year.

Yours Sincerely

Ian Massey
52 Turpins Way
Baldock
Hertfordshire
SG7 6LW

Hannah Sweetman

From: SARA DARCY
Sent: 15 March 2018 14:15
To: Hannah Sweetman
Cc:
Subject: Sandon Fields Support.

Mrs Sara D'Arcy
30 Rushden Road
Sandon
Nr Buntingford
Herts
SG90QP

Dear Licensing Officer.

I am writing in support of the proposed 'Sandon Fields Event'

I attended this event last year, with friends. I was very impressed from the start at how well it was managed from the point of security and safety.

I was greeted before entering the actual venue by marshals, manning the car parks along with marshals at the gates as we walked in. The security before entering the actual venue was well covered and extremely efficient in frisking everyone in a welcoming manor along with an extremely efficient manor, which avoided any long ques and disgruntled visitors waiting long periods of time in ques.

This continued once in the venue, marshals and security were on hand at all times and were visible throughout the day, allowing people to feel safe and secure and able to enjoy the evening without concern.

I walked to the venue from my home and saw no traffic jams and certainly did not notice any buildup of traffic.

I was there throughout the day until the end, which finished bang on time. I witnessed no anti-social behaviour or crime during the event nor upon closure. I did expect to hear a lot of traffic once I was home but I can honestly say I heard nothing out of the ordinary.

I walked home from this event, and the footpaths we well lit and safe for those walking home.

I certainly did not hear any significant sound levels before or after leaving this event. I noticed no disruption or enhanced traffic during the setting up or dismantling of this event.

~~This event was much needed in a village where I have lived for the past 18 years, when I first came to the village there always use to be events, that catered for the family's in the village. Over the years these have dwindled out, this event was not aimed at any one age group, it was aimed at families and families families and that is what I witnessed at this event. Families enjoying themselves, listening to music, dancing, chatting and generally having a good time.~~

NOT RELEVANT.

I sincerely hope this event is allowed to continue, as it did not just bring Sandon together as a village again, it united us with our surrounding villages once again In a safe and very enjoyable environment.

There was a real scene of community.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sara D'Arcy
MBACP.

Hannah Sweetman

From:
Sent: 15 March 2018 13:20
To: Hannah Sweetman
Cc:
Subject: sandon festival 2018

Alastair Massey
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To whom it may concern

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I did not see any under aged children drinking alcohol.

All the footpaths on and off the site were well lit.

Everyone enjoyed the event and I really hope that it gets the approval for this year. My Grandad is 84 years old and he enjoyed the event.

Yours Sincerely

Alastair Massey
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Baldock
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SG7 6LW

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Hannah Sweetman

From: Louis Dyke
Sent: 15 March 2018 12:26
To: Hannah Sweetman: Licensing
Cc:
Subject: Sandon Fields 2018

Louis Dyke
33 Tate Drive
Biggleswade
Bedfordshire
SG188UD

Good afternoon,

I am writing to you in support of the Sandon Fields event, in order to outline my utmost approval of the event itself, and note it's conformities to regulations which I feel it more than adheres to.

Having grown up in Buntingford across the last 30+ years, I have since moved to Bedfordshire, but still enjoy events local to the area, summer festivals in particular.

With Sandon Fields starting up last year, and offering a platform for upcoming local talent, as well as recognisable names, it was exciting to see another family-friendly festival which could be enjoyed by all ages. I have no children myself, but I would happily take my nephew along to the next event (should it materialise) now that he is a year older. I saw no trouble, nor any other cause for concern which would lead me to feel any differently about taking young people to enjoy it too! There just was no anti-social behaviour?

My parent's home in Freman Drive, Buntingford, allows us easy access to Sandon Fields, without needs for parking or cause of congestion, as we can shuttle back and forth quite easily, and rely on taxis for journeys in either direction without too much concern for cost. I really do hope this event manages to keep on growing, as it has the potential to be a real success, and something positive for local communities to enjoy year after year. We'd also love to attend in 2018 too!

