

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
Licensing Act 2003

REPRESENTATION FORM – INTERESTED PARTIES

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Your Name: [REDACTED]	Contact Telephone No. [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]	E-mail address: [REDACTED]
	Please state your interest in the premises you are making a representation about: Local resident and local business
Name & Address of premises you are making a representation about: Dorstone Playing Field, Dorstone, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR3 6AW	

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To Prevent Crime & Disorder

The applicant states: *Committee members and additional volunteers will act as roving security during the events. Local police will be informed of plans ahead of each event.*

- Are these committee members and volunteers trained security officers? Having previous armed forces or armed police experience does not enable them to effectively 'police' the proposed events and effectively deal with inebriated members of the public. Professional security companies advise one trained security person per 150 attendees. This rises to 1 per 75 when alcohol is served.
- No mention has been made of how they are going to ensure there is no dealing or using of drugs, a recognised issue in our rural community. There are numerous locations on the site plan where drug dealing, and drug use can take place out of sight. This shows no risk assessment of the site has been done as the layout hasn't been considered with regards to either the obstruction or the facilitation of crime. Are these committee members and volunteers trained in recognising the signs of drug abuse and drug dealing?
- There is no public transport after 18:46. There are no taxi companies in the village and those that operate from surrounding towns must be booked in advance. With such a large amount of people in attendance, how will the organisers ensure no-one drink drives?
- The event held last year had three purveyors of alcohol. These were, in part, manned by shifts of volunteers. How are the organisers going to ensure there is no misuse of alcohol when there is no oversight. No oversight could result in, amongst other issues, drink driving. This year's Dorstonbury event again has separate alcohol sellers. Is there going to be communication between the locations?
- Will a pro-active approach be taken to prevent crime and disorder? Will bags be checked on entry for illicit alcohol, drugs, and weapons? A music festival, even one held in a rural area, is an event that is more susceptible to crime and requires extra consideration with necessary measures taken to prevent it.
- A public footpath crosses the site. How do the organisers intend on policing the public entryway to the rear of the field? While they may have effective front facing policing, how do they intend on policing venue ingress from the rear?
- The alcohol is stated as being sold in a marquee. What is being done to ensure no one can simply cut through the side to get to the unattended alcohol, with all the associated issues that could arise?
- The named person on the application states they will be obtaining a PL. Is the PLH going to be present at all times events are held? If not, are they aware they are responsible for the day-to-day control of the premises, ensuring not only that the operation of the premises complies with the conditions on the premises licence but that the licensing objectives are promoted, and licensing law is followed? As the PLH at The Pandy Inn, I have concerns this will not be the case and that my business will be affected by their non-compliance. The indifference shown in the replies given to the series of questions in how the licensing objectives will be met, is worrying. Also, their responses are not in line with the requirements for New Applications as set out by Herefordshire Licensing Policy, on pages 21 to 24, with many required sections not addressed. My ability to safely and legally run my business, is reliant on the assumption the Playing Field Committee, their multiple volunteers, and their various vendors will adhere to the same requirements I have to as the license holder of a public house.

Public Safety

The applicant states: *Segregation of vehicular and pedestrian access, and provision of a first aid point, with a qualified first aider. No animals, other than assistance animals will be permitted in the event arena. Disabled access, toilets and parking will be provided.*

- How has the premises ensured they comply with fire regulations? By their own admission they only have water fire extinguishers on the premises. How often are these examined and replaced? Has a competent company been instructed to annually assess this equipment? As food is being provided, albeit from third party vendors, are they making fire blankets available? Are they ensuring 'dry' fire extinguishers will be available for potential electrical fires?
- According to their plan, an escape route has been designated at the rear of the field. Will this be signposted? Has the private landowner been approached to ensure the escape route is suitable for 500+ attendees for each and every time an event is held? Has the landowner been asked to ensure all agricultural equipment has been removed to ensure the safety of 500+, potentially inebriated, festival goers, for each and every time an event is held? How are the organisers going to light the way to safety, which crosses a narrow bridge spanning quite a deep sided water course? Currently, only lighting is mentioned around a 50x50m area. How will the organisers ensure a clear and unobstructed route to this escape route, as the area revellers will be crossing is being used for car parking and camping? Is this route accessible to disabled revellers?
- How will the committee ensure all food vendors have sufficient food hygiene ratings? Will all food vendors be given unobstructed access to hot water?
- According to the information for campers, there is only potable water and toilets available. Will hot water be made available to visitors to enable basic personal hygiene?
- The location is a considerable distance from any town and is not patrolled by the police. Any drink related altercations will have to be dealt with by committee members and volunteers. If this venue were in a town centre location, it would require regular policing by the local constabulary.
- How will the organisers ensure the safe dispersal of festival goers upon conclusion? While the B4348 isn't a busy road, it is an unlit main road that is in constant use. This is a main route from the Hay on Wye area to Hereford hospital.
- While the event area is to be lit, according to their plans, how will the organisers ensure the safety of those parking at the rear end of the field? How will they ensure the safety of those camping at the event?
- An aforementioned public footpath runs through the centre of the areas used for parking and camping. Has a Public Path Order been applied for, to ensure the safety of those staying at the site overnight? Alternatively, if no Public Path Order has been applied for, what is being done to ensure the safety of those that wish to use the public footpath when the planned events are taking place?
- The alcohol, as stated in the application, will be sold from a marquee. Will the provided alcohol be kept sufficiently cool to prevent spoiling? When casks are used, are these sufficiently rested (if not bright) before tapping and selling? If casks are used, what is being done to ensure they are kept at a correct temperature. Cask ale is a notoriously 'lively' product and incorrectly tapped and cooled casks are liable to explode.
- There is no mention if the temporary electrical wiring circuit is being installed or signed off by a competent person (NICEIC, MAPIT, ECA etc).
- Are all alcoholic beverages being measured in stamped devices or being sold in stamped glasses? This would ensure the licensing objectives are met with regards to the safe consumption of alcohol.
- Is free drinking water going to be made freely available at the point of alcohol sales? Again, not only a legal requirement, but also to ensure the safety of their customers.

To Prevent Public Nuisance

The applicant states: *The events will close by 2359 with guided arena clearance complete within 1 hour.*

- Herefordshire Council's own licensing policy, 2020 – 2025 states: *Herefordshire is a mixed commercial and residential area, with many areas lying in tranquil rural surroundings, whose amenity Herefordshire Council has a duty to protect, and one of Herefordshire Council's aims is to protect and enhance our environment and keep Herefordshire a great place to live.* I would like to know how appointing this premises licence is in keeping with Hereford Council's own aims.
- The application clearly states events, plural, will be held throughout the year. What consultation has been done with the local community to gauge the feeling of multiple events being held in a very rural village during the summer months before the application was submitted. While the event that was proposed last year was tolerated, it was not advertised to become an annual event and especially not multiple events in a four-month period.
- The application states that music will be played, both recorded and live. This will take place outdoors and causes significant nuisance to the surrounding community, potentially every weekend through June and September. This will cause significant distress to those living not just neighbouring the location, but to most of the village.
- The excessive traffic, which includes camper vans, cars, and caravans, will cause traffic disruption in the surrounding area. The B4348 is extremely narrow, in places, and is regularly traversed by tree transporting lorries from Pontrilas, The 'Dorstone Bends' are a particularly dangerous stretch of road that barely allows two cars to pass, let alone camper vans and caravans. Those that do not know the area have regularly had near misses traversing the bends.
- The applicant is a registered charity that lists as its activities: 'Providing buildings, equipment & land for sporting activities for persons of all ages' (taken from <https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/-/charity-details/510432>). Their activities do not include events planning, organising, or hosting. A playing field with sporting events contributes far less noise, traffic, light and fumes than a music festival for 500 to 5000 people.
- If multiple events are going to be organised, as stated in the application, are the Playing Fields Committee complying with ISO 20121?
- The village already has two licensed venues: the Village Hall (restricted operating times) and The Pandy Inn. There are also two other premises with licenses: Pips Cider, which does not hold events, and Drovers Rest, which is located far outside the boundaries of the village. The licence applied for by the Playing Field Committee exceeds the licence held for the Pandy Inn, a venue that is owned by myself and one that has served this community since the seventeenth century. It is entirely feasible that people made to leave the pub, for whatever reason, will make their way to the applicant's site to continue drinking. The reverse also applies, that visitors to a Playing Field event could be requested to leave and they could then cause nuisance at my own business and the village as a whole. This is a very small rural village. There are approximately 400 people in the entire parish. Another licensed premises will increase public nuisance and is not needed.
- As the venue is on the outskirts of a small village, the lack of policing could lead to possible disorder at the venue itself, in the carparking area, and the camp site which could then spill out into the neighbouring village.
- The applicant has stated food vendors will be providing food. This year's event has five separate food vendors advertised including a breakfast bar. This means there will be the constant smell of food from morning till night. There will be no relief from the fumes created by these vendors for those living closest to the venue. Indeed, due to the unique topography, the fumes will be spread over a wide area.
- The applicant has stated the arena will be clear within an hour. They have not stated how many vehicles will be able to park on their site. A conservative estimate of 100 cars taking 2 minutes to leave the site, would mean over 3 hours of disruption for those

living nearby. The site wouldn't be clear before 3am. Not forgetting the site wouldn't be able to hold 200+ cars, this would result in significant disruption to the local area from the illegal parking of cars and the resulting disruption when the festival goers return to and leave by their vehicles.

- Have the organisers taken out public liability cover to reimburse locals for damage they or their property may incur?
- Hereford Licensing Policy states: *To avoid additional cost, applicants are advised not to advertise in a local newspaper until such time as they have been informed by the Licensing Authority that the application has been accepted.* While the organisers have not advertised, to my knowledge, in local newspapers; they have advertised this year's event on, according to missives, most local Facebook groups. In addition, tickets are being sold on interation group, Eventbrite. If this event is disallowed in its current form, how will it be ensured no nuisance is caused by would-be festival goers refused entry on the door.

To Protect Children from Harm

The applicant states: *Events will be family friendly; under 17s must be accompanied by an adult.*

- This venue has been fully family friendly in the past, its own entry on the Charity Commission website stating activities of a sporting nature for the community. The formerly family facing charity will disappear and any children attending will be confronted by upwards of 500 adults drinking, with amplified music in a festival setting.
- Young children are particularly at risk if not properly supervised or are exposed to adults that have become intoxicated in a festival atmosphere. What will be done to ensure young children are properly taken care of if their responsible adult is no longer responsible? What will happen if these children are camping overnight?
- Young children can become dangerously intoxicated by ingesting even small amounts of alcohol. What is being done to ensure used receptacles are being cleared to protect them from this risk?
- Young teenagers often try to buy and consume alcohol, especially in rural areas. They can then become vulnerable due to impaired judgement. What will be done to ensure these individuals don't start or become involved in fights? What will be done to stop them drink driving? What will be done to protect them from unwanted attention?
- What measures are going to be in place to ensure under 18s are not served alcohol or are bought alcohol?
- Has a member of the committee been appointed to deal with issues with regards to under 16s? Does this person have a valid DBS or CRB?

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Date:

15th APRIL 2024



Representation Form – Interested Parties Suggested Conditions

Premise: Dorstone Playing Field

Your name: [REDACTED]

It would help us with this application if you could suggest conditions you would be happy for the premise to operate under to rectify the problems you are experiencing.

All suggested conditions shall be considered in line with the Herefordshire Council Licensing Policy, the Licensing Act 2003 and the Licensing Objectives.

To Prevent Crime and Disorder

Limit the applicants to either a TEN or an occasional premises licence.
Require trained security personnel to be present, due to the nature and location of the event.
Engage a local taxi bus company to ferry inebriated festival goers' home, at the cost of the festival goer.
Ensure a member of the committee, or security guard, will be guarding the marquee where the alcohol is being stored outside of licensing times.
Ensure no expelled festival goers spread out to the surrounding village by ensuring they are taken home by a responsible adult.

Public Safety

Limit the applicants to either a TEN or an occasional premises licence.
Ensure suitable firefighting equipment is available and inspected regularly by a competent company.
Address the mentioned issues with the escape route.
Ensure basic levels of hygiene for both visitors and vendors, by supplying hot water.
Ensure temporary electrical installation is carried out by or signed off by a competent contractor.
Again, make it a requirement that trained security staff are engaged for the duration of the event.

Prevent Public Nuisance

Limit the applicants to either a TEN or an occasional premises licence.

Allow only non-amplified music at the event.

Ensure the clearance of the site starts well before the requested end time and employ a temporary road closure for the B4348, to allow festival goers to depart quickly and safely.

Yet again, make it a requirement that trained security staff are engaged for the duration of the event.

Protect Children from Harm

Ensure a DBS or CRB holding individual is appointed to deal with all matters relating to minors.

Ensure staff are in place to clear used receptacles promptly.

Have an easily identifiable way to pinpoint under 18s (wrist bands) and back-up policies in place (Challenge 25) as a belt and brace approach.

Have policies in place on what to do when it is discovered a minor is at risk.

