

11th January 2019

Re: Licensing Act 2003 - Premise Licence/ Club Premise Certificate. How the Light gets in, 24-27/5/19 Greenfield Site at rear of Hay and Brecon Farmers, Co-Op Supermarket and Huws Gray Ltd.

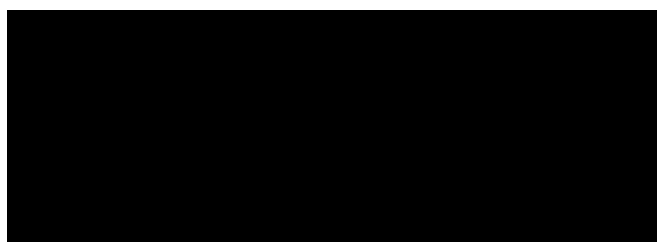
Dear Sir,

I wish to lodge a formal objection to the above Licensing Application. I have been unable to inspect the Application itself, as you have not put details of it on your website, but from the details in your notice of consultation I note that it is proposed for this event to go on between the hours of 9.00am until 2.00am, the same as last year. The only access to this site is off Newport Street, the consequence of which was that my wife and myself and guests staying with us were woken at 1.45am and 4.00am on both Friday and Saturday nights by groups of drunken people travelling to and from the site. This is unacceptable and it simply will not do for the Licensing Authority to wash its hands of the matter and simply say it is a matter for the Police and nothing to do with them, as it did last year when a formal complaint was made. This is a direct consequence of serving alcohol until 2.00am.

Newport Street is a residential area in a 30mph zone which contains this site. There are a total of 43 houses directly affected by this Application, 32 in Herefordshire and 11 in Powys. There are a further 18 properties indirectly affected. I hesitate to remind the Licensing Authority of its duties under the Licensing Act 2003 but it seems I must, as last year these duties were either ignored or forgotten. The Act is quite specific of the duties of the Authority and I quote "...to carry out its functions under this Act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives." The licensing objectives are then listed and item 2(c) reads "the prevention of public nuisance." How the Authority has been able to reconcile those mandatory duties with approving such an Application until 2.00am is beyond belief and one can only speculate that had the matter gone to a Judicial Review, the outcome might have been different.

Local people have a right to be considered, unlike last year, and by continuing to an unreasonable time in the morning against the wishes of the Parish Council and local residents, the organisers of this event have eroded much of the goodwill that was felt towards the festival. However, perhaps there is still time to retrieve the situation and terminating the event at a reasonable hour, perhaps serving alcohol until 11.30pm so that the event could conclude at 12.00midnight, might go some way to restore the situation.

Yours faithfully,



cc. Mr David Evans,

Accepted.