~~As a DJ myself, I can only see upcoming music events as a fantastic way of giving back, not only through opportunities to showcase up and coming musicians, but also as an excuse to spend a weekend enjoying what they have to offer~~

NOT RELEVANT.

Yours Sincerely,
Louis Dyke

Louis Dyke
Digital & Graphic Designer

Hannah Sweetman

From: victoria pate
Sent: 15 March 2018 12:08
To: Hannah Sweetman
Cc:
Subject: Supporting Sandon Fields

Victoria Pate

4 George Court
Ashfield Drive
Letchworth Garden City
Hertfordshire
SG6 1GU

Dear Licensing Officer,

I am writing to show my support for the Sandon Fields event.

I attended the event last year with friends and family and we thoroughly enjoyed it.
We drove to the event and found the parking very well organised, and later in the evening when making our way back to the car the footpaths were well lit.
There were no heavy queues on our way in or out.

There was a friendly, happy atmosphere and we didn't witness any anti-social behaviour - which is good as we had children with us.
There were plenty of Marshalls on site, so should we have had any issues we could have easily reported these.

There was a great selection of music, from local bands to more well know acts.
I liked that there was a tent and a stage for different acts, these were well separated as there was no noise interference when watching acts at either.

Overall, a well organised and thoroughly enjoyable event.
I hope that it goes ahead this year as I would definitely attend again.

Best Regards
Victoria Pate

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 March 2018 09:17
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW:

-----Original Message-----

From: MAUREEN MILLER
Sent: 17 March 2018 20:10
To: Licensing
Subject:

Dear licensing officer

My family and I support the event at Poplars Farm Sandon in June. I was born in Sandon and my family have lived here for many generations.

Last years event was very organised. And a fantastic time was had by all. As a family we felt very safe..my family ranged from 8 years to 80 years old..... bags etc were searched and tickets checked. And security bands were worn to confirm your entry It was good to see security people very visible to help if any problems occurred. All had radios and could contact each other .. I also saw First aid was on hand and very visible.

As residents of Sandon I noticed the traffic attending the function was being supervised and was coming smoothly into the Village. Parking was well organised. When leaving the event there were Marshall's ushering us from the event ... we walked to the event and we felt completely safe walking home as the officials were encouraging cars to avoid centre of village and turn towards Wallington or the A505. Taxis were also outside the gig and people were leaving sensible and quietly.

As we walked home I also saw a police car but it was obvious they were just there to show their presence. ... I did not see any dis order at the event.. just a happy family event..

In the morning Roe Green was totally clear of litter. An absolutely splendid well organised much needed event for our village.

We believe the organisers had put a lot of thought into this event for the safety and enjoyment of all.

Maureen and Glenn Miller 8 Dark Lane

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 March 2018 09:15
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Poplars Farm Sandonfields/Music Festival I SUPPORT

From: Carole Littlechild
Sent: 18 March 2018 10:14
To: Licensing;
Subject: Re: Poplars Farm Sandonfields/Music Festival I SUPPORT

I SUPPORT
Carole Littlechild
Rose Cottage,
Rushden,
SG9 0SG

NOT RELEVANT

I keep learning of new rules for my email sent to you two days ago to count. This is frustrating. However I can confirm that there was no trouble with undue noise or traffic last year from my experience, and I have already made a remark about child protection.

I understand that the police set up a sting last year to see how scrupulous the organisers were about potential drug misuse and they were discovered & required to leave within minutes.

I appeal to you kindly ~~Not to discount villagers' views on the basis of rules of how emails should be set out, created by the licensing authority which have not been widely shared with us in our villages in & around Samdon - that would hardly make for a transparent service nor a representative one.~~

NOT RELEVANT

With thanks,

Yours faithfully,

Carole Littlechild

On Sunday, March 18, 2018, 9:57 am, Carole Littlechild wrote:

I gather my email will not be counted without the following heading so please add it to my email which I sent on Friday night
- I SUPPORT -

Carole Littlechild,
Rose Cottage
Rushden

On Saturday, March 17, 2018, 12:31 am, Carole Littlechild wrote:

Dear District Council,

I am a resident of the village of Rushden where I have lived for almost 10 years.