Date: 15th APRIL 2024

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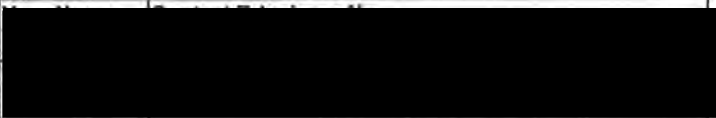
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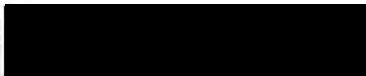
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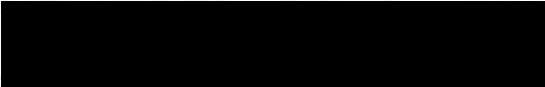
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Date: 23.4.24

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I have no objection to the limited annual event called "Dorstonbury" which was successfully held last year over a weekend. However the application requests the granting of a permanent licence for musical events over any four day Friday to Monday period between June and September. **This will create a potential public nuisance in terms of noise from the musical events.**

Also the site is not capable of taking the potential number of attendees which could run into thousands. There are no adequate facilities in terms of car parking, areas for tents/ caravans or toilets. It also raises issues regarding security and the control of alcohol sales on the site which are not properly addressed in the application.

This ^{can} easily be overcome by changing the nature of the application to a [^]Temporary Event Notice.

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<p>Name & Address of premises you are making a representation about: Dorstone playing field Dorstone Herefordshire HR3 6AW</p>

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<p>To Prevent Crime & Disorder</p>
<p>Public Safety</p>
<p>To Prevent Public Nuisance Noise and disruption to a quiet rural village for four months that's over fifty days of loud music, all summer. We are 300 meters from the premises and heard the music last year, even through double glazing.</p>
<p>To Protect Children from Harm</p>


Date:19/04/2024

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Representation Form – Interested Parties Suggested Conditions

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To Prevent Crime and Disorder
Public Safety
Prevent Public Nuisance I have no objection to one or two weekends.
Protect Children from Harm

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Name & Address of premises you are making a representation about: DORSTONE PLAYING FIELDS	


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Signed: 

Date: 19/4/2024

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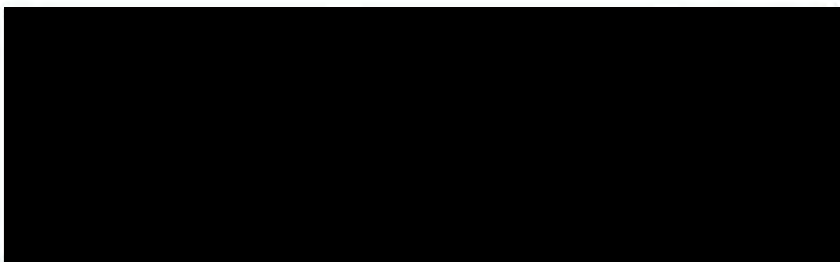
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BY HAND

17TH April 2024

Dear Sirs

Licensing Application- Dorstone Playing Field, Dorstone, HR3 6AW

We refer to the above-mentioned application, the consultation period relating to which expires on 24th April 2024.

We wish to make representations concerning the application and please find enclosed herewith a duly completed form setting out our comments which please take into account in your consideration of the application.

In addition to the remarks on the form we would also like to make the following comments which are pertinent to the application and would you also please note in addition,

1. Like many other local residents of Dorstone the first notification of the application which we had was by dint of the blue notices which were posted at the Playing Fields site. There was no earlier notification of the applicant's intentions and certainly no consultation whatsoever with any member of our small community – this is most regrettable and in our opinion was a grave mistake on the part of the applicant. There have been in the last few days suggestions that the applicants have acknowledged that this was an error on their part alongside a parallel notion that although the application is wide and comprehensive in nature and scope the actual intention is to achieve a position which permits only one event in the summer period – the applicants wishing to have some sort of more permanent arrangement than hitherto and which allows them flexibility of dates in the future. Please note that our representations – on the attached form are of course made on the basis of the application which has been put forward to yourselves for consideration.

2. The application form refers to a premises licence for the period from June to September 2024 – with permission sought for events to be held at various times during each weekend within that period and on Bank Holidays – there is, of course, only one of these in August. Having quoted these dates the form also, somewhat incongruously, specifies that the licence should not start until 1st August 2024 – we query whether or not, therefore the application is technically in order.
3. A factor which is something which we feel is important to mention but which does not seem to be something which sits easily in the parameters of the Representation Form is the relatively recent (within the last two/three weeks) discovery that dormice (hazel variety) and a protected species are present at the Playing Field site. This should be something which will generate not only local interest but also safeguards and procedures laid down in appropriate legislation - this is not addressed in the application document but it seems more than pertinent.
4. Finally, the application is made on behalf of The Dorstone Playing Field Charity – the Charitable Objects of which are “ the provision and maintenance of a recreation ground and playing field for the benefit of the inhabitants of Dorstone and its environs “. We query that these objectives do not accord with the application now being sought.

As you will see we are both writing this letter to you and we have both signed and dated the Representation Form – we have not filled in or completed the section dealing with Suggested Conditions as we do not believe that there are any such conditions which would mitigate the concerns we have in respect of the application as submitted – we have nevertheless for the sake of good order also both signed that section of the Form.

We look forward to an acknowledgment of this letter and the enclosed forms and to hearing from you further – email correspondence is fine

Yours faithfully

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name]

[Redacted address line 1]

[Redacted address line 2]

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To Prevent Crime & Disorder

The application states that there will be no professional security arrangements at the events which are the subject of the application – such matters are to be handled by volunteers. As the events will allow at least 500 people to attend it is reasonable to conclude that the number of amateur personnel charged with important supervising tasks (such as entry ticket checking, car parking, proper behaviour so far as alcohol purchase and consumption is concerned) will be more than would otherwise be the case if trained professional staff were present – in that regard one wonders whether the applicant has been able to or will ensure that there will be a sufficient cohort of the relevant untrained people to prevent or mitigate any crime or disorder which may arise from a large number of people over a lengthy period of time into the evening especially when alcohol has been available for consumption throughout the period. The playing fields are, of course, in a rural setting on the periphery of our small village (approximately 400 residents) and it is not unreasonable to suggest that issues such as drunkenness, drug misuse or dealing, physical confrontations and careless or indeed dangerous driving (the only road which services the site and the village is a fairly narrow and unlit one with a 30mph speed limit and a series of acute bends within a 100 yards or so) may well ensue on the afternoons/evenings in question. It is noted that the application states that the police will be informed appropriately in advance – as one of the events which is to be covered by the licence has been advertised extensively already on Eventbrite – the applicant should be asked to confirm if the local police have already been consulted and what is their reaction.

Public Safety

A number of the foreseeable issues relating to public safety are ones which are equally pertinent to those set out in the previous section relating to crime and disorder particularly the well being of attendees at the events both whilst at the site and when leaving either by car or by foot – will there be the sufficient number of people trained or otherwise to deal with such issues. These matters may also of course affect people who will not be attending but are otherwise members of the public lawfully coming and going near to the site at these times and whose safety may be at risk from activities at a licensed event.

The application form refers to the provision of fire extinguishers – only the wet variety; should there not also be other forms of fire prevention/ fire fighting equipment on site.

The provision of alcohol and arrangements for its storage and sale is mentioned on the form but only in the barest outline – one would have thought there are a number of specific requirements dealing with this matter and furthermore the same is also necessary for the preparation, storage, display and sale of food.

A public footpath traverses part of the site which seems to be designated for car parking and camping during "events weekends" – how can this and the lawful use of the footpath by members of the public be reconciled during "exclusive access" events weekends?

To Prevent Public Nuisance

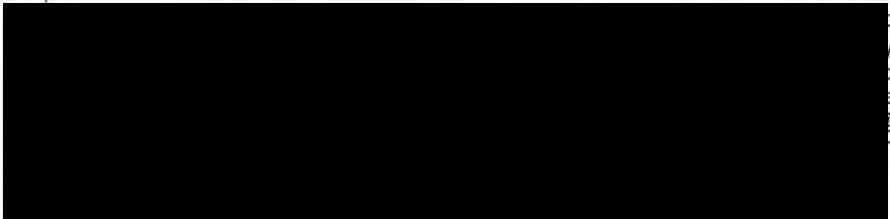
Public Nuisance is a term which is, of course, defined in numerous ways both in statute and in common lawone such interpretation is ..." in appropriate circumstances the reduction in living and working amenity and environment of other persons living and working in the area of the licensed premises ". We live about a quarter of a mile from the playing field site. The application calls for a permission to hold events every weekend for a period from June to September (this could be from 1st June to 30th September – 4 months) and Bank Holidays (there is only one of these in this period). **If the licence is granted we will be subject to a public nuisance certainly on the grounds of noise such as will reduce our living amenity – and such could possibly pertain for sixteen or more weekends in the summer months – a totally unreasonable and unconscionable state of affairs.**

St Faiths Church – a Grade 2 Listed Building of great age and significance to the village and beyond lies almost immediately across the highway from the playing field site. For the last two years the Church has been a location on the Golden Valley Pilgrimage Route – pilgrims stay in the Church overnight and the incidence of their visits has increased greatly and it expected to do so even more. The prospect of public nuisance caused by many weekend events over the summer season when most pilgrims visit is something which will have an adverse effect on the number of these visitors and the consequential loss of much needed income for St Faiths and the wider Hereford Diocese

To Protect Children from Harm

As stated above – the deficit in professional supervision on site may well increase the incidence of “under age drinking” and attendant risk to children

Have the applicants ensured that the “volunteer” personnel who will be on site during events received the appropriate and necessary Safeguarding training ?



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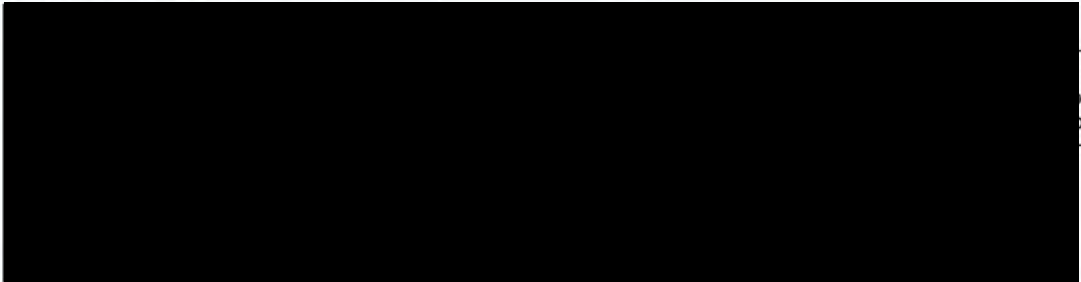
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- The application is for 500 up to 5,000 people, there is no evidence of capacity planning, how are numbers being restricted, can the venue hold up to 5,000 people plus cars? how are the organiser going to restrict festival going from coming into the village (a 2-minute walk away) causing a nuisance/problem for the local residents.

What safety checks have been put in place?

- As the events will be manned by committee members and volunteers on a revolving basis, will the committee members/volunteers be able to consume or be under the influence of alcohol/drugs whilst selling alcohol or when acting as roving security.
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Public Safety

- The application is for 500 up to 5,000 people, no evidence of any capacity planning details in the application, what safety checks have been made to evaluate if the venue can hold up to 5,000 people plus cars. What measures are being put in place to stop the up to 5,000 people/car from migrating up into the village.
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- The noise level will have a significant impact on the local farmers livestock that are grazed in and round Dorstone.
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To Protect Children from Harm

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- Tickets can be purchased from a website, indicates under 17 will not be permitted access unless accompanied by an adult, how will under 17-year-olds be identified?

SIGNED: [REDACTED]
 DATE: 18/04/2024

Representation Form – Interested Parties Suggested Conditions

Premises: Derstone Playing Field, Derstone, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR3 6AW

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Have trained security personnel present to ensure that festival goers do not spread out to the surrounding village.

All people selling alcohol to be correctly trained as per PC 10.

All alcohol to be stored/locked away outside of licensing times.

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Alcohol restriction on all venue personal performing security duties.

Ensure the temporary electrical installation is carried out by and signed off by a competent contractor and temporary electrical installation is removed at the end of the event as the venue is a public playing field with public footpath access.

Ensure safety measures are in place for the overnight campers, contact numbers etc for emergencies.

Prevent Public Nuisance

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Allow only NON-Amplified music at the events, have the same time restriction that the local village hall has, no music or noise after 22:00.

Clean up of the site to start well before the requested end time, if it takes over an hour to clean the site alcohol sales should stop at an hour before the end of the event.

Restrict festival goers from migrating up into the village.

Alcohol restriction on all venue personal performing security duties.

Protect Children from Harm

Have an easy way to identify under 18, wrist bands/hand stamp and Challenge 25?

Have a DBS holding person appointed to deal with all matters, events relating to minors.

Alcohol restriction on all venue personal performing security duties.

Have policies/procedure in place on what to do when it is discovered a minor is at risk.

