

APPENDIX G

**Representations from Other Persons
opposing the review**

Dear Licensing Officer,

I live only two properties away from the site and I am writing in support of the proposed 'Sandon Fields' music event later this year.

After the protracted and expensive application process last year I am disappointed that one resident in particular, with a personal grudge and who in no way represents the feelings of the majority of the village, is once again causing as much cost to the public purse as possible in pursuit of his own selfish aims.

My wife and I attended the second event last year on both days and it was, without doubt a huge success. The level of organisation, the efficiency of the security staff checking wrist bands and bags and the marshalling of visitors was above and beyond anything I have witnessed s similar events. 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. It was almost impossible to hear the event from my home which is only two properties away from the venue.

On the Saturday morning I was checking at regular intervals to see whether there was any traffic problems caused by vehicles arriving. Other than pauses in traffic flow caused [REDACTED] riding his horse backwards and forwards across the entrance driveway, I witnessed no local traffic disruption caused by vehicles either entering or leaving the site. If he performs in the same way this year I will be making a written complaint to the RSPCA as I do not think it right that he force his animal to take part in this type of protest action.

Again, the behaviour of the festival goers was exemplary and we saw nobody who appeared to excessively under the influence of alcohol and saw/smelt no indication that any illegal substances were being consumed. The two days was 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 and 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.

The time limits on the band performances were strictly observed to the point that the final band on the Sunday experienced the PA being shut down before they had finished their last song. This was a shame but, given the circumstances I thought it absolutely right that the organisers take this step to ensure that they met the licence restrictions.

On Saturday evening I monitored the departure of vehicles from the site and this was achieved remarkably quickly and efficiently. There were some people waiting for lifts on the green but these were mostly local people from neighbouring villages as I recognised and spoke to several of them.

I hope very much that the festival is allowed to go ahead again this year as it is a fantastic day out for anybody who enjoys live music.

As one of its closest neighbours I have absolutely no issue with Sandon Fields taking place in 2019 and I look forward to attending, for the third year running.

Yours sincerely

Darren King

Longhope, Roe Green, Sandon, SG90QG

We would like to say that we fully support the event, "Sandon Fields". We attended the first event, sadly we were away for the second. On both occasions, we never heard of any offences taking place in the area. We thoroughly enjoyed the 2017 event. It was very well run, nothing got out of hand, children were safe in their area, mostly with parents very near by, no public nuisance. The Village was not left littered with bottles and rubbish. Security staff were always visible, therefore felt safe. We would certainly attend another event, WE ARE IN OUR SEVENTIES!!!! This event should take place every year.

Kindest regards

Chris and Jenny Mace

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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

Dear licensing officer

I'm writing to you in support of sandon fields. I attended the meeting where they were issued with there licence. And can safely say that they defiantly abided by your conditions. The access to the venue was excellent. As was leaving . The security was brilliant. It was a very well organised venue. This will be my third year of me and my family going and every year more of us go . The venue is growing in popularity each year . I believe this once a year venue is good for the local area. As this is keeping up with modern times. It's something that a lot of family's ,teenagers. Middle age., and older age people are enjoying... I support them as I would be devastated for something so brilliant and on my doorstep to be taken away This area needs this yearly venue. I also would like to mention the lovely donation that sandon feilds put back into the local school. How fantastic is that. We as a family look forward to this all year.

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To Whom it may Concern

My name is Karima Tasker, my address is 29 North Avenue, Letchworth, Herts, SG6 1DH and I am emailing you to give my support to the above event.

I attended this event last year with my husband and our two children, aged 8 and 14, and many of our friends and their children. We all really enjoyed this event and felt that it was very well organised- in terms of signs, parking, security etc. and it provided activities for our children as well as great bands for us adults. We really liked the location, as it was incredibly scenic and out of the way, whilst feeling safe and secure.

There was a great atmosphere to the festival, which meant that we could remain there with our children, without concern for their safety- despite alcohol being available at the event. The food choices were great and the 'no cash' system worked really well.

Our youngest child made use of the activities for children, whilst our eldest and his friend were able to enjoy the music and food fairly independently.

We didn't see any inappropriate behaviour and thought there was a nice buzz to the day. I felt very safe to be there with my children and came and went by car without any difficulty. Staff at the event were friendly and helpful and the lay out of the stages etc. worked well.

We very much hope that this event can go ahead again this year, as we would definitely attend again. It was nice to have a local event, with good music that we could attend as a family.