I would like to express my enthusiasm for the proposed above event for a weekend over this coming summer.

Last year it was enjoyable to hear the strains of the music coming over the fields for a summers evening (just as we can sometimes hear even concerts at Knebworth from here!)

This year I would hope to attend with my husband. We are in our sixties, so not particularly young, but we love the occasional opportunity for a local event of music & fun.

I understand that suitable restrictions have been put in place to provide appropriate protections for this short event for sound & safety. I also understand that the Police have been consulted and their advice has been taken into account. They will also be aware of the event from a potential crime & disorder perspective.

I accept that there will be increased traffic over the weekend, about which we can all be mindful & take special care. I am reassured that there will be traffic signs, appropriate restrictions & guiding signs planned for parking.

~~I do not accept the propoganda which has been put through my door suggesting this is an event of 'extreme proportions'. Also, having worked in child protection in my profession for over 40 years, to suggest it is necessary to protect children from harm in any but the usual ways every caring parent would do, makes no sense.~~

NOT RELEVANT

~~I understand another objection is an anticipated 'larger than normal size of activity' around the area of the Moon & Stars pub in Rushden. As a villager who hopes to see our village pub thrive, such a boost - were it to arise - would be welcome.~~

NOT RELEVANT

We cannot assume that people enjoying attending a music event are automatically going to cause a public nuisance & disorder. There may potentially be a litter problem if food is being served over many hours, but I would expect Laurie Alderman to be responsible for ensuring a thorough clear up takes place afterwards beyond the boundary of his property, as needed.

I certainly know others in my village, who may or may not feel moved to write to you, but who welcome the proposed event as a once in a summer season local occasion.

I hope you will be minded to support this event.

Yours faithfully,

Carole Littlechild

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 March 2018 09:13
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: In Support of Sandon Fields

From: Charles Gutteridge
Sent: 18 March 2018 16:35
To: Licensing
Cc:
Subject: In Support of Sandon Fields

Dear licensing officer.

I am writing to you IN SUPPORT of the Sandon Fields event this year. I live in Rushden approximately 4 miles from Poplars farm.

I experienced no problems last year and heard only good reports from people who went .

We didn't suffer from noise, traffic or litter.

I did attend a meeting recently in Sandon held by the organisers. I feel that the measures they are taking to ensure the safety of the public are good. Traffic will be routed away from local villages.

I couldn't find any evidence of crime last year.

Charles Gutteridge.
Ty Cottage
Southern Green
Rushden
SG9 0SW

Hannah Sweetman

From: Peter Garlick
Sent: 18 March 2018 20:10
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: Sandon Fields IN SUPPORT

Peter GARLICK
20 Rushden Road
Sandon
Buntingford
SG90QR

Dear Licensing Officer,
I am writing in support of the proposed 'Sandon Fields' event' later this year.

We did not attend the last event, but as a Sandon resident, it caused us no problems.

Regarding visitors to the festival and traffic logistics, there were marshals at the entrance/exit at all times and cars arrived in stages throughout the day and did not result in any build-up of traffic or congestion, as far as I was aware. Parking was managed well and in a designated area well away from people walking between different areas of the festival itself i.e. music tents and food and drink.

There was a very good selection of food and beverage outlets – the alcohol sales were obviously being well managed- I did not see a single instance of anyone being badly behaved and saw no-one under the age of 18 consuming alcohol. As far as I know, there was no disruptive behaviour, only people of all ages having fun and enjoying themselves, including lots of people from the village and neighbouring villages. We were at home but the sound coming from the venue was in no way disturbing.

