From:

Licensing

Sent:

20 March 2018 08:42

To:

Hannah Sweetman

Subject:

FW: Support of the Sandon Fields Event 2018

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From: Andrea Laurence Sent: 20 March 2018 06:33

To: Licensing

**Subject:** Support of the Sandon Fields Event 2018

Correspondence from:-

Ms Andrea Laurence Bewlay House Slip End Nr Baldock SG7 6SF

Dear Licensing Officer,

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

Living local to Sandon village, myself and family members, including children, attended the above event last year.

From start to finish, we had a thoroughly enjoyable time. We travelled to the event by car, and were pleasantly surprised at the huge space being offered for parking, all the while being directed with complete efficiency by the parking stewards, this seemed to be the case throughout the day/evening, with cars being directed in and out of the venue. Entry into the event itself was seamless, tickets presented to staff, security in attendance and no big queues to get through to the festival.

We were pleased to find an array of catering vans / bbqs and tents with local suppliers selling their lovely food, so much choice! There were also plenty of bins / refuse areas for any waste / litter. There was an efficient system for buying drinks with tokens, again, not much queuing involved, and easy for children to use instead of carrying cash.

By the afternoon the main stage was in full swing, playing great music that people were singing and dancing along to, young children, through to grandparents - the music was diverse, not so loud you couldn't be heard, but loud enough to enjoy the talent. The areas from main stage, to the smaller marquee were spacious enough for families to pitch up and find a base, we felt we could relax knowing the children were contained in those areas. Security were dotted around in each area, present but not in an intimidating way. Whilst

the bar area was busy, there was never any anti-social behaviour, and the vibe was that everyone was enjoying themselves.

My daughter attends Sandon school, and I think the majority of the school children / parents were there enjoying the event, (on the Monday it was the talk of the playground!)

We stayed at the event for about 6 hours, exiting was just as easy coming in, the stewards were just as helpful directing us out, no queuing traffic and it was well lit, the music faded very quickly upon leaving.

Speaking with family and friends, we would be so delighted for this event to continue, firstly, having worked in events over the years, all the important areas were 100% covered, this could have been completely different behind the scenes, but what I experienced was professionalism, attention to detail and what seemed like a very well coordinated event. On a personal level, I believe it's events like this that pull the community together, small independent businesses being used for catering and refreshments, people being able to enjoy fantastic music and somewhere, where you can bring the entire family to enjoy a day out.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Andrea Laurence

From:

ella hopwood

Sent:

19 March 2018 19:24

To:

Licensing; Hannah Sweetman

Subject:

Support of the sandon fields event 2018

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Ella Hopwood 58 Lingfield Road Stevenage Herts SG1 5SL

Dear Licensing officer/ To whom it may concern,

I am writing to support the Sandon Fields license application.

I attended the event last year with a group of friends and had a really great time. We got there for the opening time and the security guards were very organised. I thought it was very safe that they checked and labelled every single handbag. There was a large presence of stewards throughout the day, and the atmosphere was amazing! Everybody was very friendly and there wasn't any trouble. I was there when it finished and the stewards were very organised. It was very easy to get to and from the festival because there wasn't any traffic and again the stewards were very helpful and directed us.

The music was great because it catered for everybody and it wasn't too loud. I loved that there were two stages and the stalls and bars were great, especially the face gem stalls which we loved, and so did all of the kids at the event! I am 23 and I was asked for ID so I think they were very careful at the bar.

I would love to be able to attend again this year, because I had such a great day/night. It was great to be able to attend a festival so close to home!

Yours sincerely Ella Hopwood

From:

Max Hopwood

Sent:

19 March 2018 19:30

To:

Licensing; Hannah Sweetman;

Subject:

Support Of The Sandon Fields Event / 2018

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Max Hopwood 58 Lingfield Road Stevenage Herts SG15SL

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

Firstly i would like to say that i attended last years event and found that the event was organised and run extremely well. It would be such a shame to see this local, fun, family event not happen again.

I felt safe at all times due to an abundance of security staff and stewards visible on the festival site. Not once throughout the day did i see or encounter any anti social behaviour.

The music at the event was great. There was a wide range of music available throughout the day that catered for everyone. It was also nice to see that there was lots for the children to do. The range of food stalls was also amazing! You could tell a lot of thought had been put into the organisation of this event.

I was at the event from opening hour until close and was impressed with how the traffic was managed. It was handled efficiently and safely and worked really well, this meant that there was no hold ups in traffic in and around the event site. Arriving and leaving were no problem and the stewards were very helpful.

I was also very impressed with how clean and tidy the event was. i can state that i did not see any litter around the event site and that the bins provided were well looked after and maintained.

I think that Sandon Fields festival should be allowed to happen again as it was run extremely well and brings the community together for a day. As i stated earlier it would be a shame to see this event not happen again.

Yours sincerely Max Hopwood

From:

Michele Hopwood

Sent:

19 March 2018 19:33

To:

Licensing; Hannah Sweetman

Subject:

Support of the sandon fields event 2018

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> Michele Hopwood 58 Lingfield Road Stevenage Herts SG1 5SL

Dear Licensing officer/ To whom it may concern,

I am writing to support the Sandon Fields license application.

I attended the event last year. I organised a mini bus of friends and family to come to the festival. This was very easy because there wasn't any traffic so the bus could drop us off and leave. I was greeted by helpful stewards at the drop off point. They directed us to the entrance where we were searched and had our wristbands put on. I have been to lots of festivals and I have to say this one was very organised and safe!

I enjoyed the music and thought it was good for all ages. I thought it was safe that we paid for tokens for drinks rather than carrying cash around with you.