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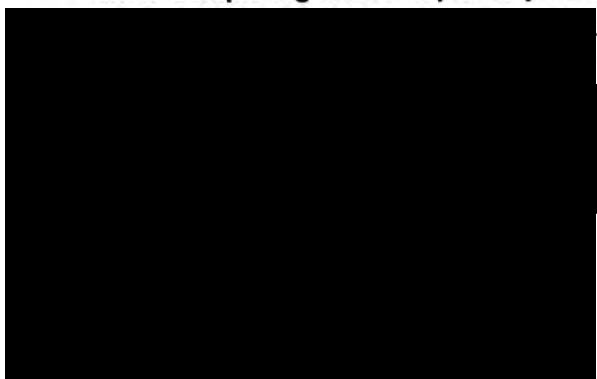

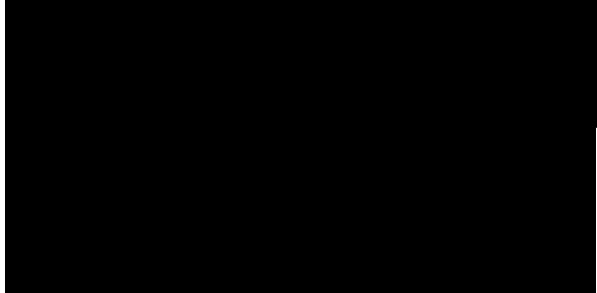
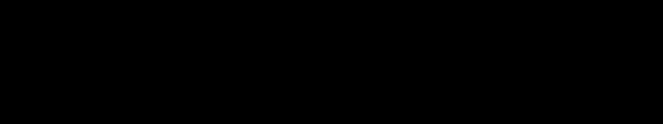
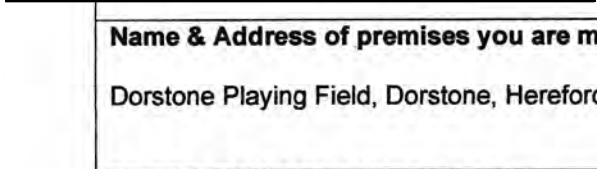
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Capacity – The application is for 500 up to 5,000 people, there is no capacity planning details in the application, how are they going to restrict numbers, what safety checks have been put in place to see if the venue can hold up to 5,000 people plus cars, how are the organiser going to keep people at the playing fields and stop them from coming into the village which is a 2 minute walk away, thus causing a nuisance or problems for the local residents.

Training - The application does not state if committee members/volunteers will be trained on any of the following:

- Drugs Awareness, Selling to under age person, Selling to drunks, Health and Safety.

If trained, where the training records are kept so that they can be produced to the police or an authorised person (as defined by section 13 of the Licensing Act 2003.)

DPS - The application does not state if the Personal Licence holder or a DPS will be on duty within the marquee during the selling of alcohol time listed in section 15 of the application.

Alcohol –

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As the sale of alcohol is taking place in a marquee, the application does not state how/where the alcohol will be stored away at night, thus stopping the general public from having access to it once the events have finished.

Public Safety

Fire Extinguishers - The application states that the fire extinguishers are water only, due to the electricity needed for the music there should also be a dry extinguisher and a fire blanket. Have the organisers checked and have evidence that the venue complies with fire regulations.

Electrical Wiring – The application does not state who is the competent person (NICEIC, NAPIT, ECA or other association, as per the licensing authority) who will sign off the temporary electrical wiring needed to support the sound system for live/recorded music, and where the certificates will be kept.

Incident Book - No indication of an Incident book

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How are they going to police ticket sales on the door, if they reach the venue capacity.

Health and Safety -

The application does not state how the organiser's will police food health and safety protocols for the commercial vendors.

As the sale of alcohol is taking place in a marquee, the application does not state how the kegs of alcohol will be kept at the correct temperature as not to cause the build-up of bacteria that can cause illness to the public buying the alcohol.

There will be overnight camping and camper van parking, the application does not state how this will be policed and what has been put in place if there is an incident with the campers after the event has ended.

Does the venue site have the correct insurance to host music events of this kind.

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Local Residents – The application does not state how the organisers are going to keep people at the playing fields and stop them from coming into the village which is a 2-minute walk away, thus causing a nuisance or problems for the local residents.

To Prevent Public Nuisance

Noise –

The applicant is a registered charity that lists as its activities: 'Providing buildings, equipment & land for sporting activities for persons of all ages' (taken from <https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/-/charity-details/510432>). Their activities do not include events planning, organising, or hosting. A playing field with sporting events contributes far less noise, traffic, light and fumes than a music festival for 500 to 5000 people.

The application states events will be held throughout the year with the playing of live and recorded music, Dorstone is a tranquil small village, the impact of music events taking place for a total of 18 weekends during the summer, will cause significant distress to those living near the planned event site and to most of the village. It will also have a significant impact on the local farmers sheep and cattle that are grazed in and round Dorstone.

The marquee is situated near the fence of the Local Crown Green Bowling Club green, which is used through-out the summer months, having events with live/recorded music as well as the noise of people going in and out of the marquee, will cause distraction to the people playing bows

There will be an increase in traffic noise created by the additional cars etc going to and from the venue, again causing distress to local residents.

The application states that live/recorded music will be played up to 23:59 and that the site will be cleared within an hour of this, meaning that local residents could be disturbed up to 01:59. The application does not state how the organisers will monitor and ensure that the noise levels do not overly disturb local residents.

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Locking away of Alcohol - As the sale of alcohol is taking place in a marquee, the application does not state how the kegs of beer, cider or larger will stored away at night thus stopping the general public from having access to the alcohol once the events have finished.

To Protect Children from Harm

DBS Checks (Disclosure and Barring Service) - The application does not state how the organisers have/will check that all committee members and volunteers are DBS checked especially as the application states that all events will be family friendly.

Age Verification –

The application does not state that the organisers will have clear legible signage displayed stating that it is an offence to purchase or attempt to purchase alcohol if you are under the age of 18 – Section 149 of the Licensing Act 2003.

As the event will be manned by committee members and volunteers on a revolving basis, the application does not show/state how they will monitor or who will be responsible for checking for underage drinking.

Incident book - No indication of an Incident book

The application does not show how children will be protect or stopped from being able to walking in front of cars leaving the site, as the car parking it at the far end of the site and arrival and exit is at the front of the site.

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17th April 2024



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To Protect Children from Harm

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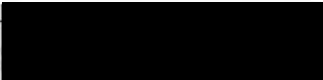
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Tickets can be purchased from a website, indicates under 17 will not be permitted access unless accompanied by an adult, how will under 17 year olds be identified?

No indication of an Incident book

Signed

Date:


17th APRIL 2024

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**Representation Form – Interested Parties
Suggested Conditions**

Premise: Dorstone Playing Field, Dorstone, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR3 6AW

Your name: _____

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Limit the applicants to either a TEN or an occasional premises licence, with limited number of festival goers, hours that music can be played. Have licensing hours on Fridays and Saturdays to be the same as the local pub (The Pandy Inn) which is 23:00.

Have trained security personnel present to ensure that festival goers do not spread out to the surrounding village.

All people selling alcohol to be correctly trained as per PC 10.

All alcohol to be stored/locked away outside of licensing times.

Venue personal performing security duties to be restricted from consuming alcohol.

Have an Incident book

Public Safety

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Have trained security personnel present to ensure that festival goers do not spread out to the surrounding village.

Alcohol restriction on all venue personal performing security duties.

Ensure food hygiene is followed by vendors, supply hot water for visitors for basic levels of hygiene.

Ensure the temporary electrical installation is carried out by and signed off by a competent contractor and temporary electrical installation is removed at the end of the event as the venue is a public playing field with public footpath access.

Ensure safety measures are in place for the overnight campers, contact numbers etc for emergencies.

Have an Incident book

Prevent Public Nuisance

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Allow only NON-Amplified music at the events and have a time restriction that same as the Local Village Hall (not after 10pm)

Clean up of the site to starts well before the requested end time, if it takes over an hour to clean the site alcohol sales should stop at an hour before the end of the event.

Alcohol restriction on all venue personal performing security duties.

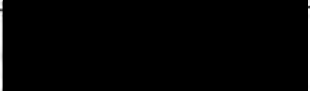
Protect Children from Harm

Have an easy way to identify under 18, wrist bands/hand stamp and Challenge 25 as a belt and brace approach.

Have a DBS holding person is appointed to deal with all matters, events relating to minors.

Alcohol restriction on all venue personal performing security duties.

Have policies/procedure in place on what to do when it is discovered a minor is at risk.

Signed: 

Date: 17th April 2024.

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Name & Address of premises you are making a representation about: Dorstone Playing Field, Dorstone, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR3 6AW	

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To Prevent Crime & Disorder

The applicant states: *Committee members and additional volunteers will act as roving security during the events. Local police will be informed of plans ahead of each event*
Are the committee members and volunteers trained / experienced enough to enable them to effectively 'police' the proposed events and effectively deal with inebriated members of the public.?

Dorstone is a small tranquil village that has no street lights, the local bus services last bus Monday to Friday is 18:46 and 16:56 at the weekend. There are no taxi companies in the village, any Taxi's in the surrounding towns need to be booked in advance. The application is for a licence of up to 5,000 people, the organiser does not state how they will ensure no one drink drives, as well as wandering round the village causing problems for the local residents. A few years ago there was an illegal rave on the edge of Dorstone, there were numerous car loads of youngster throughout the night driving through the village at speed, how can we be certain this wont happen again.

The application does not show/state how they will monitor alcohol consumption or note if anyone has been refused alcohol! How this will be managed and communicated to the revolving staff and other vendors selling alcohol, who will be responsible for checking for underage drinking.?

As the sale of alcohol is taking place in a marquee, the application does not state how/where the alcohol will be stored away at night, stopping the general public from having access to it, if unmanned or when the events have finished.

A public footpath crosses the site. While they may have effective front facing policing, how do they intend on policing entry to the venue from the rear.?

Public Safety

The applicant states: Segregation of vehicular and pedestrian access, and provision of a first aid point, with a qualified first aider. No animals, other than assistance animals will be permitted in the event arena. Disabled access, toilets and parking will be provided.

The application is for 500 up to 5,000 people, no evidence of any capacity planning or safety check details are in the application both in terms of evaluation that the venue can hold up to 5,000 people plus vehicles or how the number of ticket sales will be managed to ensure they don't exceed the venue capacity on the days of the events.

Commercial vendors will be at the event however the application does not state how the organisers will police the vendors food health and safety protocols.

Is free drinking water freely available at the point of sale as this is a legal requirement and needed to ensure the safety of the people attending the events.

The application does not state how the storage of the kegs of alcohol will be kept at the correct temperature to ensure there is no build-up of bacteria that could cause illness to the public.

In section 18 of the application, it states that no animals will be permitted except for assistance animals in the event arena. The area is a public space with well-used public footpaths, have the organisers got the legal right to restrict the general public.?

Does the venue site have the correct insurance to host music events of this kind.?

How are the organisers going to keep their festival goers at the playing fields and stop them from coming into the village (a 2-minute walk away) causing a nuisance or problems for the local residents.

To Prevent Public Nuisance

The applicant states: The events will close by 2359 with guided arena clearance complete within 1 hour.

The application states that live/recorded music will be played up to 23:59 and that the site will be cleared within an hour of this, meaning that local residents could be disturbed up to 01:59. The application does not state how the organisers will monitor and ensure that the noise levels do not overly disturb local residents.

The application states events will be held throughout the year with the playing of live and recorded music, for up to 18 weeks during the summer months. Dorstone is a tranquil small village, the impact of having music events of this magnitude for a total of 18 weekends during the summer, will cause significant distress to those living near the planned event site and to most of the village. It will also impact on our own private enjoyment of our outdoor space.

The application clearly states events, plural, will be held throughout the year. What consultation has been done with the local community to gauge the feeling of multiple events being held in a very rural village during the summer months before the application was submitted.?

The noise level will have a significant impact on the local farmers livestock that are grazed in and round Dorstone.

The application section 10 and 11 providing live and recorded music times on a Friday and Saturday exceeds the Local Village Hall permitted time, the Local Village Hall has a restriction

that no music is played or noise created after 22.00. The playing fields should be aligned so that it does not cause a nuisance to the residents of Dorstone Village.

The potential of excessive traffic, which could include camper vans and caravans, will cause traffic disruption in the surrounding area.

The applicant is a registered charity that lists as its activities: 'Providing buildings, equipment & land for sporting activities for persons of all ages' (taken from <https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/-/charity-details/510432>). Their activities do not include events planning, organising, or hosting. A playing field with sporting events contributes far less noise, traffic, light and fumes than a music festival for 500 to 5000 people.

The village already has two licensed venues: The Village Hall and The Pandy Inn. The licence applied for exceeds the licence held for The Pandy Inn. This is a very small rural village and with approximately 400 people in the entire parish another licensed premises will increase public nuisance and is not needed.

As the venue is on the outskirts of a small village, the lack of policing could lead to possible disorder at the venue itself, in the carparking area and the camp site which could then spill out into the neighbouring village.