The music was diverse and the whole event extremely enjoyable for all ages and there were daytime activities for really young children. The music and the whole event finished on schedule. There was no evidence of any litter or rubbish left on the public ground nearby and all clearing up on the private land where the event was held was cleared quickly and efficiently. I think it will be a very good thing to have this happen again this year and hopefully as an annual event. There is very little going on in the villages to appeal to the younger people and this was an attractive event and one that they could be proud to invite their friends to from the wider area e,g school friends from Baldock etc . I would like to add that during various passing chats I have had with some locals about the event, I have heard a lot of support for it, both from people who attended last year and those who missed it but would like to come this year. (Wherever there were any negative comments or concerns about last year, I have not heard of a single case where there has been any evidence to support these).

NOT RELEVANT

In summary, I am hoping that the event will be allowed to go ahead. In the scheme and scale of festivals, this is very small, it is for one night only and based upon my impression of the management of it last time, an extremely good job was done.

Hannah Sweetman

From: Mark Hollis
Sent: 18 March 2018 20:08
To: licensing@noth-herts.gov.uk; Hannah Sweetman
Subject: Support of the Sandon Fields Event / 2018

Mark Hollis

58 Great Gables
Stevenage
SG1 6GL

Dear Licensing Officer/To Whom It May Concern,

I have heard that this year's Sandon Fields event is at risk of being denied a license and I felt the need to email as this would be a real shame.

In an age where local music is struggling to survive and venues being closed, it is really refreshing to have a small festival so close to home which is not only providing the opportunity for people to have nationally famous bands on their doorstep, but also giving the areas young people the opportunity to perform with professional musicians.

I attended last year's Sandon Fields event with some scepticism but was amazed at the professionalism of the festival.

Attending with my young family was a slight concern but we made the decision to attend with the plan to leave if it wasn't safe or secure for my 5 year old son.

I have to say we were amazed by the security presence and how safe we felt all day. In my experience, many of these small events are often over run with rowdy children and underage drinking but this was nothing of the sort and there was no trouble all day.

The music and acts were all family friendly and it wasn't overly loud like some of the larger we've attended in the past. We stayed quite late and were very pleased that the route back to the car park was well lit and secure.

All in all, it was a joy to attend a local festival, drive there very easily and park with no problems and I hope it can continue for many years.

Yours sincerely,
Mark

Hannah Sweetman

From: Darren King
Sent: 18 March 2018 18:47
To: Licensing; Hannah Sweetman
Subject: Sandon Fields

Darren King
Longhope
Roe Green
Sanded
SG90QG

18th of March 2018

I am resending this as I have just been advised that you disregard any email without the senders name and address at the top.

To whom it may concern

Dear Licensing Officer,

As a close neighbour, living only two properties away from the site, I am writing in support of the proposed 'Sandon Fields' music event later this year.

My wife and I, along with our son and several of his friends, attended the event last year and we all enjoyed it greatly. I was impressed by the level of organisation and the efficiency with which the numerous security staff fulfilled their roles of both marshalling the visitors and checking wrist bands and bags as we passed through the site. Whilst it was dark for most of the time we were there the walk ways were well lit and signposted and the entire event felt very safe and well managed with plenty of staff and clear signage. I am sure that if any emergency had arisen then help would have been on hand almost immediately. We had been at home prior to attending and the sound system at the event really didn't cause us any problem at all and, whilst audible, was certainly not obtrusive.

I witnessed no traffic disruption with vehicles either entering or leaving the site and the malicious reports that rubbish littered Roe Green for days afterwards are completely unfounded and simply untrue. We walk our dogs on Roe green almost daily and we would have been amongst the first to point this out to the organisers if it had been an issue. It absolutely was not.

With regards to the behaviour of the festival goers we saw nobody who appeared to excessively under the influence of alcohol, or any other substance for that matter, and it seemed to us that the day was being responsibly enjoyed by visitors of all ages from young children to their parents and grand parents. All drink sales were being closely monitored and the the two stage purchase of alcoholic drinks added an extra check against any possibility of underage drinking. Again, we saw no evidence of this. The range of food and drink that was easily available made sure that festival goers were able to stay within the site perimeter until the end of the event.