I really hope we can come to the festival again this year because me and my family really enjoyed a lovely day out.

Yours sincerely Michele Hopwood

From:

lee smith

Sent:

19 March 2018 20:09

To:

Licensing; Hannah Sweetman

Subject:

support of the Sandon Fields Event / 2018

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Lee Smith 36 Kimberley Letchworth Garden City Herts SG64RB

Dear Licensing officer / to whom it may concern.

I am writing to support the Sandon Fields 2018 License application.

I attended only one festival last year and this was my first time to Sandon Fields.

It was great that this was so local and we had no problems finding the venue and literally drove straight in without any nightmarish queues (which was the same on our exit of the event too).

Once we arrived we were greeted by friendly security and quickly directed to a disabled parkin g space for my father and it was only a short walk.

We immediately felt the great atmosphere and saw quite a few local friends and family.

All ages were catered for and it was well organised with security and stewards helping out for my fathers needs.

The paths and night lighting were also great for him too.

We were really impressed by the quality of food vendors and bar set up was efficient. It was good to see all were well mannered with no underage drinking and antisocial behavior I have witnessed at other festivals and truly believe this made for a safe family occasion.

There were a great selection of bands both local and from further afield and it was great to see the kids have plenty of freedom and space to run about and dance to the bands and everyone really were enjoying themselves besides the weather.

It was impressive that the bands were split into separate zones and tents and that the sound levels didn't interfere with one another and it wasn't over loud.

This backs up my thinking that as we approached the venue we wasn't even sure the event had started as the was no sound pollution, (i'm no expert but it must have been something to do with the surround trees).

We had an amazing time at this event and looking forward to returning this year.

As I stated before it is great that it is a local event for local people with great bands food and drink with fun for the whole family.

It was refreshing to have the vibe of big festival on a small scale.

This felt like the rhythms of the world festival used to be with such friendly attendees and staff.

It was also good to see that it was litter free and efficiently run.

As I also stated before that due to it being a local event my father with his disability was able to enjoy a great day out in well organised peaceful surroundings.

He and myself and all that attended last year are highly excited to go to this years event and in the future too.

Thank you for your consideration as it would be such a great loss for such a special event for the local community.

Yours sincereley Lee Smith

From:

**NEIL HOPWOOD** 

Sent:

19 March 2018 20:28

To:

Hannah Sweetman; Licensing

Subject:

Support of the sandon fields event 2018

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Neil Hopwood 58 Lingfield Road Stevenage Herts SG1 5SL

Dear Licensing officer/ To whom it may concern,

I am writing to support the Sandon Fields license application.

I was at the festival last year, it was great to see local bands in a fairly local area. It was really easy to get to with good sign-posting. There wasn't any congestion because there was a nice size car park which stopped people parking on the roads. The were helpful stewards directing the cars. Overall there was no aggravation, great atmosphere with friendly helpful staff and stewards.

There was a good mixture of music which started and finished on time, which we couldn't hear on the approach to the festival.

It was nice to see a big mixture of age groups from little kids to old men like me!

I'd love to come again if it gets granted. It would be a shame if it doesn't.

Yours sincerely Neil Hopwood

From:

Emma

Sent:

20 March 2018 11:03

To:

Hannah Sweetman

Subject:

Music and World Food Festival - Sandon - 9th & 10th June

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Dear Hannah,

## Re: Music and World Food Festival - Sandon - 9th & 10th June

I'm writing to show my support for the above event, which I know will benefit an isolated, rural community such as Sandon. And also raise money for a good local cause and a national charity...which I also am volunteer at.

I don't live in Sandon, but I live in a village nearby, which as a community also encounters the same problems being in the middle of nowhere, buses limited, not much to do...loneliness is a real problem.

To combat this, I have set up a weekly community eafe in my village to encourage people out of the house to get talking, and in turn, hopefully feel better about themselves by connecting with people. I believe it takes pro-active members within a community to help others, and make a difference to where they live by putting on local events.

An event such as this, is vital in promoting a good community spirit, where people of all ages can get together and socialise. Unless you go to church or a school, village life can be lonely, so community events are a real benefit to improving mental wellbeing and building relationships.

I know this annual event has fulfilled all the criteria for 4 Licensing Objectives, and will be professionally and safely run. So I very much hope it will go ahead in the Summer and bring joy to the community of Sandon.

Best regards,

Emma Surry

14 Poppyfields Gamlingay Cambridgeshire SG19 3DG

From:

Dawn Britten

Sent:

09 March 2018 13:45

To:

Licensing; Hannah Sweetman

Cc:

Subject:

Sandon Fields Event 2018

Dawn Patricia BRITTEN Longhope Roe Green Sandon HERTS SG9 OQG

# To whom it may concern

Dear Licensing Officer,

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

We, as a family, attended the event last year and enjoyed it very much indeed. I was impressed with the management of the festival, there were plenty of officials present in all areas at all times and so I was assured that if needed, help was immediately available. Security-wise, we were politely asked to display our wristbands each and every time we re-entered the site (we live next door but one and so came and went a few times). Lighting was adequate, walkways were clearly marked etc. I would have felt quite safe and comfortable attending alone.

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.

We were there for several hours from early evening and witnessed no disruptive behaviour, only people of all ages having fun and enjoying themselves, including lots of people from the village and neighbouring villages. Before we joined the festival, 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. I witnessed no problems in the egress from the event and am in a position to comment in this as we walked home and then shortly afterwards walked our dogs on the green immediately opposite the venue. 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 walk my dogs near those fields wand was very impressed with how quickly everything was returned to normal. 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 of 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.