The applicant has stated food vendors will be providing food. This year's event has five separate food vendors advertised including a breakfast bar. This means there will be the constant smell of food from morning till night and due to the unique topography, the fumes will be spread over a wide area.

Have the organisers taken out public liability cover to reimburse locals for any potential damage they or their property may incur?

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To Protect Children from Harm

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All alcohol to be stored/locked away outside of licensing times.

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Have an Incident book.

Public Safety

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Prevent Public Nuisance

Limit the applicants to either a TEN or an occasional premises licence.

Allow only non-amplified music at the event and the restriction that NO music is played or noise created after 22.00, in line with the requirements placed on the Local Village Hall.

Have licensing hours on Fridays and Saturdays the same as the local pub (The Pandy Inn)

which is 23:00.

Ensure the clearance of the site starts well before the requested end time and employ a temporary road closure for the B4348, to allow festival goers to depart quickly and safely.

Have trained security personnel present to ensure that festival goers do not spread out to the surrounding village.

Ensure clear signage to enable to public to gain access to the public footpath via the playing fields

Protect Children from Harm

Ensure a DBS or CRB holding individual is appointed to deal with all matters relating to minors.

Ensure staff are in place to clear used receptacles promptly.

Have an easily identifiable way to pinpoint under 18s (wrist bands) and back-up policies in place (Challenge 25) as a belt and brace approach, thus ensuring no alcohol if purchased or consumed by under aged attendees at the events.

Have policies in place on what to do when it is discovered a minor is at risk.

Date:

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Name & Address of premises you are making a representation about: Dorstone Playing Field.	

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To Prevent Crime & Disorder

I believe that the introduction of alcohol into an event, especially one held outside, can change its nature completely. The Dorstone Playing Field committee is proposing a number of varied events beginning with a four day music festival over the August Bank Holiday weekend. I do not consider that proper and effective management of such an event could be achieved, as currently proposed.

1. Civilian volunteers in high viz jackets could not control a sizeable crowd particularly when alcohol is involved. There would be real potential for situations to get out of hand and I believe that the security measures proposed are woefully inadequate to begin to handle a large, out of control group of uncooperative people. There would therefore be clear potential for any such trouble to spread beyond the confines of the playing field and into the residential part of the village, close by.
2. Volunteers have no powers of arrest and nowhere to put troublemakers. No volunteer should be asked to put themselves in harm's way to deal with public disorder and should not do so, for their own protection and for fear of accusation of assault.
3. Drug trafficking is sadly present in Herefordshire. Such an event could be a magnet for dealers and pushers.
4. A public footpath runs alongside the site. If someone used this path to access the event for free, and were ejected or manhandled by civilian volunteers, the volunteers would be leaving themselves open criminal charges.

Public Safety

Dorstone is a small, peaceful, rural community, in very close proximity to the playing field. The likelihood of problems with alcohol/drugs in a large crowd, is high and would threaten residents and their properties. Again a civilian 'police force' would be no protection.

The access for road vehicles is far from ideal. The B4348 is an awkward road, commonly used as an unofficial bypass for Hereford, There is a narrow section that starts at the playing field, followed by some hair pin bends with very poor visibility. This road is regularly used by large HGVs, including those loaded with tree trunks for Pontrilas Saw Mills. Entry to and exit from the field by a large number of vehicles could cause chaos. Again, who is going to police this? Only a police officer in uniform can stop a vehicle. Civilians have no powers to control traffic. There is also the probability of people leaving the playing field while driving under the influence of alcohol.

To Prevent Public Nuisance

Dorstone is a small, rural community, completely unsuitable for events of this size and ambition. Good practice dictates that there should be consultation with affected residents before such an event takes place in order that they may express their views and air any concerns. This really begins with the proposal to apply for an alcohol licence. **At no point has any such consultation taken place.**

An event such as a music festival, within the confines of a small village, would have a major disruptive effect on the residents. A particularly distressing aspect of this would be the broadcasting of amplified music which would deny residents their right to peaceful enjoyment of their homes and interfere with their right to sleep. As it is proposed that the licence, if granted, should cover the period from June to September, residents would face months with the possibility of more than one very loud and disruptive event taking place during that time. This would be a significant cause of anxiety to many residents. I am already experiencing some distress at the prospect of these types of events taking place.

The proposal to light one acre of land until after midnight is also very distressing. This, too, would have a hugely detrimental effect on residents' right to sleep and cause a great deal of

stress and anxiety.

There seems no justification for serving alcohol later than the local public house is allowed to. It does not seem reasonable to allow a potentially large, noisy crowd until one in the morning to disperse. Residents are entitled to expect quiet at that time of night – a lot of them are elderly and live here because it is quiet. That is the expectation in this rural area.

To Protect Children from Harm

There is a young children's play ground by the car park. Good waste management practice is vital if children are to be safe-guarded. There could be grave risk to their health from litter, some of which could be drug related. Furthermore, the proposed festival site is part of a 6 acre field, regularly used by walkers, and the map shows that access to this area is open. How will it be guaranteed that all litter will be successfully and safely removed?



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Dated 19th April,2024



Representation Form – Interested Parties Suggested Conditions

Premises: Dorstone Playing Field _____ Your name: _____
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To Prevent Crime and Disorder

Sufficient individuals professionally trained in the practice of crowd management to be on site at all times. Proper and clear plans to be prepared for what steps to take in the event of trouble breaking out.

Public Safety

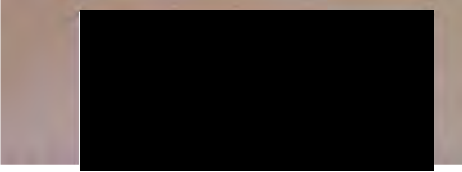
The policing of road traffic, particularly on the bends by the Church

Prevent Public Nuisance

- No playing of amplified music at any time
- Events to close and be cleared by 10 pm.
- Environmentally sensitive lighting to be used.

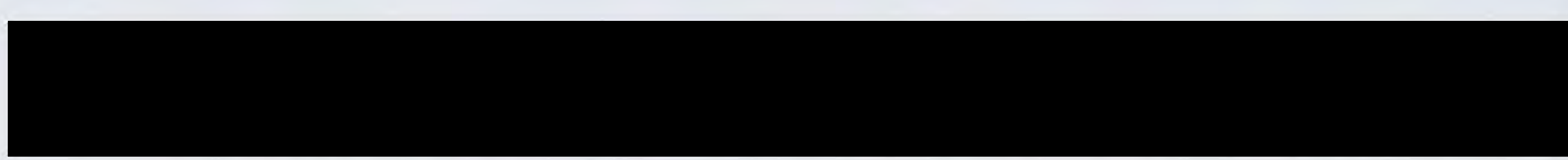
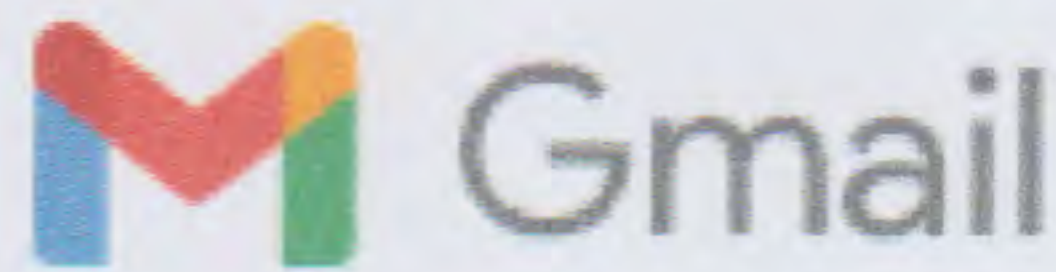
Protect Children from Harm Professional cleaning company to clear the site.

Signed:

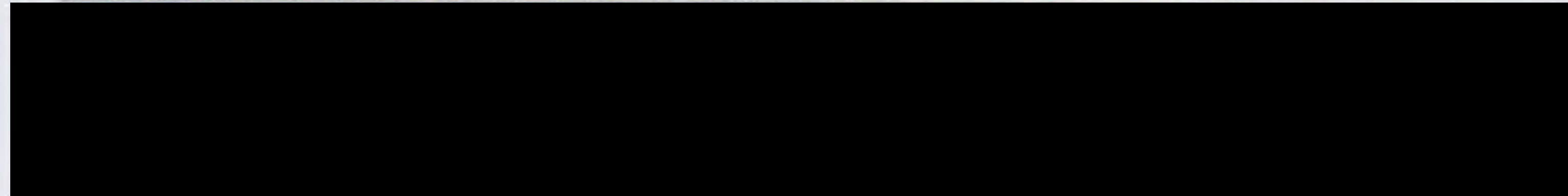


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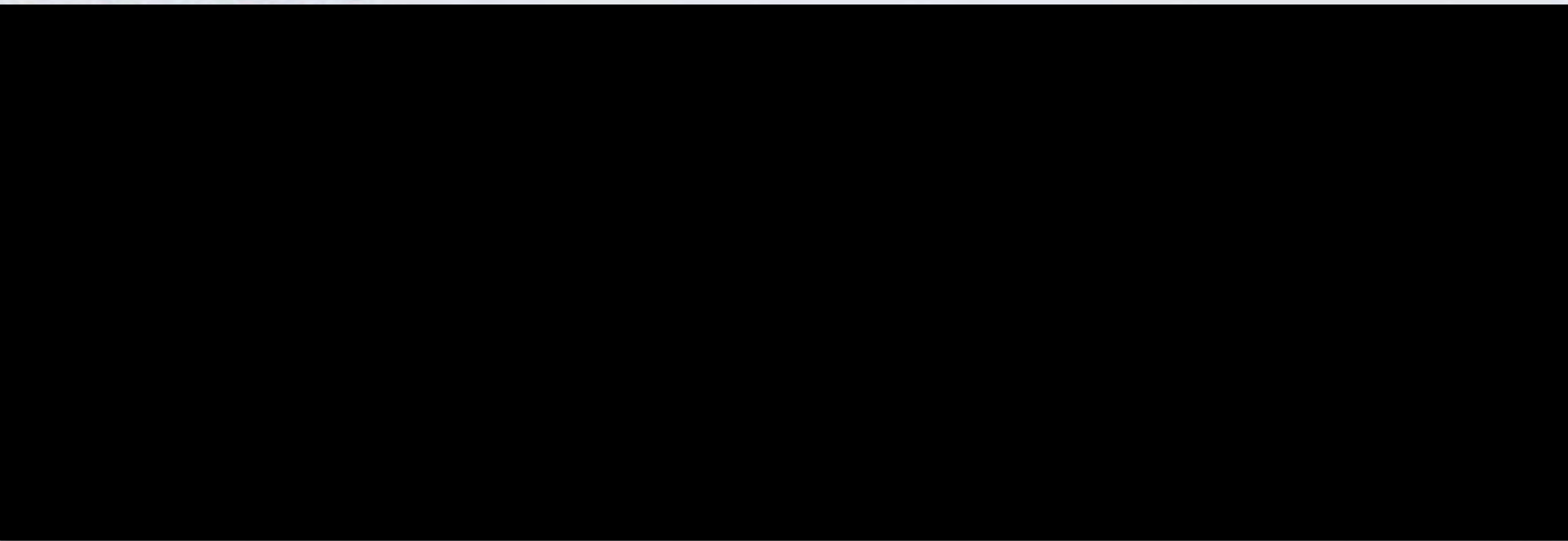
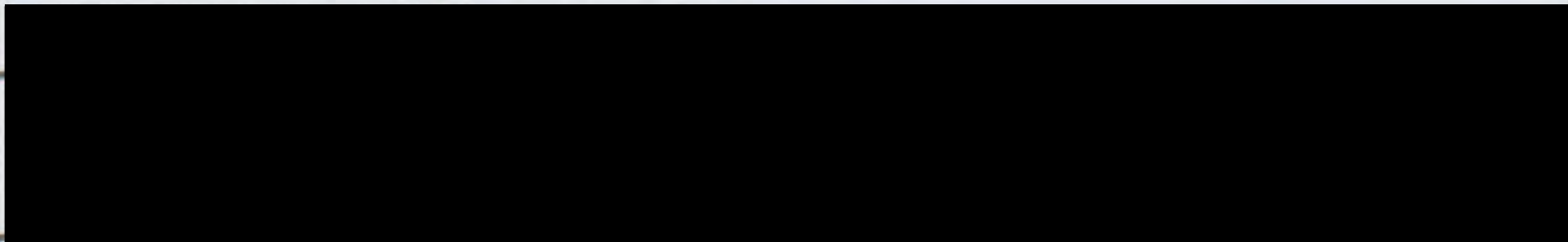
Application for alcohol Licence at Dorstone Playing Field



Sat, Apr 20, 2024 at 4:02 PM

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Name & Address of premises you are making a representation about: Dorstone Playing Field	

