

## APPENDIX G

The Police submitted comments on which little emphasis can be placed as they were received outside the prescribed consultation period. It is therefore not a formal representation. The comments are broadly neutral, and all issues raised can be addressed through the EMP conditions.

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Dear Sirs,

Please find below the police response to the application notification above – Newnham- LC/2701- SR/31658.

The police will not be making formal representations in relation to either the application to amend the current license, or the application to revoke the existing one.

We note that the residents and Parrish Council have both made representations, the grounds of which are largely underpinned by noise complaints (which fall under the remit of EH) - and ASB

That said, we DO have concerns and would be happy to attend the hearing to outline them if the licensing authority committee, or the residents thought it appropriate.

The rationale behind these are as follows.

The ASB is largely relating to matters of public nuisance such as vehicle numbers (and the nature of driving) urination, defecation and the discarding of drugs paraphernalia in the surrounding area to the site (namely the village) which appear to have been noted and catalogued by the residents, but not been reported to the police in any great number as I have interrogated command and control systems and cannot find reports to police of such levels of ASB. Effectively, the residents and Parrish Council hold the evidence, not the police.

However, it should be noted that **had** we been party to the level of ASB reportedly suffered by the residents, we may well have been making a representation along the same lines.

It must therefore be assumed that these issues were monitored and logged by the residents who have not wanted to trouble / burden the police service at the time which, while commendable in its well-intentioned mind set, now appears to be counterproductive in terms of our ability to comment on them.

I agree that the uplift in vehicle numbers and the manor of driving are critical factors in determining public safety concerns and note that a comprehensive traffic management plan has not accompanied the application. However a condition exists on the current license for one to be effectively approved at SAG, and as such the police and other Responsible Authorities already hold a 'VETO' in that if they felt the TMP was insufficient they could prevent the event taking place without the need to go to review and therefore it would be inappropriate to raise objection on this basis.

Notwithstanding the above, it is our considered opinion that there would have needed to be a very thorough TMP produced for any license application to be properly considered, and unfortunately insufficient time has been allowed for any meaningful discussion around this given the Christmas break and the timing of the application which is most unfortunate.

It is also only right to point out that obviously should there be any issues regarding any of the above a review of the license could also be held at that point and the police would certainly request a Review at the earliest opportunity should there be a need.

While it is not for the police to comment on the resident's or Parrish council's applications, it should be duly noted that the police not making a representation does not necessarily mean we believe that the amendments should be granted and we do

have reservations (as laid out above) about the likely impact of this application being approved.

The numbers proposed will not only cause considerable strain on the local infrastructure and the private and family lives of the residents, but also potentially cause a significant increase in demand on local policing resources, and it is our opinion that any move to allow this application should be very carefully considered indeed in terms of the impact on policing.

I have consulted Inspector Lant, the Police Inspector responsible for Neighbourhood Policing in North Hertfordshire, who also has significant concerns regarding the potential impact of this licence application which in worst case scenario would lead to multiple events take place over a 12 month period with each event held over multiple days.

This creates an additional risk with regards the potential impact on finite police resources in North Hertfordshire and would inevitably result in an increase in calls for service to local police and require a response to reports of crime, ASB and potentially disorder. Given that we appear to already not have reports of multiple instances, the uplift on top of this reporting would pose a considerable concern.

I am not confident that those police resources will be able to safely cope with this increase without adversely impacting our ability to manage “daily business” demand.

In closing, I would like to reiterate my willingness to attend the hearing and would gladly answer any questions the applicant or any other attendees at the hearing would have.

Kind regards

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