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Dear Sir or Madam,

**Re: Premises Licence Number: 15/00907/LAPRE**

West Sussex County Council (WSSC) Public Health directorate has reviewed the application for the grant of a new premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 for Petworth Town.

The application seeks the grant of an alcohol licence proposed for seven days a week, 11:00 – 22:30hrs. The applicant does not state how many people will attend the events at any one time and states in Section M 'All events over 500 people will have a full event safety and management plan, and if appropriate consult with the local Safety Advisory Group'. The wording 'appropriate' is open to interpretation and we would require the details of this to be defined. The area highlighted within the application is vast and WSSC Public Health feel the information provided is insufficient to enable proper consideration for this application. The details within the licence need to be more specific to ensure all areas of the licensing objectives shall be promoted.

We have considered the Premises Licence Application and believe that approving the licence would undermine the following licensing objectives:

Protection of Children from Harm

- The applicant has not provided information on age verification policies or refusing sales. There is also no mention of training for members of staff in asking for ID or refusing to sell alcohol to someone underage. Control measures and procedures proposed by the applicant to prevent sales to under-18s are not sufficient. There is a serious risk that purchases could be made by or for under-18s.
- In section E the applicant states; 'The Town Council shall ensure that any activities for children under the age of 8 years comply with the provisions of The Children's Act'. The licensing Act 2003 states a child to be any person under the age of 18 years and therefore the application needs to include this.

- Section E also states 'The hirer shall provide the management committee with a copy of their Child Protection Policy' this needs to be more specific as it indicates a third party may be used and therefore is open to further questions.

#### Prevention of Crime and Disorder

- There is no reference to a search policy for people entering the sites. Alcohol and drugs (both illegal and Novel Psychoactive Substances (so-called 'Legal Highs') could both be brought on to the site, and event organisers would have no control over the consumption of these.
- There is no mention of staff receiving any training in how to refuse sales of alcohol to someone who is drunk.
- It is not clear how many members of staff will be present from Select Security, what their roles will be and how they will prevent crime and disorder.
- There is no mention of the site being secured, therefore is potentially a risk of people entering the sites, without having a ticket, or smuggling in drugs and alcohol.

Given the size of the area requested to be licensed and the insufficient information provided to cover the licensing objectives, the WSCC Public Health directorate object to the application presented and recommend that the premises licence be refused.

Yours sincerely,



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**On behalf of the Director of Public Health**