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To Prevent Crime & Disorder It is my understanding that the named applicant has no previous knowledge or experience of licensing conditions, behaviour and responsibilities. A fully licensed experienced person at the public house in Dorstone (The Pandy Inn) is but a three minutes walk from the site and would be able to supply alcohol to individuals without the risk of disorder arising within and around the open marquee of the proposed site. Widespread promotion of events taking place in this insecure site with public access via the registered footpath is likely to attract persons whose behavior could lead to issues of disorder and possibly criminal activity. With the frequent all-day licences, it is reasonable to expect behavior associated with excess alcohol intake.
Public Safety There is a well-used public footpath passing to the east side of the site which would be in constant use during the times and dates for which the application relates, that is every weekend from midday to midnight from June to September. The use of alcohol and associated entertainment facilities and extensive car parking on the field would create a risk of safety to the public as they traverse the site. The proposed premises, an open marquee, has no safety facilities. The proposal which would allow for the use by up to 5000 persons would involve maybe an additional 2000 vehicles using access and egress on the treacherous four right-angled bends at Dorstone, a very narrow stretch of the B4348 without any pedestrian walkway and which is the site of numerous accidents.
To Prevent Public Nuisance

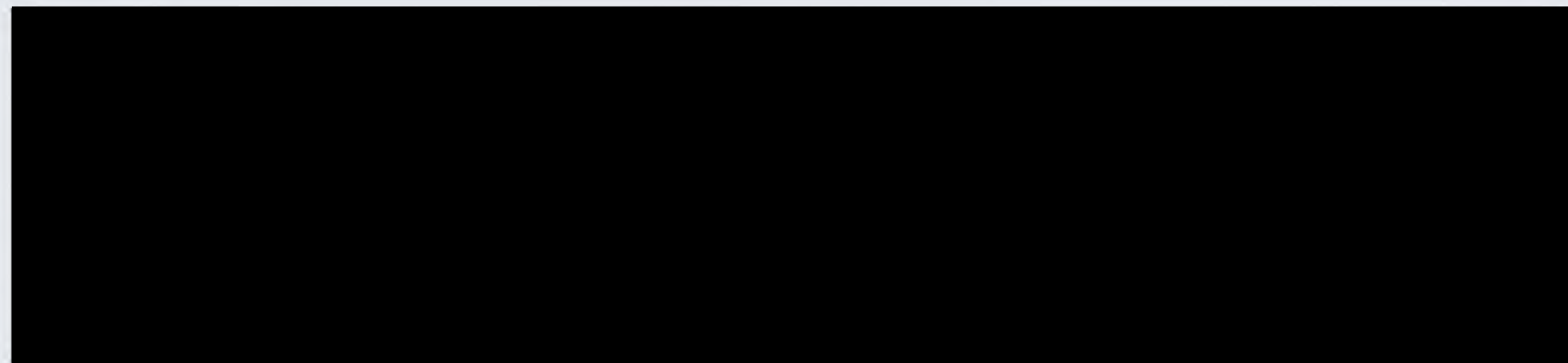
The noise and the use of amplified entertainment throughout the weekends of the summer period would severely impact on the amenity of neighbours, especially in the residential area of Dorstone House whose boundary hedge is just a few metres from the proposed site of the licence for the supply and selling of alcohol and for amplified entertainment of up to 5000 persons. Previous experience has shown that the noise from a similar event (previously a single annual weekend event) has caused disturbance and distress to a significant part of the village of Dorstone. We submit that the application should be rejected on the grounds of serious public nuisance. Members of the community, including ourselves, have unhappily tolerated a one-off event but the proposal for regular weekend events, with the likelihood of 'mission creep' would lead to unbearable nuisance, as additional events such as private parties, weddings, and anniversary functions are likely to follow. In an attempt to increase income, the possibility of extension to the use of the playing field license by event companies, marketing, media and entertainment organisations by contract or franchise can be anticipated, riding on the back of the proposed weekend licences. There are very limited toilet facilities on the site, certainly they are totally inadequate for up to 500 persons, let alone the suggested 5000 people and one can reasonably expect that the adjacent boundary hedge of our property would be used as a toilet overflow, as it has been used for this purpose in the past.

The noise created by the outdoor amplified live and recorded entertainment for up to 5000 people would cause distress to a large area of this small village, including to myself as the immediate neighbour, rendering my garden and outside area unusable for all the summer weekends.

To Protect Children from Harm

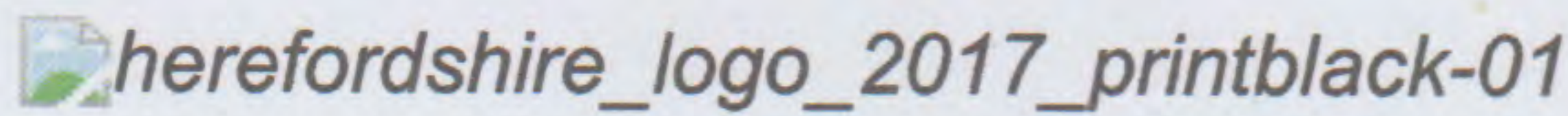
The site, close to the position of the alcohol-selling marquee is very close to the children's play area and the interaction between the two could lead to issues of child safety.

Signed:
Date:



20.4.24

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Hession & Mrs MLG Hession

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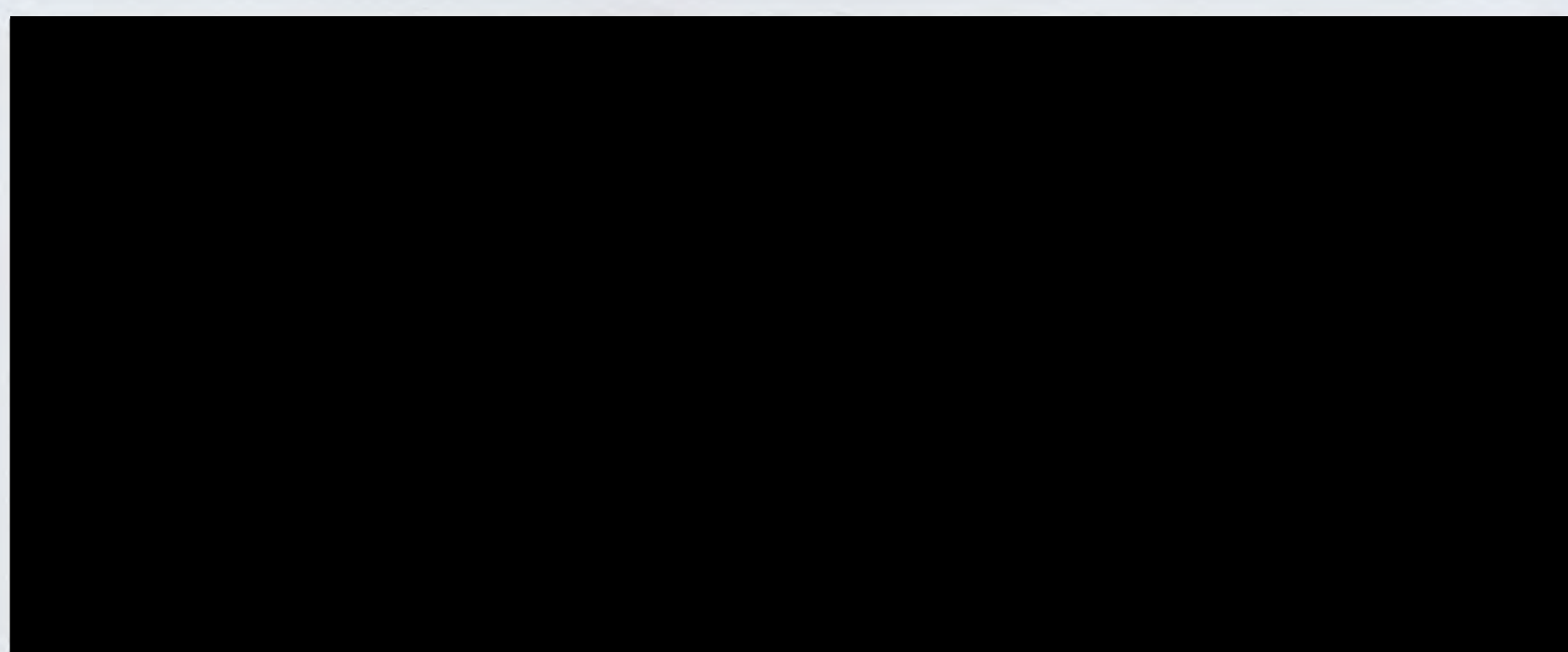
I do not believe that there are any relevant conditions that could be imposed that would reduce the risks and nuisance that would be generated by this application, as the frequency and extent of the proposed events are so extensive and so inappropriate for this small community. A plan to make a single annual 'occasional licence'. applied for by the licensee of the village public house, for one weekend a year with restricted hours might be the basis for a consultation with affected members and organisations impacted by these proposals, a consultation that has so far been avoided by the applicant as members of the community, including ourselves were only made aware of the proposal when the statutory notice appeared attached to the playing field fence. I understand that the applicant has since backtracked to some degree regarding the frequency of events, at least initially. I respectfully suggest that the application should be treated in the form and content which it is currently submitted. Accordingly I recommend that the application be rejected by the licensing authority. It would then be for the applicant to consider an alternative plan subject to local consultation more in tune with the actual objectives of the Playing Field Committee.

Public Safety
see above

Prevent Public Nuisance
see above

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see above

Signed:



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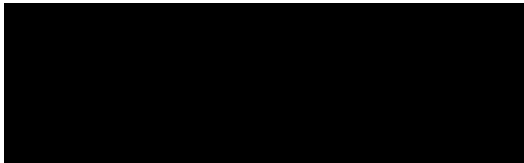
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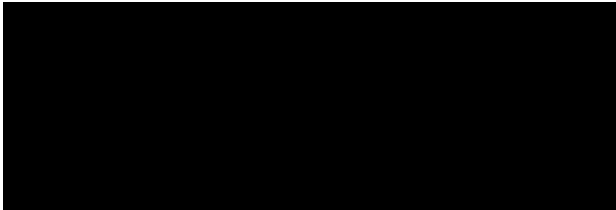
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Your Name:	[Redacted]
[Redacted]	Please state your interest in the premises you are making a representation about: Local Resident
Name & Address of premises you are making a representation about: Dorstone Playing Fields , Dorstone, Hereford, HR4 6AW	

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There are quite a number of properties adjacent, or very near, to the Playing Field, including our house which is less than 200m away. The village has a higher elevation than the playing field and the topography creates a natural amphitheatre that amplifies sound from the event site. **The noise from last years event was therefore extremely intrusive.** However, as a one-off event, most residents seem to be perfectly happy to have it again. Allegations that there are very strong objections to a one-off event are simply not true.

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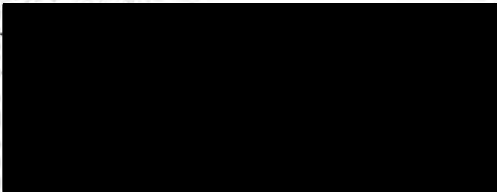

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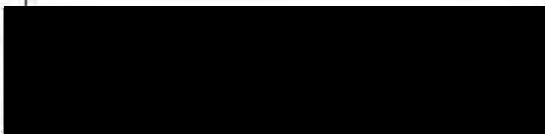
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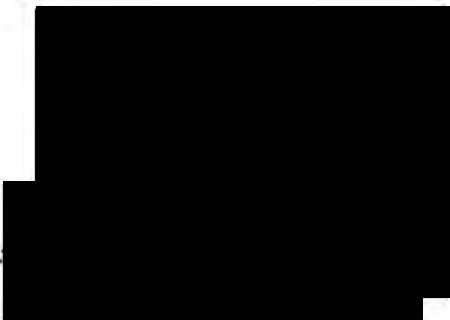
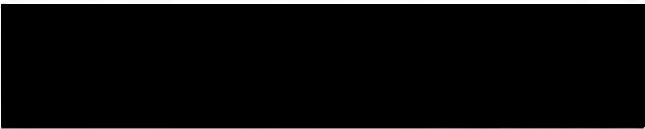
To Prevent Crime and Disorder Limiting numbers to a reasonable, manageable level
Public Safety Provide a Risk Assessment
Prevent Public Nuisance An early, comprehensive consultation with Village residents would have been helpful for both parties.
Protect Children from Harm



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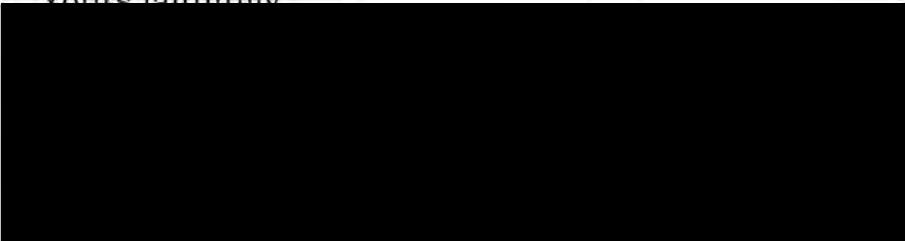
Dear Sirs

Application for alcohol licence at Dorstone Playing Field

I submit representations regarding the application for a licence at Dorstone Playing Field. As the form requires a signature it is delivered to you as a signed and dated hard copy.