Kind regards

Karima

To whom it may concern

Dear Licensing Officer

I am writing in full support of the proposed Sandon Fields Event 2019. I attended the event it was very well run, it was very safe and secure. The marshalls were very helpful. The security was very tight and well run.

I did not witness any fights or other anti social behaviour, any rubbish/plastic glasses were picked up very quickly. It was a great event to catch up and talk to Sandon people who I do not see very often.

My house is not very far away from the event and I could not hear any noise. I did not see any alcohol being sold to under aged children. It was very well run using the token system.

I have lived in Sandon all my life and it brings life to the village and a chance for Sandon people to get together and have a social drink as Sandon does not have a pub.

Everyone enjoyed the event and I am really looking forward to attending the event again this year.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Eric Crouch
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To whom it may concern

Dear Licensing Officer

I am writing in full support of the proposed Sandon Fields Event 2019.

We attended the event last year and loved it and so did many other people, very relaxing sitting on the grass listening to the music eating an ice cream, what could be nicer, the weather was beautiful and everyone enjoyed the music and entertainment, some people take picnic tables and gazebo's, it has a lovely friendly relaxed feeling.

The event was very well run, it was very safe and secure. All the marshall's were very informed and helpful. The security was very tight which was very reassuring. I did not witness any fights or other anti social behaviour, people were constantly walking around picking up any rubbish/plastic glasses etc. Everyone was just happy to be at the event, it is such a shame that a few of the local Sandon residents still don't want the event, it really is a great event.

My father lives in the village across the field from the event and no noise was heard at his house, we walked to the event by road and 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 very well organised. 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 am really looking forward to attending the event again this year with my father who is 85 years old as he enjoyed the event, it was lovely to see so many Sandon people at the event, some of them had attended both days.

Yours Sincerely

Beverly Massey

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

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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 at both events both years, 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 professionally I did not witness any antisocial behaviour at all, nor did I see any under age drinking. The event security was a lot more prevelant the second year as they were adhering to the changes put in by the new licence. Every member off staff was helpful and professional

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, the festival had provided special flooring in high footfall places and every aspect of the festival goes safety was well thought out.

We had a great time, and got to see some awesome bands and are very much looking forward hopefully to coming back this year. A fantastic small family festival that hopefully will just keep getting better year on year.

Kind regards
Lisa morton

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Dear Licensing Officer /To whom it my concern

I am writing this email due to hearing the sandon fields festival may not be going ahead this year.

We came last two 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 28 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 we heard nothing once again as the year before we were worried whether it was on as so quiet until we entered the main event field only downside was so muddy as it rained again in the eve but that 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 event 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.

Yours faithfully
Mrs Amanda culshaw

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Dear Licensing Officer.

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

I attended this event last year. 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 were 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 not aimed at any one age group, it was aimed at families and families families and that is what I witnessed at this event.

Everyone enjoying themselves, listening to music, dancing, chatting and generally having a good time.

I sincerely hope this event is allowed to continue, as it did 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

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To whom it may concern

Dear Licensing Officer,

I am writing **in support of** the 'Sandon Fields' event.

I attend the event in both 2017 and 2018 with my friends 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. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]?

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 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! They also gave £5000 to the school which is amazing!!!

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

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you in support of the Sandon Fields Festival.

My husband and I attended both last year and the previous years festival. Last year I felt that they have only improved and learnt from their experiences from the first year the festival was held. It was a safe environment, plenty of room to move around, plenty of security guards it had a lovely family feel to it. We would have no hesitation in attending again!

Please support them as I do feel that they are trying their best to make it a safe event in the interest of both the people who visit and those that live in the village and surrounding areas.

[Redacted]

Kind regards
Donna Cotterell

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

Kind Regards
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Dear Licensing officer/ To whom it may concern,

I am writing to support the Sandon Fields license [REDACTED].

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

Sent from my iPhone

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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.

P.S.

This is the email I sent last year in support of Sandon Fields. As stated in the email I did in fact attend 2018's event too and all of the above still stood the only change was things felt even slicker and went smoother than the previous year. I will definitely be attending again this year as this festival is fast becoming one of the first things in our calendar.

Yours sincerely,
Glen Bratherton

Dear Licensing Officer,

I am again writing to confirm that my wife and I are fully IN SUPPORT of the proposed Sandon Fields Fair planned for June this year.

