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Objections to the Neverworld / leefest to be held at wilderness farm

I am an emergency veterinary nurse that work out of hours, my job is caring for critical ill patients and emergencies either over night or at weekends. Making a mistake through tiredness could not only cost someone's pet their life but also the loss of my job.

The duration of the music at the festival has increased from 2016 and is now unacceptable. The silence here at night is fantastic.. Having music planned to go on until 2am (and in the rainbow room until 6am) no matter how quietly does travel up to us.

Restricting the time back to 12am is not an unreasonable request. There are still many hours for the festival to fill with music without the need to extend the hours and making the community pay the price with extended duration and disruption.

The Db level has also become a problem, The need to increase the Db is unnecessary. For the organisers to say at the meeting the festival can only be successful with an increase in Db levels is very poor one. It was proved that the festival can be very successful with the lower Db levels as demonstrated in 2016. I ask that the Db levels be brought back down to the 2016 levels, this would be a fair compromise to the festival and community. The new technology they plan to use to try improve the volume of sound we hear is only experimental, if it doesn't work we will be subjected once again to excess sound which happened last year and broke their licence agreement.

They have chosen to come to a rural area (AONB). The planned firework display should not be permitted. Many farms have sheep, cows and horses in very close proximity to the event. It is well known and reported that losses always occur during fireworks caused by distress, fear and panic. Livestock losses cost money, this is not acceptable to a farming community, The act of 2003 states it is an offence to cause unnecessary suffering to any captive or domestic animal.

"Silent fireworks" are being used successfully at displays and should be the only fireworks permitted as a compromise. (Google has plenty of suppliers!) The organisers are now aware of this, if they are unwilling to use "silent fireworks" then I ask that the display not be allowed to go ahead.

The festival has CHOSEN to come to OUR community, there needs to be compromise to ensure it works for us as well as them.

Many thanks

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