The site was previously glebe land for pasture grazing owned by the Diocese of Hereford and was sold in 2022. The conveyance of the sale from the Diocese contains a restrictive covenant that does not allow the site to be used for licensed premises. I respectfully suggest that this would place the licensing authority in some difficulty if it were knowingly to grant a licence when it was made aware that licensing premises were prohibited by covenant from being operated at the site. It is far from clear that at present the applicant is aware of this restriction on the use of the site for this application.

Yours faithfully



behavior could lead to issues of disorder and possibly criminal activity. With the frequent all-day licences it is reasonable to expect behavior associated with excess alcohol intake.

Public Safety

There is a well-used public footpath passing to the east side of the site which would be in constant use during the times and dates for which the application relates, that is every weekend from midday to midnight from June to September. The use of alcohol and associated entertainment facilities and extensive car parking on the field would create a risk of safety to the public as they traverse the site. The proposed premises, an open marquee, has no safety facilities. The proposal which would allow for the use by up to 5000 persons would involve maybe an additional 2000 vehicles using access and egress on the treacherous four right-angled bends at Dorstone, a very narrow stretch of the B4348 without any pedestrian walkway and which is the site of numerous accidents.

To Prevent Public Nuisance

The noise and the use of amplified entertainment throughout the weekends of the summer period would severely impact on the amenity of neighbours, especially in the residential area of Dorstone House whose boundary hedge is just a few metres from the proposed site of the licence for the supply and selling of alcohol and for amplified entertainment of up to 5000 persons. Previous experience has shown that the noise from a similar event (previously a single annual weekend event) has caused disturbance and distress to a significant part of the village of Dorstone. We submit that the application should be rejected on the grounds of serious public nuisance. Members of the community, including ourselves, have unhappily tolerated a one-off event but the proposal for regular weekend events, with the likelihood of 'mission creep' would lead to unbearable nuisance, as additional events such as private parties, weddings, and anniversary functions are likely to follow. In an attempt to increase income, the possibility of extension to the use of the playing field license by event companies, marketing, media and entertainment organisations by contract or franchise can be anticipated, riding on the back of the proposed weekend licences. There are very limited toilet facilities on the site, certainly they are totally inadequate for up to 500 persons, let alone the suggested 5000 people and one can reasonably expect that the adjacent boundary hedge of our property would be used as a toilet overflow, as it has been used for this purpose in the past.

The noise created by the outdoor amplified live and recorded entertainment for up to 5000 people would cause distress to a large area of this small village, including to ourselves as

the immediate neighbour rendering our garden and outside area unusable for all the summer weekends.

To Protect Children from Harm

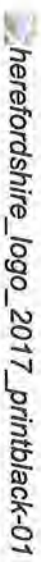
The site, close to the position of the alcohol-selling marquee is very close to the children's play area and the intersection between the two could lead to issues of child safety.

Signed: [Redacted]

Date: 17/4/2024

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**Representation Form – Interested Parties
Suggested Conditions**

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To Prevent Crime and Disorder

We do not believe that there are any relevant conditions that could be imposed that would reduce the risks and nuisance that would be generated by this application, as the frequency and extent of the proposed events are so extensive and so inappropriate for this small community. A plan to make a single annual 'occasional licence' applied for by the licensee of the village public house, for one weekend a year with restricted hours might be the basis for a consultation with affected members and organisations impacted by these proposals, a consultation that has so far been avoided by the applicant as members of the community, including ourselves were only made aware of the proposal when the statutory notice appeared attached to the playing field fence. We understand that the applicant has since backtracked to some degree regarding the frequency of events, at least initially. We respectfully suggest that the application should be treated in the form it is currently submitted. Accordingly we recommend that the application be rejected by the licensing authority. It would then be for the applicant to consider an alternative plan subject to local consultation more in tune with the actual objectives of the Playing Field Committee.

Public Safety

see above

Prevent Public Nuisance

see above

Protect Children from Harm

see above

Signed:



Email



Licensing Section
Herefordshire Council
Licensing Department
Plough Lane
Hereford
HR4 0LE



BY HAND

23rd April 2024

Dear Sirs

Licensing Application- Dorstone Playing Field, Dorstone, HR3 6AW

I refer to the above-mentioned application, the consultation period relating to which expires on 24th April 2024 – this letter is being delivered to your offices before close of business on 24th April.

On the 17th April my husband, Clive Thomas also of the same address and I wrote to you enclosing a Representation Form written by and signed by the both of us. This letter and its enclosures was delivered by hand to your offices on the 18th April. In a subsequent telephone conversation with your office it was confirmed that that letter and the form had been received by you but that it would not be accepted as a representation made by me but would be treated as a proper representation made by my husband.

In the light of the above I am now writing to you separately and wishing to make representations concerning the application; please, therefore find enclosed herewith a duly completed form setting out my comments and which please take into account in your consideration of the application.

In addition to the remarks on the form I would also like to make the following comments which are pertinent to the application and would you also please note in addition,

1. Like many other local residents of Dorstone the first notification of the application which I had was by dint of the blue notices which were posted at the Playing Fields site. There was no earlier notification of the applicant's intentions and certainly no consultation whatsoever with any member of our small community – this is most

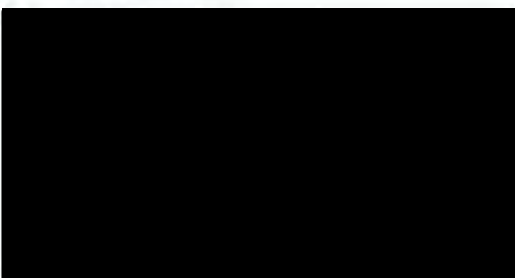
regrettable and in my opinion was a grave mistake on the part of the applicant. There have been in the last few days suggestions that the applicants have acknowledged that this was an error on their part alongside a parallel notion that although the application is wide and comprehensive in nature and scope the actual intention is to achieve a position which permits only one event in the summer period – the applicants wishing to have some sort of more permanent arrangement than hitherto and which allows them flexibility of dates in the future. Please note that my representations – on the attached form are of course made on the basis of the application which has been put forward to yourselves for consideration.

2. The application form refers to a premises licence for the period from June to September 2024 – with permission sought for events to be held at various times during each weekend within that period and on Bank Holidays – there is, of course, only one of these in August. Having quoted these dates the form also, somewhat incongruously, specifies that the licence should not start until 1st August 2024 – I query whether or not, therefore the application is technically in order.
3. A factor which is something which I feel is important to mention but which does not seem to be something which sits easily in the parameters of the Representation Form is the relatively recent (within the last two/three weeks) discovery that dormice (hazel variety) and a protected species are present at the Playing Field site. This should be something which will generate not only local interest but also safeguards and procedures laid down in appropriate legislation - this is not addressed in the application document but it seems more than pertinent.
4. Finally, the application is made on behalf of The Dorstone Playing Field Charity – the Charitable Objects of which are “ the provision and maintenance of a recreation ground and playing field for the benefit of the inhabitants of Dorstone and its environs “. I query that these objectives do not accord with the application now being sought.

I have signed and dated the Representation Form – I have not filled in or completed the section dealing with Suggested Conditions as I do not believe that there are any such conditions which would mitigate the concerns I have in respect of the application as submitted – I have nevertheless for the sake of good order also signed that section of the Form.

I look forward to an acknowledgment of this letter and the enclosed forms and to hearing from you further – email correspondence is fine

Yours faithfully



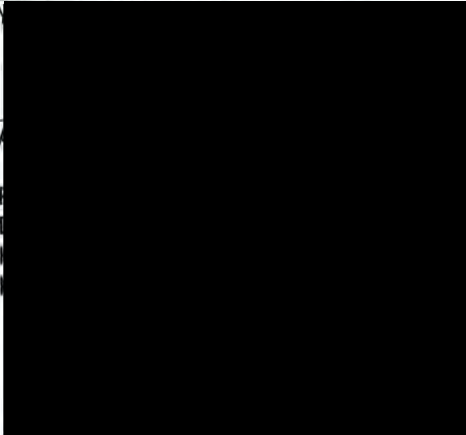
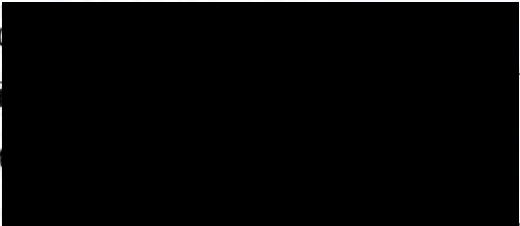
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	Contact Telephone No. 
	Please state your interest in the premises you are making a representation about: Local resident and nearby neighbour to the site
Name & Address of premises you are making a representation about: Dorstone Playing Fields, Dorstone, Hereford, HR3 6AW	

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A representation must reflect one or more of the licensing objectives, therefore please write the details of your representation in the relevant boxes below:

To Prevent Crime & Disorder

The application states that there will be no professional security arrangements at the events which are the subject of the application – such matters are to be handled by volunteers. As the events will allow at least 500 people to attend it is reasonable to conclude that the number of amateur personnel charged with important supervising tasks (such as entry ticket checking, car parking, proper behaviour so far as alcohol purchase and consumption is concerned) will be more than would otherwise be the case if trained professional staff were present – in that regard one wonders whether the applicant has been able to or will ensure that there will be a sufficient cohort of the relevant untrained people to prevent or mitigate any crime or disorder which may arise from a large number of people over a lengthy period of time into the evening especially when alcohol has been available for consumption throughout the period. The playing fields are, of course, in a rural setting on the periphery of our small village (approximately 400 residents) and it is not unreasonable to suggest that issues such as drunkenness, drug misuse or dealing, physical confrontations and careless or indeed dangerous driving (the only road which services the site and the village is a fairly narrow and unlit one with a 30mph speed limit and a series of acute bends within a 100 yards or so) may well ensue on the afternoons/evenings in question. It is noted that the application states that the police will be informed appropriately in advance – as one of the events which is to be covered by the licence has been advertised extensively already on Eventbrite – the applicant should be asked to confirm if the local police have already been consulted and what is their reaction.

Public Safety

A number of the foreseeable issues relating to public safety are ones which are equally pertinent to those set out in the previous section relating to crime and disorder particularly the well being of attendees at the events both whilst at the site and when leaving either by car or by foot – will there be the sufficient number of people trained or otherwise to deal with such issues. These matters may also of course affect people who will not be attending but are otherwise members of the public lawfully coming and going near to the site at these times and whose safety may be at risk from activities at a licensed event.

The application form refers to the provision of fire extinguishers – only the wet variety; should there not also be other forms of fire prevention/ fire fighting equipment on site.

The provision of alcohol and arrangements for its storage and sale is mentioned on the form but only in the barest outline – one would have thought there are a number of specific requirements dealing with this matter and furthermore the same is also necessary for the preparation, storage, display and sale of food.

A public footpath traverses part of the site which seems to be designated for car parking and camping during "events weekends" – how can this and the lawful use of the footpath by members of the public be reconciled during "exclusive access" events weekends?

To Prevent Public Nuisance

The application to use what is, essentially, a recreation/sports field as a venue for paid entertainment to include the sale of alcohol and the playing of live and recorded amplified music for, seemingly, each weekend for four summer months is a comprehensive and most unwelcome intrusion into the otherwise normally quiet life of this village and its residents. Of the 400 or so parishioners, the majority live in a relatively concentrated area near to the village green, the pub and the church – and these are all within a short walk of the playing field site.

Any adverse and disturbing effect of the ONE event which took place last year was ameliorated to some extent by bad weather but that was still enough to cause disquiet for a number of local residents. In good weather the noise of attendees and the music can more than reasonably be anticipated to be of a magnitude which will prove intolerable – i.e. it will clearly be a "public nuisance" especially as the application seeks permission that these events take place every weekend for up to four months and for the late and long hours proposed.

The nearest building to the playing fields is St Faiths Church – it is in fact almost directly opposite to the entrance to the site. The church is and will be during the summer a favoured location on the Golden Valley Pilgrimage Route - an increasingly popular and well advertised adjunct to the tourist economy not only of the Diocese but also the village and wider local economy. The proposals as set out in the application – especially the noise implications will inevitably be a severe disincentive to any pilgrim wishing to book an overnight stay at St Faiths – they will certainly not find the quiet and reflective experience which they will be looking for. This is clearly a case of a public nuisance which must be avoided by the application being refused.

To Protect Children from Harm

As stated above – the deficit in professional supervision on site may well increase the incidence of “under age drinking” and attendant risk to children

Have the applicants ensured that the “volunteer” personnel who will be on site during events received the appropriate and necessary Safeguarding training ?

Signed: [Redacted]
Date: 23 APRIL 2024

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Representation Form – Interested Parties Suggested Conditions

Premise: _____ Dorstone Playing Fields, Dorstone, Hereford, HR3
6AW _____

Your name: _____
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To Prevent Crime & Disorder

The applicant states: *Committee members and additional volunteers will act as roving security during the events. Local police will be informed of plans ahead of each event*

Are the committee members and volunteers trained / experienced enough to enable them to effectively 'police' the proposed events and effectively deal with inebriated members of the public.?