From:

barbara vandermerwe

Sent:

21 March 2018 09:50

To:

Hannah Sweetman

Subject:

Re: Sandon fields

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In Support

Thank you for your reply. The event is something I was hoping to attend with my children and grandchildren having heard positive comments on last years event from local residents.

In answer to your queries, having studied the Event Management Plan online it appears that the 4 Licensing objectives have been covered adequately by the organisers employing a Professional Security Company (HSC Security) who are experienced in Policing such events, Noise Management Consultants Rossco have been employed to make sure sound levels are not exceeded and TM Fenton to make sure that the traffic routes are avoiding the local villages. I also note that the finishing time of 1.30 am is much earlier than other local festivals. These measures appear to be addressing issues of disturbance to local residents.

Yours sincerely Barbara Van der Merwe 33 layston park, Royston SG8 9DS

From:

Sent:

21 March 2018 12:49

To:

Licensing; Hannah Sweetman

Subject:

Support Of The Sandon Fields Event / 2018

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Craig Smith 17 Colesden Road, Wilden, Bedfordshire MK44 2QL

Dear Licensing Officer/
To whom it may concern
I am writing to support the Sandon fields license application.

I attended the Sandon Fields event last year with my partner and young children and can say I thought from the get go that the event was well organised, I noticed that security guards and stewards were present at all times and the ones who directed us were very helpful and friendly, they were there throughout the duration of our stay at the event. 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 Craig Smith Sent from my iPhone

From:

Licensing

Sent: To: 21 March 2018 13:09 Hannah Sweetman

Subject:

FW: In Support of Sandon Fields

From: Elspeth Gutteridge Sent: 21 March 2018 12:13

To: Licensing

Cc:

Subject: In Support of Sandon Fields

Dear Sir

I am writing to support the application for a licence for Sandon Fields this Summer.

Having looked at the application, and listened to the views of both sides, it is clear to me that the organisers have taken and are taking adequate steps to address the impact on local residents and the local environment of additional traffic to and from the site, noise, crime and litter. I believe the security measures for the event are sufficient to ensure the safety of adults and children attending as well as that of any locals who might otherwise potentially be affected.

I am looking forward to a family event such as this in our locality and have no concerns about a detrimental impact on local people or the environment.

Please grant the organisers the licence for this exciting, family event.

Yours faithfully,

Elspeth Gutteridge Ty Cottage Southern Green Rushden Hertfordshire SG9 0SW

From:

Megan Collier

Sent:

21 March 2018 14:42

To:

Licensing; Hannah Sweetman

**Subject:** 

Support Of The Sandon Fields Events / 2018

Megan Collier 121 Collenswood Road Stevenage Hertfordshire SG2 9HA

Dear Licensing Officer / To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to help support the Sandon Fields licensing application.

I have been to my fair share of events/festivals over the years including Sandon Fields which I attended last year (2017), and thoroughly enjoyed the event.

The event itself was very well organised, there were stewards and security all around which made me feel very safe throughout the day - which isn't something always felt at events.

The whole area of the event was kept very tidy, which again isn't an easy feat. You could tell everyone there was very respectful of the event and everyone else there - it created a very friendly, warm and welcoming environment to be in. Within that there wasn't any unsightly behaviour ie. fighting, shouting, underage drinking, drugs, etc. In the future somewhere I would be willing to let my younger brother and sister attend who are 11 & 9. There were children across the grounds throughout the day and they always seemed to be having fun, running about and enjoying themselves. Alongside that, the music selected across both stages was children friendly - even when it got later into the night. The music from the event itself was very contained into the site, you couldn't even hear it until you were very close the main field itself.

When travelling in and out of the event, it was easy to get in and out of the parking area back on to the road and vice versa. I didn't get stuck in any huge traffic jams when leaving - which is what I honestly expected to happen.

People waiting for taxis or lifts all waited in the designated areas and didn't seem to be causing hassle of getting in and out by loitering around on the roads.

Overall, this event was a great day out. As I have said above it was a lovely day out, and it would be a lovely family day out too. Everyone who I met and spoke to - including staff there were all friendly and willing to help. I enjoyed all the music played and the variety of it. The food that was available on site too was a lot better than you would normally expect at a festival/event like this. I think this is one of the best events I've been too due to the high standards clearly set out for everyone to follow - and it showed. Our local areas and communities thrive on events like this! A nice day/evening out where you don't feel on top of each other, and especially one where there are welcoming people. I would love for this to be an annual event and I would definitely be attending each year.

From:

James Rogers

Sent:

21 March 2018 15:26

To:

Licensing; Hannah Sweetman

Cc:

Subject:

Support Of The Sandon Fields Event - 2018

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James Rogers 18 Eastview St Ippoylts Hitchin Herts SG4 7PD

To Whom it may concern

Dear Licensing officer,

I'm writing to support the Sandon Fields license application.

Myself and family completely support this lovely festival especially after a last year's fantastic day and night last year. Getting to and from the event I felt was correctly signed and looked after right down to the friendly staff directing us to the parking. Zero queues!!!! When does that ever happen at such events??

I have 3 daughters of various ages from 5-21 and felt there was something for everyone. Also very safe with all the visible security and marshals, we didn't see any sign of trouble. I did actually thank some of the staff for such a great job

The organizers completed the whole experience with a great music line up, food, bars and the right amount of facilities.

We as a family really hope the same team have the opportunity to put on another great event.

**Best Regards** 

**James Rogers** 

From:

Liz Byatt

Sent:

21 March 2018 15:04

To:

Licensing

Subject:

Support Of The Sandon Fields Event 2018

## **Dear Licensing Officer**

I attended last years event, along with my wife, sons and six friends I personally with one my sons attend:

Reading Festival and Download Festival each year and have done so for the last 8 years Sandon Fields gave a safer festival atmosphere, which encouraged my wife and friends to a attend.