As relatively local residents (Southern Green, Rushden) we attended what was a hugely successful and enjoyable festival last year in glorious Summer weather. Not only did we find the event extremely well organized and planned but very well monitored over the course of the two days. As far as we're aware the festival went off without any major hitches and, on both days that we attended, was 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. In terms of any noise pollution this was at an absolute minimum, given the way the stages were laid out, and could barely be heard from either the road or driveway.

We saw/experienced 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 extremely 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 this year is as good as last year, I think it will be a huge positive for all.

Yours sincerely

Simon and Debs Collis

Old Well Cottage

Southern Green

Rushden

To whom it may concern

I am writing to in support of the licence for Sandon Fields event.

I attended both days in 2018 and was satisfied there were police visible at the event, outside the event and in the village. Security was evident in the village from the outset to the close, checks into the event were also supportive of a clear strategy for the prevention of crime and disorder. I think all possible consideration was taken to keep people safe at all times. This was clear in the planning prior and during the event.

Noise levels were monitored and as a resident of Dark Lane I walked round the village before attending the event roads of Payne End and Rushden Road there was hardly any sound in fact only standing in my back garden could hear the music. (Backs onto the event) this was not too loud as stated in the past no louder than events held in marquees or people private parties on Roe Green which we can also hear from time to time in summer. To which I have no objection either. Children are the responsibility of their parents/carers; so we cannot fully expect the organisers to fully supervise. I am satisfied staff placing at entrances inside and gateways would identify children that could potentially wander off. There were no reports that I am aware of children being lost or running out of event.

Please use this email as support for the event

Kind regards

Jo Charles

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Buntingford

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Mark Hollis

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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 6 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 festivals 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

Dear licencing Officer,
I am writing to [REDACTED] the Sandon Fields Festival.

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

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Dear Licensing officer / to whom it may concern.
I am writing to support the Sandon Fields 2019 License application.

I have attended this event the previous two years and its great that it is so local. 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 parking space for my father and it was only a short walk.

It always has a 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 and the weather certainly helped.

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 are 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 sincerely
Lee Smith

Peter Myatt
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To whom it may concern,

I attended the Sandon Fields festival in September 2017 & 2018 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 - in 2017 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 children 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

Dear Sirs,

I write from Friars Grange, Offley Green, Rushden, Buntingford SG9 0TF. This address is on the very edge of Rushden and two fields away from Roe Green Sandon with no obstructions between, save hedges.

I have seen the application/objection of Mr Dell. I am writing to support appropriate arrangements to allow a further "Sandon Fields" event in 2019. I supported last year's event and confirmed in my representations then that the 2017 event had caused me no concerns at our location. Personally, I also had no concerns about the 2018 event.

Until now, I have not heard of any problems with the 2018 event. If there were substantial incidents, then I am surprised, in a small community, that I have heard nothing until now.

I anticipate that there will be formal reports from the authorities about the conduct of the event and possibly matters of organisation which need to be adjusted for the future.

[REDACTED]

The main thrust of my support is that this is an event providing pleasure to people over a short period in the year. There may be incidents which have not fitted into the lifestyle of people in the area. Without wishing to criticise how other people wish to live their own lives, the effect of people attending is transient.

As I stated in my support of the event for 2018, even if I notice an increase in noise or traffic, I can live with that over a short time, for the sake of enjoyment for many people .

Yours faithfully,

Christopher Hill

Dear Licensing Officer / To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to help support the Sandon Fields event.

I have been to my fair share of events/festivals over the years including Sandon Fields which I attended last year and the year before (2018 and 2017), and thoroughly enjoyed the event both times.

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 able to continue each year and get bigger and better.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Licensing Officer,

I am writing in support of Sandon Fields Festival.

I live on Roe Green and attended the festival in 2017 and again in 2018.

I wrote in support of the event last year and attended the lengthy hearing that took place in April, where the applicant won. At the hearing, to answer concerns raised by opponents and to answer key questions posed by the licensing team, the event's management team described in detail how the weekend would be managed, e.g. in terms of safety, security, first aid, numbers of attendees, noise levels, alcohol sales, timings of the event and traffic management. Having experienced the 2018 weekend as both a festival goer (on both days) and also from my home until I joined the festival, I witnessed no problems, the management team were in evidence and, as far as I could see, conducted those procedures exactly as described at the hearing. I was surprised to learn that there would now be a review of this licence, as I was under the impression that in the absence of any evidence to demonstrate that there had been any problems with the management of the event, that it would be automatically allowed to continue providing that no changes were made to the terms.

Regards

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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 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 and helped get everyone moving into Taxis. 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 a few 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

Sent from my iPhone