How are they going to ensure there are no drug dealing or using of drugs.? Are the committee members and volunteers trained / experienced in recognising the signs of drug abuse and drug dealing?

The application does not show if committee members/volunteers will be trained on Drugs Awareness, Selling to under age person and Selling to drunks. If trained, where are the training records kept so that they can be produced to the police or an authorised person (as defined by section 13 of the Licensing Act 2003.)

Dorstone is a small tranquil village that has no street lights, the local bus services last bus Monday to Friday is 18:46 and 16:56 at the weekend. There are no taxi companies in the village, any Taxi's in the surrounding towns need to be booked in advance. The application is for a licence of up to 5,000 people, the organiser does not state how they will ensure no one drink drives, as well as wandering round the village causing problems for the local residents.

As the events will be manned by committee members and volunteers on a revolving basis, will the committee members/volunteers be able to consume or be under the influence of alcohol/drugs whilst selling alcohol or when acting as roving security and how will this be managed.?

The application does not show/state how they will monitor alcohol consumption or note if anyone has been refused alcohol! How this will be managed and communicated to the revolving staff and other vendors selling alcohol, who will be responsible for checking for underage drinking.?

As the sale of alcohol is taking place in a marquee, the application does not state how/where the alcohol will be stored away at night, stopping the general public from having access to it, if unmanned or when the events have finished.

A public footpath crosses the site. While they may have effective front facing policing, how do they intend on policing entry to the venue from the rear.?

There is no indication that either the Personal Licence holder or a DPS will be on duty within the marquee during the selling of alcohol time as listed in section 15 of the application.

Public Safety

The applicant states: Segregation of vehicular and pedestrian access, and provision of a first aid point, with a qualified first aider. No animals, other than assistance animals will be permitted in the event arena. Disabled access, toilets and parking will be provided.

The application is for 500 up to 5,000 people, no evidence of any capacity planning or safety check details are in the application both in terms of evaluation that the venue can hold up to 5,000 people plus vehicles or how the number of ticket sales will be managed to ensure they don't exceed the venue capacity on the days of the events.

Commercial vendors will be at the event however the application does not state how the organisers will police the vendors food health and safety protocols.

Is free drinking water freely available at the point of sale as this is a legal requirement and needed to ensure the safety of the people attending the events.

The application does not state how the storage of the kegs of alcohol will be kept at the correct temperature to ensure there is no build-up of bacteria that could cause illness to the public.

In section 18 of the application, it states that no animals will be permitted except for assistance animals in the event arena. The area is a public space with well-used public footpaths, have the organisers got the legal right to restrict the general public.?

Does the venue site have the correct insurance to host music events of this kind.?

How are the organisers going to keep their festival goers at the playing fields and stop them from coming into the village (a 2-minute walk away) causing a nuisance or problems for the local residents.

There is evidence that Dormice, which are "Protected Species" are within the event grounds. In the UK, dormice are legally protected under Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and have significant further protection as a European Protected Species under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. There is no evidence in the application that the organisers are doing anything to mitigate any harm coming to these creatures.

To Prevent Public Nuisance

The applicant states: *The events will close by 2359 with guided arena clearance complete within 1 hour.*

The application states that live/recorded music will be played up to 23:59 and that the site will be cleared within an hour of this, meaning that local residents could be disturbed up to 01:59. The application does not state how the organisers will monitor and ensure that the noise levels do not overly disturb local residents.

The application states events will be held throughout the year with the playing of live and recorded music, for up to 18 weeks during the summer months. Dorstone is a tranquil small village, the impact of having music events of this magnitude for a total of 18 weekends during the summer, will cause significant distress to those living near the planned event site and to most of the village.

Herefordshire Council's own licensing policy, 2020 – 2025 states: *Herefordshire is a mixed commercial and residential area, with many areas lying in tranquil rural surroundings, whose amenity Herefordshire Council has a duty to protect, and one of Herefordshire Council's aims is to protect and enhance our environment and keep Herefordshire a great place to live.* How, by appointing this premises licence is it in keeping with Hereford Council's own aims.?

The application clearly states events, plural, will be held throughout the year. What consultation has been done with the local community to gauge the feeling of multiple events being held in a very rural village during the summer months before the application was submitted.?

The noise level will have a significant impact on the local farmers livestock that are grazed in and round Dorstone.

The application section 10 and 11 providing live and recorded music times on a Friday and Saturday exceeds the Local Village Hall permitted time, the Local Village Hall has a restriction that no music is played or noise created after 22.00. The playing fields should be aligned so that it does not cause a nuisance to the residents of Dorstone Village.

The potential of excessive traffic, which could include camper vans and caravans, will cause traffic disruption in the surrounding area.

The applicant is a registered charity that lists as its activities: 'Providing buildings, equipment & land for sporting activities for persons of all ages' (taken from <https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/-/charity-details/510432>). Their activities do not include events planning, organising, or hosting. A playing field with sporting events contributes far less noise, traffic, light and fumes than a music festival for 500 to 5000 people.

If multiple events are going to be organised, as stated in the application, are the Playing Fields Committee complying with ISO 20121.?

The village already has two licensed venues: The Village Hall and The Pandy Inn. The licence applied for exceeds the licence held for The Pandy Inn. This is a very small rural village and with approximately 400 people in the entire parish another licensed premises will increase public nuisance and is not needed.

As the venue is on the outskirts of a small village, the lack of policing could lead to possible disorder at the venue itself, in the carparking area and the camp site which could then spill out into the neighbouring village.

The applicant has stated food vendors will be providing food. This year's event has five separate food vendors advertised including a breakfast bar. This means there will be the constant smell of food from morning till night and due to the unique topography, the fumes will be spread over a wide area.

Have the organisers taken out public liability cover to reimburse locals for any potential damage they or their property may incur?

Hereford Licensing Policy states: *To avoid additional cost, applicants are advised not to advertise in a local newspaper until such time as they have been informed by the Licensing Authority that the application has been accepted.*

Whilst I am not aware of any advertising in local papers the organisers have advertised this year's event on most local Facebook groups with the tickets being sold on Eventbrite, which has the potential of being spread to a much wider audience. If this event is disallowed in its current form, how will it be ensured no nuisance is caused by would-be festival goers trying to gain access to the event.?

In section 18 of the application, it states that no animals will be permitted except for assistance animals in the event arena. The area is a public space with well-used public footpaths, have the organisers got the legal right to restrict the general public.?

To Protect Children from Harm

The applicant states: *Events will be family friendly; under 17s must be accompanied by an adult.*

As it's an offence to purchase or attempt to purchase alcohol if you are under the age of 18 – Section 149 of the Licensing Act 2003. The application does not state that the organisers will have clear legible signage regarding this.

The application does not show how they will monitor or who will be responsible for checking for underage drinking and continuity on the decisions made, especially as the events will be manned by committee members and volunteers on a revolving basis.

Tickets can be purchased from a website which indicates under 17's will not be permitted access unless accompanied by an adult, how will under 17 year old's be identified?

No indication of an Incident book

Signed
Date:

[Redacted signature and date]

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Limit the applicants to either a TEN or an occasional premises licence, with limited number of festival goers and hours that music can be played.

Have licensing hours on Fridays and Saturdays the same as the local village pub (The Pandy Inn) which is 23:00.

Have trained security personnel present to ensure that festival goers do not spread out to the surrounding village.

All people selling alcohol to be correctly trained as per PC10.

Bags to be checked upon entry to the site for alcohol & drugs

All alcohol to be stored/locked away outside of licensing times.

Venue personal performing security duties to be restricted from consuming alcohol, along with volunteers and committee members that are selling alcohol during the events.

Have an Incident book.

Public Safety

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Venue personal performing security duties to be restricted from consuming alcohol, along with volunteers and committee members that are selling alcohol during the events.

Ensure food hygiene is followed by vendors, supply hot water for visitors for basic levels of hygiene and supply of free drinking water throughout the duration of the events.

Have an Incident book

Prevent Public Nuisance

Limit the applicants to either a TEN or an occasional premises licence.

Allow only non-amplified music at the event and the restriction that NO music is played or noise created after 22.00, in line with the requirements placed on the Local Village Hall.

Have licensing hours on Fridays and Saturdays the same as the local pub (The Pandy Inn) which is 23:00.

Ensure the clearance of the site starts well before the requested end time and employ a temporary road closure for the B4348, to allow festival goers to depart quickly and safely.

Have trained security personnel present to ensure that festival goers do not spread out to the surrounding village.

Ensure clear signage to enable to public to gain access to the public footpath via the playing fields.

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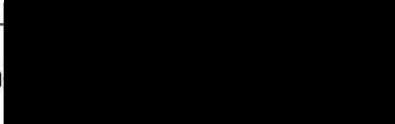
Ensure a DBS or CRB holding individual is appointed to deal with all matters relating to minors.

Ensure staff are in place to clear used receptacles promptly.

Have an easily identifiable way to pinpoint under 18s (wrist bands) and back-up policies in place (Challenge 25) as a belt and brace approach, thus ensuring no alcohol if purchased or consumed by under aged attendees at the events.

Have policies in place on what to do when it is discovered a minor is at risk.

Sign



Date:

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Local resident	[Redacted]	
Name & Address of premises you are making a representation about: Dorstone Playing Field		

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<p>To Prevent Crime & Disorder</p> <p>We understand the applicant is not experienced in the matters of licensing conditions and associated risks, which are heightened in an outdoor setting. The site is insecure with a well-used public footpath crossing the area. If permission is granted to sell alcohol for many hours on up to four days out of seven a week, during four months of the year for events that are widely promoted to raise revenue, the risks of disorder are significant.</p>

<p>Public Safety</p> <p>The proposed premises for the sale of alcohol is an open marquee on a site with a public footpath close by that is in constant use. A premises licence allows for up to 5000 people and associated vehicles, and I do not see how volunteers could ensure public safety either on the site, nor on the narrow sharp-angled unit road (with no pedestrian provision) that is the route to the site.</p>

<p>To Prevent Public Nuisance</p> <p>Amplified outdoor music and general noise levels throughout the weekends for four months of the year would create a considerable public nuisance and loss of amenity to many, including our property that is close by. With an open-ended licence and the need</p>
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<p>Prevent Public Nuisance</p> <p>As above, with the addition of community consultation regarding such events.</p>
<p>Public Safety</p> <p>As above, with restriction on numbers vastly lower than those which would be permitted in this application.</p>
<p>To Prevent Crime and Disorder</p> <p>This could only be mitigated by a vastly different approach such as was taken last year with the application for an occasional licence.</p>

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Premise: Dorstone Playing Field Your name: [REDACTED]

Representation Form - Interested Parties
Suggested Conditions

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<p>To Protect Children from Harm</p>	<p>to raise income, one could imagine the playing field being used for any number of events that are completely out of scale with the nature of this small rural village.</p>

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21/04/2024

Date:

Signed:

Protect Children from Harm	

**HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
Licensing Act 2003**

REPRESENTATION FORM – INTERESTED PARTIES

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Your Name: [REDACTED]	Contact Telephone No. [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]	E-mail address: [REDACTED]
	Please state your interest in the premises you are making a representation about: Local resident
Name & Address of premises you are making a representation about: Dorstone Playing Field, Dorstone, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR3 6AW	

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To Prevent Crime & Disorder

The applicant states: *Committee members and additional volunteers will act as roving security during the events. Local police will be informed of plans ahead of each event*
Are the committee members and volunteers trained / experienced enough to enable them to effectively 'police' the proposed events and effectively deal with inebriated members of the public.?

How are they going to ensure there are no drug dealing or using of drugs.? Are the committee members and volunteers trained / experienced in recognising the signs of drug abuse and drug dealing?

The application does not show if committee members/volunteers will be trained on Drugs Awareness, Selling to under age person and Selling to drunks. If trained, where are the training records kept so that they can be produced to the police or an authorised person (as defined by section 13 of the Licensing Act 2003.)

Dorstone is a small tranquil village that has no street lights, the local bus services last bus Monday to Friday is 18:46 and 16:56 at the weekend. There are no taxi companies in the village, any Taxi's in the surrounding towns need to be booked in advance. The application is for a licence of up to 5,000 people, the organiser does not state how they will ensure no one drink drives, as well as wandering round the village causing problems for the local residents.

As the events will be manned by committee members and volunteers on a revolving basis, will the committee members/volunteers be able to consume or be under the influence of alcohol/drugs whilst selling alcohol or when acting as roving security and how will this be managed.?

The application does not show/state how they will monitor alcohol consumption or note if anyone has been refused alcohol! How this will be managed and communicated to the revolving staff and other vendors selling alcohol, who will be responsible for checking for underage drinking.?

As the sale of alcohol is taking place in a marquee, the application does not state how/where the alcohol will be stored away at night, stopping the general public from having access to it, if unmanned or when the events have finished.