We found the whole experience very well organised From Security, Parking, to the layout of stages and food sellers It would be the one Festival that I would encourage families with children of any age to attend

This is the sought of event we should encourage in our local area With the depth of talent we see each year at Balstock and other such events, to have are young musicians playing alongside mainstream acts would be amazing

Carl Byatt 27 Alder Close Baldock Herts SG7 6HN

From:

tdkernan78

Sent:

21 March 2018 15:39

To:

Licensing

Subject:

Support of the sandon fields event 2018

Miss Tammy kernan
39 the poplars
Wendover
Aylesbury
Bucks
Hp226np

Dear licensing officer/ to whom it may concern.

Regarding the above mentioned event, we attended last year and had a great time. We felt that the security and event was well organised and a safe environment. Last year we didn't take my youngest child but wouldn't hesitate to take her along as I felt that the music was family friendly and wasn't too loud. There wasn't any incidents of antisocial behaviour or under age drinking. The surrounding area outside of the event wasn't effected with traffic or litter.

I enjoyed the live bands and the atmosphere of the event was great. I wouldn't hesitate to attend again. Good all round event!

Regards Tammy kernan

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From:

Nicki Thompson

Sent:

21 March 2018 15:48

To:

Licensing

Cc:

Hannah Sweetman

Subject:

RE: Support of the Sandon Fields event 2018

Nicki Thompson, 17 Sanderling Close, Letchworth, Herts. SG6 4HY.

Dear Licensing Officer/to whom it may concern

I attended this event last year with a group of friends and really enjoyed it. The roads were not congested and parking was not a problem.

This event was full of great music, entertainment and hospitality. I felt that it would be great if it could be an annual event.

I had no concerns about my children attending with their friends as it felt well organised, secure and I did not see any underage drinking.

Best regards Nicki Thompson

From:

henry banna -

Sent:

21 March 2018 20:33

To:

Licensing; Hannah Sweetman

Cc:

Subject:

Sandon fields festival!

Henry Banna 97 walkern road Stevenage Herts SG13RB

Dear licening officer/To whom it may concern,

My friends, family and I attended the Sandon fields festival last year and can say that I was really impressed by the organisation of the festival. There was plenty of security and stewards that were helpful and friendly. They made me feel safe and comfortable throughout.

I travelled to the festival in my own car and had no problems arriving and leaving the festival. There was no traffic build up and it was easy go come and go.

The festival was great fun, everyone was kind and having a good time. There was no fighting or and antisocial behaviour of any kind. The atmosphere was fantastic (evening the rain couldn't dampen the mood).

There was a great variety of music and food to cater for all ages.

It was good to see minors getting stopped for ID and to not sew them drinking like you sew at the bigger festivals.

I was there from start to finish and can say it was a fantastic day for family!

The organisation was superb, well done to everyone involved.

I hope too see this festival run ever year.

Yours sincerely

Henry Banna

From:

Amanda Culshaw

Sent:

21 March 2018 20:47

To:

Licensing

Cc:

Hannah Sweetman

Subject:

Fwd: Support of the Sandown fields event/2018

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

Subject: Support of the Sandown fields event/2018

From: Amanda Culshaw <

Sent: Wednesday, 21 March 2018 20:41

To: CC:

Mrs amanda culshaw

41 Hatfield Stevenage Hertfordshire Sg2 7jp

Dear Licensing Officer /To whom it my concern

I am writing this email due to hearing the sandon fields festival is not going a head this year due to complaints. We came last year my family and I and our friends there were 10 of us and had a wonderful time we felt safe and secure at all times there were plenty of security and stewards around the site inside and out and seemed very well organised. We didn't see any under age drinking even my 26 year old was asked for proof of age which we all found amusing. There were no anti social behaviour everyone was having fun and no trouble anywhere everyone were so friendly. The music was family based and very enjoyable, and the music wasn't overly loud it was contained to the festival site even when we turned up at my daughter's house which is five mins away heard nothing was worried wether it was on as so quiet until we entered the main event field only down side was so muddy as rained most of the day but that t didn't stop the brilliant day we all had. The food was lovely too no litter inside or outside when we left the streets were clean no people loitering outside on the streets and most surprising no traffic jams or heavy road congestion going to and coming home from the event.

We had a brilliant time the communities need events like these so everyone can have a family day out in a lovely friendly village like sandon. My family and I go to a few festivals i.e.: chillfest wireless and these are no way near as organised as this event this is one of the best we have been to by far and to hear a small percentage of Sandown

residents are objecting to this I feel so sad to stop this amazing advent my daughter as I said lives in sandon and like

her we all feel this should not be taken away from us please take my email into account.

Thank you for taking time to look at my email.

NOT RELEVANT

Yours faithfully Mrs Amanda culshaw

From:

Alex Simpson ·

Sent:

21 March 2018 22:16

To:

Licensing; Hannah Sweetman

Subject:

Support Of The Sandon Fields Event / 2018

Alex Simpson
15 Woodlands Drive
Bo'ness
West Lothian
Scotland
EH51 0NT

Dear Licensing Officer / To whom it may concern,

Having personally used the festival as the centrepiece of a visit to the area to catch up with friends and their families, I'd like to share some of my experiences and observations during the event, as follows:

The quality and diversity of the music spread across two stages meant that everybody's musical tastes were accommodated. Particularly helpful in this regard was the tented stage, affording shelter to those who wanted it during the rainy periods;

I was particularly pleased that many families had decided to bring kids of all ages to support
the event. Attractions/face painting stalls seemed to be doing a roaring trade in keeping the
younger festival goers entertained;

