

APPENDIX C

Representation from Hertfordshire Constabulary



HERTFORDSHIRE

CONSTABULARY

Licensing Act 2003

REPRESENTATION FORM FROM RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES

North Herts LICENSING AUTHORITY

Responsible Authority: Police

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Name of the premises you are making a representation about	Sandon Fields	
Address of the premises you are making a representation about	Poplars Farm, Roe Green, Sandon, Buntingford, Hertfordshire SG9 0QG	
Details of the individual you are making representations about	Name Richard Maskell	Address Unit 13, Baldock Industrial Estate, Baldock, Hertfordshire, SG7 6NG
	Date & Place of Birth	
Is this the first objection in respect of this individual or these premises	Yes	<u>Brief details / cross reference</u>

Licensing Objections

Which of the four licensing Objectives does your representation relate to?	Yes Or No	Evidence supporting representation or reason for representation. Please use continuation sheet as required
To prevent crime and disorder	Y	<p>In the history of the Sandon Fields event, the issue of the nesting Red Kites in the neighbouring woods has previously been raised Red Kites are listed in Sch 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, and the act stipulates instances where disturbance to a nest for a schedule 1 bird constitutes a crime.</p> <p>A suitable survey (and following the guidance of the said survey) is required to provide the licence holder with the right information to conduct the event without committing this crime, or being accused of committing the crime. By being able to show absolute due diligence as recommended by the appropriate experts.</p>
Public safety	Y	<p>The recorded maximum attendance at any one point for the 2018 event was 1800. The debrief notes recorded significant issues during the attendant's exit from the event. A number of factors have been considered responsible for this, however the geography of the access and egress of the site made a strong impact. Unless there is a change in the geography of the land, which has not been anticipated, it is doubtful that more people would be able to exit the site safely as part of the review process I request that the licence is reviewed to be limited to a capacity of 2000, including staff and artists on site.</p> <p>The 2018 event proceeded without camping. We expect that an event does not grow in size, length and nature until the license holder can demonstrate that it can run an event of a similar nature safely. As such we request that new conditions are imposed to restrict the event as described below.</p> <p>Through discussions, the licence holder has agreed in principle to the condition of limiting the 2019 event to 2000 people, but fundamentally keeping 2999 as the overall capacity of the licence in perpetuity. This is not agreed by Hertfordshire Constabulary as this assumes the event will expand in the following years without change to the site layout and infrastructure. There is no significant change to the site layout and therefore the capacity should be capped appropriately. In consultations, the licence holder states that we have a yearly opportunity to put in a representation or request if required. This should be the exception as opposed to the rule.</p> <p>If changes are made to the festival site the onus ought to be on the licence holder to then satisfy the responsible authorities that they will then allow for a greater capacity by applying for a variation or minor variation. It is not for the responsible authority to chase the licence holder every</p>

		<p>year to informally agree a which the site can allow which is actually lower than that which is represented on the licence. Any increase on 2000 should be applied for by the licence holder so that the circumstances of the previous event can be considered in judgement.</p>
To prevent public nuisance	Y	<p>The 2018 event resulted in numerous reports of ASB and disorder, however the event manager decided to close the site at 2300.</p> <p>Given the large-scale number of people in attendance, a level of anti-social behaviour is somewhat inevitable however it has a greater impact on the community in light of the proximity of other residential premises. Police and council recorded significant complaints of ASB with a finishing time of 2300, this would be exacerbated if the event were to continue to a later hour.</p> <p>In order to mitigate the effect of the behaviour of the festival-goers on the community, an earlier end to the licensable activities would be supported by the police.</p> <p>There is an expectation from the constabulary that there is no growth on this event until it has been shown to run safely and successfully. If the timings of the event which are stipulated on the licence were to be applied to the 2019 event, it would be an expansion upon last year's event. Hertfordshire Constabulary make the reasonable request that the hours of licensable activity are brought forward to more closely resemble last year's event. The staggering of the hours for the different licensable activities reflect that which are currently on the licence.</p> <p>The licence holder has made plans to facilitate the egress problems seen in the 2018 by utilising a "staggered close", i.e. by closing stages and late night refreshment at different times thereby encouraging people to leave at different times, he has suggested that this is a reason why earlier finish times will not work and will in fact make the egress problems bad, like last year. It is the view of the Constabulary that the staggered closing plans can still be adhered to it this is important to the egress of people, albeit they are enacted an hour earlier.</p>
To protect children from harm	N	

Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account. Please use separate sheets where necessary and refer to checklist.

Change to times of licensable activities:

Live Music: 1200-2300
Recorded Music: 1200-2300
Late Night Refreshments: 2300-2330
Sale of Alcohol: 1200-2230
Opening hours: 1200-2330

Removal of the following conditions (if all other amendments are adopted):

P9(a) The maximum capacity for the total area of the event at any one time is 2999 people, this includes staff on site.

(b) No more than 2000 day tickets to be sold for either event day.

(e) Entry on to the site will not be allowed between 2300-0600.

P12(d) Alcohol limit of 4 cans, 50cl of spirits, or 75cl of wine.

Amendment to the following conditions:

G1: No camping is to be permitted as part of the 2018 event.
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G2: The maximum capacity for the total area of the event at any one time for the 2018 event is two thousand people, this includes all staff and artists on site.

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P3(d): The event cannot proceed unless the EMP is agreed by Hertfordshire Constabulary

to –

In the event of any of the responsible authorities advising the licensing authority that the final version of the Event Management Plan (EMP) does not in their professional view fully satisfy their reasonable requirements to meet the four licensing objectives, the event will not proceed until such time as the reasonable requirements are met and approval of the EMP is confirmed in writing by the licensing authority.

Addition of the following conditions:

No persons will be prohibited from entering onto the site with alcohol for personal consumption.

Signed on behalf of Hertfordshire Constabulary:



Date: 15th February 2019