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**From:** Kirsten L [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 30 May 2019 22:14  
**To:** Licensing  
**Cc:** Helena Giudici  
**Subject:** 19/00286/LAPRE - Wild Field events licensing application - Land SE of Tangmere Airfield

Dear Licensing,

I am emailing my objection to the above licensing application. I am a resident of Oving.

I would like to acknowledge that the Proposed Festival event from 9th - 12th August 2019 as presented to Oving Parish Council on 29th May, ie a small scale family orientated arts event involving a few hundred people, does not cause me great concern in principle. Indeed there is much to applaud in terms of providing positive opportunities for children to enjoy the natural environment.

My objections concern the scope of the license application, and the ESMP document for the above mentioned August event which has apparently been drafted with an attendance of 2500 in mind, and which goes way beyond the type of event Ms O'Keefe ( the license applicant) presented to us.

My concerns are based the potential contained within the licence application as currently drafted, to hold events extending to 28 days a year, mostly falling between April and

October, with a capacity of up to 4999 attendees for festival events. It is my view that more information is needed to ensure that a license, if granted, is appropriate, and proportionate to the type of events which it is proposed to provide at this site, and should include any necessary conditions to protect local residents and participants from crime and disorder, public nuisance, and issues of public safety which might arise from these events.

The applicant seeks permission for recorded music to be played until midnight, which in my view may cause a **nuisance** to local residents. For the type of events apparently envisaged, an earlier cut off time, and restrictions on sound levels should be determined in order to protect residents from noise nuisance.

I would like to see a more robust approach to ensure that **wildlife protection legislation is not breached** during events is introduced before the issue of any licence, and in order to inform ESMPs for specific events. The copse adjacent to the field, and where it is envisaged that a Forest School activity takes place is currently a quiet and undisturbed habitat. It is my view that a wildlife survey extending over all seasons is necessary to determine what, if any, listed protected species of birds, animals or plants, exist in and adjacent to this ancient woodland. Only after it has been thoroughly surveyed can it be determined what there is to protect, what protective measures need to be put in place, and to inform participants of what they need to do to stay within the law. It is not just intentional but also reckless damage to listed wildlife which can amount to an offence. On a site serving alcohol to campers I would suggest that reckless behaviour is a risk.

Depending on the outcome of wildlife surveys it may be deemed that the level of disturbance accompanying the infrastructure of putting on an event for up to 4999 people, makes this site totally unsuitable either year round, or seasonally, in terms of a potential breach of wildlife protection legislation.

Furthermore undergrowth in the copse disguises various hazards including a large pond and I am concerned that especially for children, there is an issue of **public safety** unless

this area is isolated from the main event site by adequate fencing and is only accessible for closely supervised activities ( if there is no issue in respect of breaching wildlife protection legislation.)

As this is sited within a rural location, there is the potential for **nuisance** to those going about their lawful business. It has been suggested by the applicant that there are few residents in close proximity, however there are rural businesses/pursuits which could be disrupted nearby. These include bee-keeping and horse management, and a green waste recycling site. These all pose a potential risk to trespassers who might be tempted to wander from the venue, and who may not perceive the risks if they are unfamiliar with rural life.

Crowd management is a concern too, both in terms of people evicted from the site who have broken the terms and conditions of their tickets, and also those refused entry in the event that marketing may be too successful so that people have to be turned away once the event has reached the licensed maximum. In both instances there is the potential for a resultant public nuisance in the surrounding villages.

The license application includes the sale of alcohol for consumption off site. If a license is granted for the sale of alcohol then, in order to minimise the potential for **public disorder, and public nuisance** then a license only for sale of alcohol for consumption on site would, I suggest, be more appropriate.

My representation is for the local licensing authority to refuse the licence applied for as its scope is unnecessary to enable an event of 200-400 attendees as proposed verbally by Ms O'Keefe to Oving Parish Council plus a few small scale functions such as weddings.

If the licensing authority is however intent on granting a license, then my secondary suggestion is that it will be appropriate to restrict the license for annual festivals to under 500 attendees, until wildlife surveys in all seasons have been completed and fully considered for the copse, adjacent areas, watercourses and ponds. And that where ESMPs are required for events they are required to satisfactorily address the other issues

I have raised. I further suggest that an alcohol license is restricted to sales for on site consumption only, and the curfew on recorded music is set at 23.00 or earlier.

Yours sincerely

Kirsten Lanchester



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