- Stewarding was evident yet unobtrusive giving the festival a safe and family oriented feeling;

- There was no queuing either on the approaches to the event or upon entry to the event, other than a bit of a delay to the opening time to ensure the safety of the site due to overnight rain. We were all in good spirits and appreciated the efforts of the stewards and organisers to ensure a safe event;
- During the event there was a good and varied selection of food and drink, at typical festival
  prices, to enjoy. The 'beer token' scheme was particularly good for minimising the wait to be
  refreshed. The main wait I had was for the 'beer token' stall staff to accept my Scottish notes
  but once resolved it wasn't a problem again;
- The cleaning staff did a good job of keeping litter at the event to a minimum. Further, I don't recall seeing any mess or litter on the approaches to the event;
- During my time at the event I didn't witness any anti-social behaviour, under age drinking or groups loitering at the entrance or approaches to the site;
- When we decided to leave, our taxi arrived promptly and whisked us back to Ware with little in the way of delay:
- I'm an experienced festival goer and was a little surprised that there was next to no noise as we left the site. I prefer my music a little louder but given the family nature of the event I can understand why it wasn't as loud as it could have been. Nonetheless, I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the event and high praise must go to those involved in organising and staffing the event.

And last but certainly not least, community based festivals such as this are vital in encouraging local musical talent to flourish and grow into the established acts we all know and love and that make Britain one of the foremost musical nations of the world.

Regards,

NOT RELEVANT

Alex Simpson

From:

Joe Howard

Sent:

21 March 2018 23:08

To:

Licensing

Cc:

Hannah Sweetman

Subject:

Support Of The Sandon Fields Event / 2018

Joe Howard

19 Westell Close

Baldock

Hertfordshire

SG76RY

Dear Licensing Officer to whom it may concern.

I feel it's worth approving the license for Sandon fields because the event was a really lovely friendly atmosphere for children, grown ups and older. The festival site felt very safe with presence of stewards and security where ever you went. The event its self had tastes for everyone and had been thought out to cater for families and music lovers alike. The music suited everyone's tastes and was very well contained to the stages and festival site, music was only heard once on the site.

Coming up to the site was very well managed with sign posts far enough back that people knew where they were going to it eased the traffic onto the site without causing any congestion. The drive to the site and around the site was very clean and well maintained with no litter or mess around.

The community need more events like this to give people something outdoors to look forward to. The media is always saying that people aren't outside or that there's always antisocial behaviour in towns Granting this license and allowing this event to happen is showing to the rest of the country the North Hertfordshire council care about their residents by giving the, outdoor fun activities for them to get involved in reducing people being 'bored' and becoming a problem in towns. It's means people can express themselves through arts and music and relax and make memories with family and friends.

Please be the supporting council by encouraging people to get outside and enjoy music and art.

NOT RELEVANT

Many Thanks
Joe Howard

Sent from my iPad

From:

Dan Barnicott <

Sent:

21 March 2018 23:21

To:

Licensing; Hannah Sweetman

Subject:

Support Of The Sandon Fields Event / 2018

Daniel Barnicott

48 Chiltern Road, Baldock, Hertfordshire, SG7 6LS

To Whom it May Concern,

I hope this email finds you well,

I am writing to support the appeal for the 'Sandon Fields' license application.

On arrival of the event having being drop off, I questioned whether or not I had made it to the correct day of the festival, there was no litter outside the site, or music to heard, just the faint sent of the wet crops from the rain the night before and a few stewards who directed me in a friendly fashion in the direction of the entrance, which was clearly in front of me but I was dazzled by the fact I couldn't hear any music. Something that is often unheard of at festivals

Entering the site I was greeted by more friendly stewards who checked my E ticket, on my phone thus saving paper, who gave me a wrist band and allowed me into to the festival site. Only once I'd left the ticket area could I start to hear the faint music and entered the festival atmosphere.

At a glance around the festival site there were lots of happy families with children as well as people from all age ranges being social eating and drink a variety of different food and drinks from the various vendors. For the first time on a small scale festival have I ever seen more than four security guards. Sandon Fields had a large stock of security guards ensuring there was no mischief. Which to my surprise, there were no incidents on this first time festival. Whilst purchasing a drink at the bar, I was friendly asked to see my ID by a member of the bar staff I noticed all of who looked under at least 25/26 were asked, which I showed my drivers licenses and the process was proceeded. A pleasant and prompt experience at a bar.

During the day I, along with all others, enjoyed a a variety of music which was produced at a good level and showcased up coming talent as-well as a world touring artist - 'The Skints' which I throughly enjoyed. As night fell and the final band finished the site was well lit before dark and during dark hours and the safety of everyone was the highest priority of all on the site, this was apparent from the security and First Aiders on Site. Leaving the site there were bins provided for punters to throw their rubbish into and marshals who were doing the rounds on any parts that hadn't quite made it into the bin.

I personally feel it would be a huge disappointment for the local music scenes to loose another fantastic music festival which is helping to boost and promote so many fantastic up and coming artists. The event provided a fun day out and left hope for future events run by the organisers of 'Sandon Fields'. An organisation which I will definitely keep an eye out for future events.

If you have any queries about any of the points mentioned in the above, please do not hesitate to contact me via my email -

Warmest,

Daniel Barnicott

From:

SIMON COLLIS

Sent:

21 March 2018 19:33

To:

Licensing

Cc:

Hannah Sweetman;

Subject:

IN SUPPORT - Sandon Fields Fair - June 9th/10th 2018

Dear Licensing Officer,

I writing to confirm that I'm fully IN SUPPORT of the proposed Sandon Fields Fair planned for June this year.