To sum up, I thought the event was a fantastic day out albeit slightly dampened by the weather. I hope very much that the festival is allowed to go ahead again this year and I am very surprised, and disappointed, by the number of people who have involved themselves in distributing false and negative claims about the last years event, one of whom was, last year, actually endangering the crowd by illegally flying a drone overhead in the hope of capturing, presumably, incriminating footage of some kind.

NOT RELEVANT

As one of its closest neighbours I have absolutely no issue with Sandon Fields taking place again and I look forward to attending, as I did last year.

Yours sincerely

Darren King

Hannah Sweetman

From: Christopher Hill
Sent: 18 March 2018 13:16
To: Licensing; Hannah Sweetman
Cc:
Subject: Sandon fields Licensing application IN SUPPORT

Dear Sirs,

I repeat my previous comments with the fact of support in the heading above and name and address as in the comment below.

~~I am aware there have been anonymous representations against the above application and hope the spineless objectors' reasons will be treated with some scepticism if no one has the courage to stand up and be counted.~~

NOT RELEVANT.

I have no link to the festival proposed and was not able to go last year but hope to this year if it is allowed.

I and my wife live at Friars Grange, Offley Green, Rushden, Buntingford SG9 0TF. Although just in Rushden parish, it is about 3/4 mile from the event across a field and Sandon Roe Green, with no obstructions between, save hedging.

Last year we suffered no disturbance whatsoever from noise and noticed no traffic problem at all. A more significant regular traffic nuisance is parents going to and from Sandon School in term time - too fast and too wide!

I am very happy to support the event and hope the appropriate permissions will be granted.

Yours faithfully,

Christopher Hill

Friars Grange, Offley Green, Rushden, Buntingford, SG9 0TF.

Hannah Sweetman

From: Sevanne Chisholm
Sent: 17 March 2018 18:07
To: Hannah Sweetman;
Subject: Sandon fields license application

Sevanne Chisholm
21 bucksherd close
Great cambourne
Cb23 5ju

To whom it may concern,
Dear licensing officer,
I am writing to support the Sandon fields license application.

I attended the event last year and can say I noticed security was present at all times who were very helpful and friendly, they were there throughout and there was no trouble all day or night! I felt safe at all times. I travelled to the event in my friends car, there was no problem with traffic build up at any point and parking was easy, there were several parking stewards directing cars into spaces, it was very well organised, At no point throughout the day or night did I witness any anti social behaviour or fighting, it was a friendly atmosphere at all times! I felt there was a great variety of music and it catered for all ages there including the children. The music wasn't overly loud at any point and the event finished on time.

I can state that I did not see any underage drinking and the bar staff were very efficient, I witnessed a few of them asking for ID as well.

I stayed for the whole event and towards the end of the evening when it got dark the whole event was lit up well, especially the footpaths to and from each area.

I had an absolutely amazing time and was very impressed with the way it was organised and run. It was a very family friendly day festival and I would love to be able to go to it every year!

Yours sincerely
Sevanne Chisholm

Hannah Sweetman

From: charlotte Shaw
Sent: 15 March 2018 12:09
To: Hannah Sweetman; Licensing
Cc:
Subject: SAVE SANDON FIELDS!

Charlotte Shaw
2 Downhall Ley
Buntingford
SG9 9JT

To whom it may concern, dear licensing officer,

I am writing in support of the proposed Sandon Fields' event

The event was safe and secure, I noticed the security and marshalls on-site and they were helpful at all times. I felt secure and that the security were on hand to deal with any small issues that might arise.

I travelled to the event by car, there was no traffic jams or large build ups of traffic that I saw and the event parking was well organised.

I didn't witness any fights or other anti social behaviour, including other crime (theft etc)

The event finished on time, that the music variety was good for families of all ages and the music wasn't overly loud.

