

APPENDIX D

**Representation from NHDC
Environmental Health**

Committee report to North Hertfordshire District Council's Licensing Authority

Re: Poplars Farm, Roe Green, Sandon. SG9 0QG

Subject: Review of the premises license held by **Richard Maskell**

Introduction

I am making a representation in respect of this premises license application under the licensing objective of "public safety".

Areas of concern

My concerns lie around the access to the site, as there is only one single track road in and out of the licensable area which contains several pinch points which would prevent vehicles being able to turn easily. In the Event Management Plan it was explained that there would be a sterile traffic route across the neighbouring property for emergency vehicles, in case of the main access being obstructed. It is my understanding that permission for the use of the neighbouring land was not in place at time of the last event.

My concern is that if the site needed to be evacuated, the evacuation would compromise the ability of the emergency services to be able to access the licensable area.

Recommendations

I would recommend to the Committee based upon the evidence above that the premises license has the following conditions added;

1. **The total licensed capacity for the premises shall not exceed 2000 persons at any one time, unless:**
 - a) **Written permission is given by the owner(s) of any land needed to provide an additional emergency access to the licensable area, and**
 - b) **This additional emergency access is suitable to allow a fire engine to gain access to the licensable area, and**
 - c) **This additional emergency access is to be kept clear for the duration of the event to allow emergency vehicles.**

I would also recommend substituting the wording in condition s.2 (b)

"A table listing all areas and the spaces allocated to each;" be amended to read;

s.2 (b) a table listing all enclosed areas and the capacity allocated to each

If the applicant agrees for the amendment and additional conditions to be attached to the license, then this representation will be withdrawn.

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