As a relatively local resident (Southern Green, Rushden) my family and I attended last year's festival and found it great fun and thoroughly enjoyable. As far as we were aware the festival went off without any major hitches and appeared to be very well managed and controlled. Security was professional, helpful and not overly intrusive which I believe helped make the event the success it was.

All essential amenities - parking, toilets, food and drink stands etc - were well up to expectations and I cannot fault the arrangements that were put in place by the organisers for all of these services.

During our time at the festival we saw no unruly behaviour nor did we notice anything that overly troubled us in terms of crowd control, security, entering/exiting the site or the overall management of the event. As far as we're concerned it was very well run.

As locals we're fully in support of this type of event - not only for the younger crowd but for the older set as well. There are limited activities going on in the immediate locale and I believe this type of event only enhances village life and the joys of living in the country. Personally, I'd love to see this become an annual event and , if it was a good as last year, I think it will be a huge positive for all.

NOT RELEVANT

Yours sincerely

Simon and Debs Collis Old Well Cottage Souther Green Rushden

Hannah Sweetman	
From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject:	AdamO 21 March 2018 19:10 Licensing Hannah Sweetman Support Of The Sandon Fields Event / 2018
Adam Osullivan 22 kipling close hitchin hertfordshire SG4 ODU	
Dear licensing officer,	
organised to the highest standard lover and as a resident in Hertfor thier way to help me. I drove to the event and had no put had a great time and didnt with community come together. Bar staff were very polite and yet I can state that I did not see any tasking for ID as well.	Interest that it assume was a challenge 25 policy.  Interest with what i assume was a challenge 25 policy.
i had a great experience and since	erely hope this event continues to grow and provide Hertfordshire with a
events like this one.	music even more so since have already lost ROTW the community drastically needs
:#	NOT RELEVANT
Yours sincerely All the best	

Graham Lamb

Sent:

21 March 2018 19:05

To:

Licensing; Hannah Sweetman

Subject:

Support for The Sandon Fields Event 2018

From:

Graham H P Lamb
Monks Fitchett
2 Kits Lane
Wallington
Hertfordshire
SG7 6SP

Dear Licensing Officer/To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the licensing application for The Sandon Fields Event which it is hoped to have again this year. I attended last year's inaugural event with my partner, some of our children and grandchildren also went along.

There was no appreciable increase in traffic transiting Wallington, which is about two miles from the Sandon Fields site, either before or after the event. Any such traffic would pass within 20ft of my home and sudden increases would be noticeable. There were no traffic holdups when we went to the event after it began or when we left before the end.

The location was clearly signposted and stewarding in the parking area was clear and efficient, as was subsequent entry to the main site. Security and stewards were visible throughout the web site: I didn't notice any incidence of trouble during the 5 hours we were there. The bar staff seemed alert to any attempts at underage drinking.

The site seemed well laid out although the weather didn't help visiting all parts. The layout meant that the music wasn't heard until within the main site boundary.

There was a good range of food and music: a tea tent would have helped given the temperature!

It was good to see that the <u>organisers had ensured</u> that local Hertfordshire musicians and food providers were prominent.

There are limited events in North Herts for a range of ages and families, particularly in the more rural areas, and despite the weather - the 2017 event was enjoyed and appreciated by the 3 generations of our family who were there. Other families and individuals from our village attended and all seemed to have enjoyed it, apart from the weather!

It is a great opportunity for those in the local villages to get together and hopefully it will continue.

Yours sincerely,

**Graham Lamb** 

Sent from my iPad

From:

**Brittany Austin** 

Sent:

21 March 2018 17:23

To:

licencing@north-herts.gov.uk; Hannah Sweetman

Subject:

Support of Sandon Fields Event/2018

Brittany Austin
26 Brampton Park Road
Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG5 1XF

Dear licencing Officer,

I am writing to appeal the Sandon Fields Licence application.

After attending what I thought to be a well organised festival last year I was suprised to hear it may not be going ahead this year. I was very excited to have something close by that I could attend with my children. I drove to the event and there was no congestion and ample parking, I found it very easy to get to, found the security staff very accommodating and helpful and felt myself and my children where safe at all times.

I witnessed no trouble or anything that I deemed to be inappropriate at anytime. I very much enjoyed the music and was impressed at the variety which I believed catered for all. Another thing I was grateful for was as the evening set in it was easy to manoeuvre and leave the festival and it was clearly outlined thanks to the purpose made footpath and guidance from the stewards making my exit and journey home seamless. I was very much looking forward to attending this year again with my children and feel it was a well organised enjoyable event for all..

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Michelle Pike

Sent:

21 March 2018 17:10

To:

Licensing; Hannah Sweetman

Subject:

Support of the Sandon Fields Event 2018

Mrs Michelle Pike 18 Sears Close

Clifton

**Beds** 

**SG17 5HG** 

## To whom it may concern

I am emailing to advise Sandon Fields last year was a superb family event. It was a joy to attend somewhere so well organised from arrival to departure no anti social behaviour, just a pleasant family day out. In my opinion we need more events like this for families.

Helpful security and staff plenty of parking clearly marked out for ease at the end of the event no litter. Everyone involved in the event seemed to be extremely well briefed and professional.

The range of music and refreshments was excellent for all the family.

All in all a good family day out, highly recommended.

Kind regards Michelle Pike

From:

david james

Sent:

21 March 2018 17:05

To:

Licensing; Hannah Sweetman

Subject:

Support Of The Sandon Fields Event / 2018

David James
18 Shoreham Close,
Stevenage,
Herts,
Sg1 2jf

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

I attended the Sandon Fields event last year with my wife and young son, immediately I was impressed with the organisation, security and quality of the event. Everyone from staff, security and patrons were welcoming and helpful. I did not see any trouble there and felt safe at all times and especially felt that my son was safe.