I did not see any underage (under 18) children with alcohol.

I was there in the evening, the footpaths and the overall site was lit well.

It would be such a shame if the festival wasn't to go ahead this year! Last year it was brilliant, family friendly event. ~~This is something we should be encouraging, local events like this as they are a great platform for local business, musicians & talent. We should not see this as a bad thing, but an asset to the local and wider community, think of all the people the event brings to the area! Also they raise a lot of money for local charities which benefit local people, this can only be a good thing. We should not give in to the objectors and let them win, if they don't want to come they don't have to be a part of it. Not like it's in thier garden.~~

NOT RELEVANT.

yours sincerely

Charlotte Shaw

Hannah Sweetman

From: beverly massey ·
Sent: 15 March 2018 12:07
To: Hannah Sweetman
Cc:
Subject: Sandon Festival 2018

Beverly Massey
52 Turpins Way
Baldock
Hertfordshire
SG7 6LW

To whom it may concern

Dear Licensing Officer

I am writing in full support of the proposed Sandon Fields Event 2018.

We attended the Sandon Festival last year and loved it although it was a very wet day.

The event was very well run, it was very safe and secure. All the marshalls were very informed and helpful. The security was very tight which was very reassuring.

My father lives in the village so we walked to the event, at no time did the traffic on the roads seem to be any more than a normal day, no traffic issues and once on the site the parking was marshalled and well organised.

I did not witness any fights or other anti social behaviour, everyone was just happy to be at the event.

My father lives across the field from the event and no noise was heard at his house, I understand that the event finished on time, although we did not stay until the end, but no noise issues at all.

I did not see any under aged children drinking alcohol.

All the footpaths on and off the site were well lit.

Everyone enjoyed the event and I really hope that it gets the approval for this year. My father is 84 years old and he enjoyed the event.

Yours Sincerely

Beverly Massey
52 Turpins Way
Baldock
Hertfordshire
SG7 6LW

Hannah Sweetman

From: Emma Eaglen <
Sent: 19 March 2018 10:51
To: Hannah Sweetman
Cc:
Subject: Sandon Fields

Emma Eaglen,
9 George Court
Ashfield Drive
Letchworth
Herts
SG6 1GU

To whom it may concern

Dear Licensing Officer,

I am writing **in support of** the 'Sandon Fields' event that's to be held in June this year. I've just learned that it might not go ahead as the license was refused?! Why when there was a great event last year?

I attend the event with my friend and 2 children (13 and 14 years old) we all had a great time despite the weather, the event was easy to find and the parking stewards and staff were all very friendly.

The security guards were always around and this made me feel quite comfortable and secure. I've been informed that one of the reasons the event hasn't been allowed to go ahead was traffic?

Well I arrived there at 1:30pm and left at 10pm and the roads weren't congested at all, we were home in Letchworth in 20 minutes, there wasn't any traffic issues like other local festival we've been to last year. The parking was on flat ground and despite the rain, we got out easily. The road way leading out of the event was well let and there were a lot of stewards in high vis jackets everywhere directing us out.

The music was superb, we all had a blast, there was a great selection of music from old to new and lots to do for the kids. I didn't think the music was overly loud, I've been told this is one of the reasons the event hasn't been allowed to go ahead this year? Well, I walked out to my car in the car park about 150 or so meters away at 9pm to change my shoes and I couldn't hardly hear anything and this was with a main band playing.

I really hope this event gets the go ahead, I know it was the talk of the village at Sandon School, all the mums loved it!

It was well organised, very reasonably priced and apart from the weather a great day out. I'd 100% go again.

Best Regards

Kind Regards

Emma Eaglen

Hannah Sweetman

From: Sonny McFadyen
Sent: 19 March 2018 22:16
To: Hannah Sweetman
Cc:
Subject: Support For Sandon Fields 2018

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Sonny McFadyen
11d Holywell Hill
St Albans
All 1ez

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in relation to Sandon Fields festival and to document my support for the event and it's license application.