A public footpath crosses the site. While they may have effective front facing policing, how do they intend on policing entry to the venue from the rear.?

There is no indication that either the Personal Licence holder or a DPS will be on duty within the marquee during the selling of alcohol time as listed in section 15 of the application.

Public Safety

The applicant states: Segregation of vehicular and pedestrian access, and provision of a first aid point, with a qualified first aider. No animals, other than assistance animals will be permitted in the event arena. Disabled access, toilets and parking will be provided.

The application is for 500 up to 5,000 people, no evidence of any capacity planning or safety check details are in the application both in terms of evaluation that the venue can hold up to 5,000 people plus vehicles or how the number of ticket sales will be managed to ensure they don't exceed the venue capacity on the days of the events.

The application is not clear regarding what toilet facilities will be available.

Commercial vendors will be at the event however the application does not state how the organisers will police the vendors food health and safety protocols.

Is free drinking water freely available at the point of sale as this is a legal requirement and needed to ensure the safety of the people attending the events.

The application does not state how the storage of the kegs of alcohol will be kept at the correct temperature to ensure there is no build-up of bacteria that could cause illness to the public.

In section 18 of the application, it states that no animals will be permitted except for assistance animals in the event arena. The area is a public space with well-used public footpaths, have the organisers got the legal right to restrict the general public.?

Does the venue site have the correct insurance to host music events of this kind.?

How are the organisers going to keep their festival goers at the playing fields and stop them from coming into the village (a 2-minute walk away) causing a nuisance or problems for the local residents.

There is evidence that Dormice, which are "Protected Species" are within the event grounds. In the UK, dormice are legally protected under Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and have significant further protection as a European Protected Species under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. There is no evidence in the application that the organisers are doing anything to mitigate any harm coming to these creatures.

To Prevent Public Nuisance

The applicant states: The events will close by 2359 with guided arena clearance complete within 1 hour.

The application states that live/recorded music will be played up to 23:59 and that the site will be cleared within an hour of this, meaning that local residents could be disturbed up to 01:59. The application does not state how the organisers will monitor and ensure that the noise levels do not overly disturb local residents.

The application states events will be held throughout the year with the playing of live and recorded music, for up to 18 weeks during the summer months. Dorstone is a tranquil small village, the impact of having music events of this magnitude for a total of 18 weekends during the summer, will cause significant distress to those living near the planned event site and to most of the village.

Herefordshire Council's own licensing policy, 2020 – 2025 states: *Herefordshire is a mixed commercial and residential area, with many areas lying in tranquil rural surroundings, whose amenity Herefordshire Council has a duty to protect, and one of Herefordshire Council's aims is to protect and enhance our environment and keep Herefordshire a great place to live.*

How, by appointing this premises licence is it in keeping with Hereford Council's own aims.?

The application clearly states events, plural, will be held throughout the year. What consultation has been done with the local community to gauge the feeling of multiple events being held in a very rural village during the summer months before the application was submitted.?

The noise level will have a significant impact on the local farmers livestock that are grazed in and round Dorstone.

Noise levels produced by amplified music is a source of pollution and stress for many Dorstone residence.

The application section 10 and 11 providing live and recorded music times on a Friday and Saturday exceeds the Local Village Hall permitted time, the Local Village Hall has a restriction that no music is played or noise created after 22.00. The playing fields should be aligned so that it does not cause a nuisance to the residents of Dorstone Village.

The potential of excessive traffic, which could include camper vans and caravans, will cause traffic disruption in the surrounding area.

The applicant is a registered charity that lists as its activities: 'Providing buildings, equipment & land for sporting activities for persons of all ages' (taken from <https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/-/charity-details/510432>). Their activities do not include events planning, organising, or hosting. A playing field with sporting events contributes far less noise, traffic, light and fumes than a music festival for 500 to 5000 people.

If multiple events are going to be organised, as stated in the application, are the Playing Fields Committee complying with ISO 20121.?

The village already has two licensed venues: The Village Hall and The Pandy Inn. The licence applied for exceeds the licence held for The Pandy Inn. This is a very small rural village and with approximately 400 people in the entire parish another licensed premises will increase public nuisance and is not needed.

As the venue is on the outskirts of a small village, the lack of policing could lead to possible disorder at the venue itself, in the carparking area and the camp site which could then spill out into the neighbouring village.

The applicant has stated food vendors will be providing food. This year's event has five separate food vendors advertised including a breakfast bar. This means there will be the constant smell of food from morning till night and due to the unique topography, the fumes will be spread over a wide area.

Have the organisers taken out public liability cover to reimburse locals for any potential damage they or their property may incur?

Hereford Licensing Policy states: *To avoid additional cost, applicants are advised not to advertise in a local newspaper until such time as they have been informed by the Licensing Authority that the application has been accepted.*

Whilst I am not aware of any advertising in local papers the organisers have advertised this year's event on most local Facebook groups with the tickets being sold on Eventbrite, which has the potential of being spread to a much wider audience. If this event is disallowed in its current form, how will it be ensured no nuisance is caused by would-be festival goers trying to gain access to the event.?

In section 18 of the application, it states that no animals will be permitted except for assistance animals in the event arena. The area is a public space with well-used public footpaths, have the organisers got the legal right to restrict the general public.?

To Protect Children from Harm

The applicant states: *Events will be family friendly; under 17s must be accompanied by an adult.*

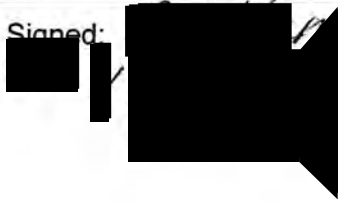
As it's an offence to purchase or attempt to purchase alcohol if you are under the age of 18 – Section 149 of the Licensing Act 2003. The application does not state that the organisers will have clear legible signage regarding this.

The application does not show how they will monitor or who will be responsible for checking for underage drinking and continuity on the decisions made, especially as the events will be manned by committee members and volunteers on a revolving basis.

Tickets can be purchased from a website which indicates under 17's will not be permitted access unless accompanied by an adult, how will under 17 year old's be identified?

No indication of an Incident book

Signed:



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Suggested Conditions**

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To Prevent Crime and Disorder

Limit the applicants to either a TEN or an occasional premises licence, with limited number of festival goers and hours that music can be played.

Have licensing hours on Fridays and Saturdays the same as the local village pub (The Pandy Inn) which is 23:00.

Have trained security personnel present to ensure that festival goers do not spread out to the surrounding village.

All people selling alcohol to be correctly trained as per PC10.

Bags to be checked upon entry to the site for alcohol & drugs

All alcohol to be stored/locked away outside of licensing times.

Venue personal performing security duties to be restricted from consuming alcohol, along with volunteers and committee members that are selling alcohol during the events.

Have an Incident book.

Public Safety

Limit the applicants to either a TEN or an occasional premises licence, with limited number of festival goers and restrictions on the hours that music can be played.

Have licensing hours on Fridays and Saturdays the same as the local pub (The Pandy Inn) which is 23:00.

Have trained security personnel present to ensure that festival goers do not spread out to the surrounding village.

Venue personal performing security duties to be restricted from consuming alcohol, along with volunteers and committee members that are selling alcohol during the events.

Ensure food hygiene is followed by vendors, supply hot water for visitors for basic levels of hygiene and supply of free drinking water throughout the duration of the events.

Have an Incident book

Prevent Public Nuisance

Limit the applicants to either a TEN or an occasional premises licence.

Allow only non-amplified music at the event and the restriction that NO music is played or noise created after 22.00, in line with the requirements placed on the Local Village Hall.

Have licensing hours on Fridays and Saturdays the same as the local pub (The Pandy Inn) which is 23:00.

Ensure the clearance of the site starts well before the requested end time and employ a temporary road closure for the B4348, to allow festival goers to depart quickly and safely.

Have trained security personnel present to ensure that festival goers do not spread out to the surrounding village.

Ensure clear signage to enable to public to gain access to the public footpath via the playing fields

Protect Children from Harm

Ensure a DBS or CRB holding individual is appointed to deal with all matters relating to minors.

Ensure staff are in place to clear used receptacles promptly.

Have an easily identifiable way to pinpoint under 18s (wrist bands) and back-up policies in place (Challenge 25) as a belt and brace approach, thus ensuring no alcohol if purchased or consumed by under aged attendees at the events.

Have policies in place on what to do when it is discovered a minor is at risk.

Signature

Date: 19/4/24

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Address [REDACTED]	Please state your interest in the premises you are making a representation about: local resident living within 1/4 of a mile of the premises. eg local resident/local business Local resident within ¼ mile of event.
Name & Address of premises you are making a representation about: Dorstone Playing Field.	

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To Prevent Crime & Disorder

As a former police officer, it is my experience that the introduction of alcohol into an event, especially one held outside, can change its nature completely. The Dorstone Playing Field committee is proposing a number of varied events beginning with a four day music festival over the August Bank Holiday weekend. I do not consider that proper and effective management of such an event could be achieved, as currently proposed.

1. Civilian volunteers in high viz jackets could not control a sizeable crowd particularly when alcohol is involved. There would be potential for situations to get out of hand and anyone who has ever been in a crowd of any size, or has ever tried to handle one, knows that even a comparable number of police officers, with all their powers, cannot easily handle a large, out of control group of uncooperative people.
2. Volunteers have no powers of arrest and nowhere to put troublemakers. No volunteer should be asked to put themselves in harm's way to deal with public disorder and should not do so, for their own protection and for fear of accusation of assault.
3. Drug trafficking is sadly present in Herefordshire. Such an event would be a magnet for dealers and pushers.
4. A public footpath runs alongside the site. If someone used this path to access the event for free, and were ejected or manhandled by civilian volunteers, the volunteers would be leaving themselves open to criminal charges.

Public Safety

Dorstone is a small rural community of a few hundred, in close proximity to the playing field. The likelihood of problems with alcohol/drugs in a large crowd, is high and would threaten residents and their properties. Again a civilian 'police force' would be no protection, particularly if, as proposed, that gathering is many times the size of the local population.

The access for road vehicles is far from ideal. The B4348 is an awkward little road with a narrow section that starts at the playing field, followed by some hairpin bends with very poor visibility. This road is regularly used by large HGVs, including those loaded with tree trunks for Pontrilas Saw Mills. Entry to and exit from the field by a large number of vehicles at the same time could cause chaos. Again, who is going to police this? Only a police officer in uniform can stop a vehicle. Civilians have no powers to control traffic. If parking overflows into our narrow lanes there is the danger that emergency vehicles could not get through.

To Prevent Public Nuisance

Dorstone is a small, rural community, completely unsuitable for events of this size and ambition. Good practice dictates that there should be consultation with affected residents before such an event takes place in order that they may express their views and air any concerns. This really begins with the proposal to apply for an alcohol licence. **At no point has any such consultation taken place.**

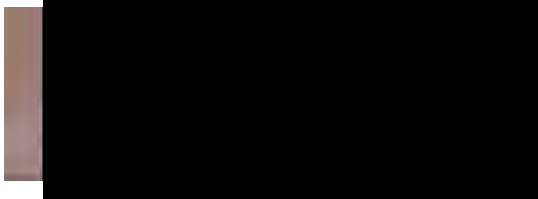
An event such as a music festival, within the confines of a small village, would have a major disruptive effect on the residents. A particularly distressing aspect of this would be the broadcasting of amplified music which would deny residents their right to peaceful enjoyment of their homes and interfere with their right to sleep. As it is proposed that the licence, if granted, should cover the period from June to September, residents would face months with the possibility of more than one very loud and disruptive event taking place during that time. This would be a significant cause of anxiety to many residents, including ourselves.

The proposal to light one acre of land until after midnight is also very distressing. This, too, would have a hugely detrimental effect on residents' right to sleep and cause a great deal of stress and anxiety.

There seems no justification for serving alcohol later than the local public house is allowed to and no consideration seems to have been given to the drink/drive laws. It is unreasonable to allow a potentially large noisy crowd until one in the morning to disperse. Residents are entitled to expect quiet at that time of night – a lot of them are elderly and live here because it is quiet. That is the expectation in this peaceful rural area.

To Protect Children from Harm

There is a young children's play ground by the car park. Good waste management practice is vital if children are to be safe-guarded. There could be grave risk to their health from litter, some of which could be drug related. Furthermore, the proposed festival site is part of a 6 acre field, regularly used by walkers, and the map shows that access to this area is open. How will it be guaranteed that all litter will be successfully and safely removed?



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Dated 19th April, 2024



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<p>To Prevent Crime and Disorder Sufficient individuals professionally trained in the practice of crowd management to be on site at all times. Proper and clear plans to be prepared for what steps to take in the event of trouble breaking out.</p>
<p>Public Safety The policing of road traffic, particularly on the bends by the Church</p>
<p>Prevent Public Nuisance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No playing of amplified music at any time• Events to close and be cleared by 10 pm.• Environmentally sensitive lighting to be used.
<p>Protect Children from Harm Professional cleaning company to clear the entire 6 acre site.</p>

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Signed:



Date: 19th April, 2024

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