We car-pooled to the event with another family and had no trouble getting in or out and upon returning to our car no damage accidental or otherwise had been done to the vehicle.

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 had an absolutely amazing time as did my family 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 Dave James

From:

Jak Melvin

Sent:

21 March 2018 16:56

To:

Licensing; Hannah Sweetman

Subject:

Support Of The Sandon Fields Event / 2018

Follow Up Flag: Flag Status:

Follow up Completed

Jak Melvin

Aston Park Farm Stringers Lane Aston, Herts SG2 7EF

Dear Licensing officer,

I hope this email finds you well.

### I am writing to support the Sandon Fields license application.

I was lucky enough to attend the Festival last year and thought it was a very well run and organised event, especially impressive considering this was the first year the event had taken place. I'm a big Festival go-er and thought that the security guards and stewards at Sandon Fields were some of the best and friendliest I've experienced. There were checks upon arrival and upon re-entry into the grounds should you leave the festival and return, which gave me great peace of mind and made me feel safe at all times.

I travelled to the event in my car with my girlfriend and thought access in and out of the festival was very easy. There was no traffic on the streets into the event and upon arrival into the festival grounds one of the many parking stewards directing cars into spaces was extremely helpful and friendly. The car park was well organised so leaving the Festival was not a problem either.

The festival had lots of young families in attendance which was great to see and at no point was there any fighting or anti-social behaviour. There was a friendly atmosphere and even with the rain everyone was having fun. There were 2 outside stages that were well spaced apart and at no point did I feel either of these were overly loud. Both stages also had a great range of music so that there was something for everyone, no matter what age.

I did not see any underage drinking during the day and I was even asked for ID myself at the bar! (I'm 27).

My Girlfriend and I stayed for the whole day and long into the evening - the festival was well lit so there was no issue finding footpaths and exits. When leaving the festival I did not notice any litter on the ground and people were using the bins provided for their finished cups.

I had an fantastic day and want to show my full support for the license application so as to enjoy the festival again this year.

Kind Regards, Jak

From:

Liz French

Sent:

21 March 2018 16:52

To:

Hannah Sweetman; Licensing

Subject:

Support Of The Sandon Fields Event / 2018

Follow Up Flag: Flag Status:

Follow up Completed

Elizabeth Louise French 3 Campfield Way Letchworth Herts SG6 4XH

Dear Licensing Officer / To whom it may concern

I would just like to say that while attending the Sandon Fields event last year I felt safe and secure, there was plenty of security and stewards around the site, they were very visible if you needed them and the event was very well organised and all staff were friendly and approachable.

The event was fantastic for both young and old, and set a very good example as there was no under age drinking, witch meant no anti social behaviour took place.

You could tell the festival had a family vibe as the music was kept to a minimum level and was contained to the festival site, the music was only heard as you approached the main event field.

The music the bands were playing suited both the younger and older generation witch was lovely to watch every generation mixing together and enjoying themselves.

The event was that well organised that while arriving and departing the event you wouldn't of thought there would have been a festival going on at all, the roads were clear from congestion and traffic jams, you went in and out of the event with much ease.

There was no people loitering outside on the streets on arrival or departure, witch made it have a feeling of safety for all attending the festival.

It was also nice to see that there was no litter either on site or on the streets, there was constant stewards emptying bins and walking around picking anything up straight away if any was dropped.

Overall Sandon Fields was a lovely event to attend, with a friendly, family vibe attached to it, wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves with all the different bands and variety of food on offer.

I loved meeting new people there and bumping into people I've not seen for years, I loved every minute of it and holds many memories for me.

Communities and towns need more events like this to bring people together for friendly fun entertainment.

Regards

Elizabeth French

NOT RELAMENT

From:

Pete Myatt

Sent:

21 March 2018 16:24

To:

Licensing; Hannah Sweetman

Cc:

Subject:

Support of Sandon Fields event 2018

Follow Up Flag:

Follow up

Flag Status:

Completed

Peter Myatt 55 Nightingale Road Hitchin Herts SG5 1RE

To whom it may concern,

I attended the Sandon Fields festival in September 2017 and had a thoroughly enjoyable day. It was a well run festival with a good cross section of musical styles, involving predominantly local acts but with several well known national acts. The festival was very well run - I saw no sign of anti-social behaviour, under age drinking or drinking to excess and the stewarding was very well organised - it was an unseasonally cold and wet day but leaving the car park presented no problems with the help of the stewards and there was no congestion on leaving Sandon. The friends I was with had their 9 and 11 year old sons with them and they also enjoyed the day.

I was very sad to hear that the license for this years event is in jeopardy as it seemed the organisers had done all necessary to ensure a smoothly run and enjoyable family day out. I find large commercial festivals to be hard work, but small scale family orientated festivals are the future and a positive asset for those living nearby.

I very much hope that this years event will take place and that I will be there!

Pete Myatt

From:

Liam Tasker

Sent:

20 March 2018 17:40

To:

Licensing; Hannah Sweetman

Subject:

Support of the sandon fields event 2018

Liam Tasker 29 North Avenue Letchworth Herts SG6 1DH

To whom it may concern,

I'm sending this email in support of the Sandon fields license application.

I went to the event last year with my family, my wife and two kids aged 7 and 13, we all absolutely loved it! We drove there from where we live in Letchworth and used the onsite parking facilities, this was well set up and had Stewards everywhere helping you park and leave safely, this seemed to go like clockwork and the traffic around the site seemed fine.

We felt very safe all day, the security guards on site knew exactly what they were doing, they were very professional on the gates and friendly once you were in.