I attended the festival last year with my fiancé and children, we had the most wonderful of times. It was well organised and with a number of helpful staff always visible, at easy reach and we all felt safe at all times. The music was well varied, as was the selection of food and beverages, all in all we very much enjoyed the festival and how friendly and hospitable the atmosphere was.

We drove to the event and stayed until almost the very end and at no time did we witness anything untoward or unpleasant.

~~NOT RELEVANT~~

I felt compelled to write to you after ~~being informed that this years event no~~ not go ahead due to its ~~license not being renewed, in my opinion this would~~ be ~~very very~~ unfortunate as it is events like these ones that bring happiness to so many likeminded individuals but not can only bring a community together.

Thank you for your time and I wholly look forward to the licensing resolution being favourable towards that if the festival.

Yours faithfully,

Hannah Sweetman

From: Mick Rees
Sent: 20 March 2018 01:50
To: Licensing; Hannah Sweetman
Subject: Support Of The Sandon Fields Event / 2018

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Michael Rees
10 Southfields court
Shefford
Beds
SG17 5SL

Dear Licensing Officer / To whom it may concern.

I am writing to support the Sandon fields license application.

I attended Sandon fields festival last year and must admit it was one of the best run small festivals I have been to and I have been to the biggest and smallest festivals there is.

I felt very safe due to the amount of security people and friendly stewards around. I also saw no trouble at the Event, I was there from opening to finish.

All the families with kids were there to have fun and the families I talked to had a great time.

I found the stage sound to be lower than most festivals I go to and also once you moved out of the main arena it was hardly noticeable. The event finished dead on time even though there were some technical difficulties on the main stage.

There were loads of bins provided and litter pickers which left the site clean and tidy by the time I left.

I didn't see any underage drinking and I witnessed the bar staff asking for ID's even for people who looked over 21.

When I entered the festival there was next to no traffic issues and parking was very easy.

Leaving the site I just drove straight out and got home very easily.

Sandon and surrounding areas need an event like this to bring much needed money into the area.

The diversity of music I saw and listen too was very broad and there was something for everyone.

The food vendors and stall holders were all brilliant and catered to many tastes.

I had an absolutely amazing time and was very impressed with the way it was organised and run. It was a very family friendly day festival and I would love to be able to go to it every year!

Yours Sincerely

Michael Rees

Hannah Sweetman

From: MARTIN JAMES
Sent: 20 March 2018 08:14
To: Licensing; Hannah Sweetman
Subject: Sandon Fields

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Martin James
281 Ripon Road
Stevenage
Herts
SG1 4LS

To Whom it may concern,
Dear Licensing Officer,

I am writing to support the Sandon Fields License Application.

I attended the event at Sandon Fields last year and I can say that I thought right from the start I felt it was a well organised event, I noticed there was security guards and stewards present at all times through out the event and the ones I spoke to were friendly and helpful and informative. At no time did I see or experience any trouble and I felt total safe all day.

I travelled to the event in my own car I had no problems with traffic on arrival and departure I saw no traffic build up and was ushered to a parking spot with ease by stewards directing parking I thought this was very well organised.

At no point all day and night did I witness any anti social behaviour or fighting I can not remember hearing and raised voices or arguments between people it felt to me to be a warm and friendly atmosphere at all times. The music I thought was varied with great variety of styles and I never thought it was overly loud in fact I would say the levels were well controlled. I did notice that there were things aimed at children to keep them interested as well. The music also finished at the time published and then leaving the site was very easy and straight forward.

I can state that I never saw any under age drinking and witnessed bar staff and supervisors checking ID's . I was there for the whole event and as the day went on and it became dark the event was well lit , especially the footpaths to and from each area.

Finally I had a terrific day and was very impressed with the event and how well it was organised and run, it was a fun family event and I would love to go this as an annual event .

Yours sincerely
Martin James