We spent the whole day there, it rained a bit but this didn't put anyone off having a good time, we didn't witness any bad behaviour, trouble or underage drinking, it was a great atmosphere all day!

We had a perfect day as a family at the festival, there was all types of music, acts and things going on to suit us all (and lovely food).

When it was time to go we headed back to the car via the walkways, it had got dark by then but they were all lit up nicely to guide you back safely.

Very well organised festival, very impressed. I would love to go back every year!

Yours sincerely, Liam Tasker

From:

Glenn Osborn

Sent:

21 March 2018 00:19

To:

Licensina

Subject:

Support Of The Sandon Fields Event / 2018

Glenn Osborn 17 Friars Road Weston Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7BA

## **Dear Licensing Officer**

I am writing this email in support of Sandon Fields festival. I attended last year's event and can honestly say that my friends and I had a very enjoyable time for various reasons. The festival site was very secure and it was obvious when we first arrived that the organisers had taken safety very seriously. After the well thought out car park we were greeted by friendly and curteous security and door staff who were helpful with directions.

The token system for the bars meant that there was no under age drinking and the festival as a whole was very family orientated. There were lots of people of all ages having a good time and listening to/watching some great music. At no time did I see any trouble or feel threatened and there was a genuinely friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

The was an eclectic mix of different genres which catered for a wide range of tastes, and lots to do for children too including face painting and stuff. Also there was no traffic on the way in or out of the festival and surrounding area which topped off an amazing day and night.

I really hope that I can go again this year as it was a great local festival with local artists playing along side well known, touring acts. It could be such a good thing for the local area.

**Yours Sincerely** 

Glenn Osborn

From:

Tom Gosling

Sent:

20 March 2018 22:22

To:

Licensing; Hannah Sweetman

Subject:

Support Of The Sandon Fields Event / 2018

Tom Gosling 12B Highbury Rd Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RW

Dear licensing officer / To whom it may concern,

I am writing to support the Sandon Fields license application.

I visited the event last year and was very impressed with all aspects of the festival. The organisers had created a safe and secure environment for families and friends to enjoy a day out and, from what I could see, everyone was having a good time. At no point, did I witness anti-social behaviour of any kind.

Our arrival was unhindered. No queues entering the festival or en route and the parking staff were extremely helpful.

The bar staff were professional and friendly and I did not see anyone drinking who looked underage. The ID policy appeared to be strict and in force.

The music and entertainment was family-friendly and, in my opinion, never too loud or raucous.

Leaving the event was as seamless as our arrival. We ordered a taxi and were picked up within minutes. The exit was well lit and easy to find. We were back home, safe and sound, within 20 minutes of the event closing.

I strongly support the festival's license application for 2018. I fail to see any downsides to this positive and enjoyable event and have full faith in the organisers to ensure another wonderful experience for all who attend.

Yours sincerely Tom Gosling

From:

Paul

Sent:

20 March 2018 20:43

To:

Hannah Sweetman

Subject:

Proposed event Sandon 9/10 June 2018

## Dear Hannah

I understand there is the possibility of a Music and World Food Festival at a farm in Sandon, which was well-received last year.

NOT RELEVANT

Surprised that there would be any opposition to this, may I reinforce my concerns that there remains a possibility, albeit small, that it may not get licensed.

I understand that a thorough consideration of all requirements is complete, regarding principally - but not uniquely - security, traffic management, monitoring of age-related drinking and so forth

For a village such as Sandon, it would be a great shame not let this opportunity pass, since being just once in the year, it's not seeking regular weekly disturbance. Most local people I've spoken to would regret missing out on this one off/annual event (I've socialised in the local public house there of occasion).

Additionally, I'm told that the organisation for which I've volunteered for nearly 20 years could benefit from a generous donation, if the event takes place and is well-attended, so my motives are also tied into our branch's needs for much-needed funding.

NOT RELEVANT

I recognise you will give this your balanced consideration and trust you'll approve its go-ahead, given so much advance support,

Kind regards,

Paul Channon.

From:

Paul Woodhead

Sent:

20 March 2018 19:43

To:

Licensing

Cc:

Hannah Sweetman

Subject:

Support Of The Sandon Fields Event / 2018

Paul Woodhead 1 Bluebell Drive Lower Stondon Beds SG16 6NN

Dear Licensing Officer, To whom it may concern.

I am writing to support the Sandon Fields event.

I was lucky enough to attend the event held last year and I must say that it was a great day for all those who attended. The event was enjoyed by many families and children, who seemed, despite the rain, to be having a great time.

The staff and security were extremely friendly and efficient and the event was safe for everyone that attended. I did not see any under age drinking, you had to buy tickets to get drinks and show ID, which was enforced and I witnessed when purchasing my tickets. We parked up for most of the day and had no trouble getting in or out of the venue.

The event finished on time as I stayed until the end, its just a shame it wasn't longer.

Overall my family had an excellent time and I fell that this should be an event that should be embarrassed and help grow to its full potential of having and amazing event each year that is a short distance from where I live. We are looking forward to attending this year too so strongly advice that the licence should be granted.

Regards

From:

Linda Hill

Sent:

20 March 2018 18:33

To:

Hannah Sweetman; Licensing

Subject:

SANDON FIELDS LICENCE application

#### IN SUPPORT

Dear Hannah,

I am writing to support the licence application for Sandon Fields music festival.

We live less than a mile away (two fields from Roe Green) and last year had no problems with noise, traffic or behaviour.

It is a very well organised and controlled event and much effort has gone into addressing residents' concerns. It is only for 2 days in a year and gives local people the chance to hear top bands and enjoy a community event for all ages.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Hill,

Friars Grange, Offley Green, Rushden SG9 0TF