

From: Andrew Baker [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 May 2019 17:26
To: Jessica Foley
Cc: Licensing; Event Notifications
Subject: Premises Licence Application 19/00660/LAPRE

8th May 2019

Re. Premises Licence Application 19/00660/LAPRE

As resident of White Passage flat, Lullingstone Castle, DA4 0JA I wish to raise objections to the Premises Licence Application, reference: 19/00660/LAPRE.

In relation to all 4 licensing objectives:

Having examined the limited information available it appears that very little thought or preparation has been put into this event. I have taken some time to read through the guidance notes, looked at other similar applications and find that this application is severely lacking.

The guidance states that it is key to know the area and site and to contact any residents or businesses in advance of applying for a licence. It is also essential that an event management plan be produced. I visited the SDC office to view the plan 25th April and met with Janet who showed me an aerial photo plan. I requested further details but Janet said this was all she could find but would let me know if there was further documentation, I have heard nothing further. Residents have since requested to see further detail but none seems to be available. If the organisers had carried out a little research they would have discovered that Lullingstone Castle is not a suitable location for an event of this scale or type. The house and immediate grounds, where the main stage, fair ground rides, bar and food stalls are shown, comprises of 13 residential properties, a parish church and cemetery, the "world garden" and rooms within the main house that are part of the visitor attraction.

The organisers have not produced a residents letter explaining their event or how they would mitigate the public nuisance, safety and security issues that are promoted in the 4 objectives.

The licence application mentions "our community" and states that this is "a community event". In describing the steps intended to promote the 4 objectives. It is stated under *prevention of public nuisance*, "It's a family food based fundraiser for our community so the majority of people surrounding Lullingstone Castle are attending our event". This is a false statement, having lived in Lullingstone Castle for over 30 years and as the owner of a community business that serves every home and business in the Lullingstone area and I can state that having spoken to the majority of "our community" they are not attending this event.

The event is described in the application as a food based fund raiser and underplays its main activity as a music festival. Referencing www.thefoodfest.com: Mr Springham (Jay Scott) is a musician and his band are one of the 19 performing over the weekend. The food element appears to be a collection of, so far unnamed, concessions who have pitches and are ancillary to the event. A review from last years event says as much (Kristine Healy 3rd June 2018 "we assumed there would be a lot more small plates to try stuff as its marketed as a food festival - it really wasn't about the food")

In not contacting the local residents, producing an event management plan or being familiar with the site, the organiser has demonstrated a lack of due diligence.

I also object in more specific terms in connection with the 4 objectives.

The prevention of crime and disorder

The organiser has not addressed steps to be taken to prevent crime and disorder. Lullingstone has an easily breached perimeter along its eastern boundary with Castle Farm road and the fishing lake already attracts a number of poachers who access the site using this method.

No mention has been made of vetting procedures for those who will turn up on the day.

Public safety

Lullingstone Lane entrance

Lullingstone Lane is a single track minor road with limited passing places as is the private access single track road which doubles as a footpath (Darent Valley walk). Lullingstone Lane is regularly congested due to the existing attractions; Eagle Heights, Lullingstone Roman Villa and Lullingstone Castle/World Garden. The additional vehicle movements to and from the proposed festival increases substantially the risk to walkers on the Darent Valley trail.

A225 entrance

The Lodge Gate, when open, is a magnet for casual visitors. The single track access runs in a south westerly direction down to a clearing where the footbridge is located. This is a blind left turn from the A225 and would require traffic management if used as a venue entrance. This junction and the turn into Castle Farm Road have a history of Road Traffic Collisions due to a combination of vehicles travelling at high speed on the A225 and the obtuse angle Y junctions at Castle Farm Road and the (un-mapped) turning into Lullingstone. In recent years there have been accident clusters at both these junctions including a number of collisions classified as “serious” and one “fatal” at the Lullingstone turn. The published travel info for the event has no detailed instructions on how visitors should arrive and it is likely that due to the wide spread advertising and open ticketing this turning will be the busiest it’s ever been as an event of this size and scope has never been held at Lullingstone.

I also note that the plan fails to indicate the entrances, emergency exit routes, toilets, sufficient parking, lost child station and generator locations.

The vintage funfair shown on the plan has constant use vehicle access roads on both sides. The only access in and out runs from the footbridge past 6 garages on the right and a parking area on the left.

2 Indicated exits are located on private land and the third leads to the foot bridge The foot bridge is only 1.2 m wide, in the event of an evacuation this would be a danger to public safety, the bridge rails would not prevent children from falling into the river.

Public nuisance

The residents at Lullingstone have right of access along the track leading to Lullingstone Lane and the right of peaceful enjoyment of their properties. The old stable block, Bothy cottage and the residential parts of the castle constitute the vast majority of the house and buildings at Lullingstone. The residents have accepted the opening of the retained parts and grounds as an attraction and the occasional “theme day” such as the medieval weekend, rolls Royce and MG car rallies.

The prospect of up to 6000 revellers descending upon Lullingstone over one weekend would cause a public nuisance to all residents at Lullingstone as it will infringe on our right to come and go from our homes.

The noise levels created by the large number of people, fun fair and 2 sound stages and close proximity will increase noise levels way above the 75DB deemed acceptable as measured at closeted residential property. I am also concerned that the organisers are advertising on-site camping (glamping) and a VIP party with open fires, music and hot tubs for 3 nights. This has not been mentioned on the licence application.

I understand that the SAG has already waved this event through without sight of an event management plan and upon statements presented to them by the organiser. I urge that my representation are thoroughly examined and given due consideration.

I understand that a sub committee hearing is planed and wish to have the opportunity to attend. Please let me have the date as soon as possible.

Regards

Andrew Baker

From: Belinda Carrick [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 April 2019 23:21
To: Licensing; Event Notifications
Subject: Food Fest Lullingstone Castle

Hi,

I am writing with regards to the Public Notice concerning the Food Fest to be held at Lullingstone Castle on 1st and 2nd June 2019.

I would like to raise my comments with regards to the public safety and the prevention of public nuisance. As a resident of Lullingstone Castle, I was surprised to learn about the scale of the event only in the last couple of days when a neighbour kindly informed me of the plans. On page 6 of the Sevenoaks District Council Toolkit Version May 2018, you ask the event organiser to 'engage with the local community, residents and local businesses'. I have not been contacted by the event planner (or Sevenoaks Council) in this instance. The event is also not advertised in the village.

I am concerned about the logistics of getting 2,500 people to the event and how the number of visitors to the event will be tracked and how many stewards will be manning the event compared to the anticipated visitors. The application form does not mention the number of stewards in the Food Fest team so naturally, I have grave concerns about there being the correct legal ratio. Again, I would ask the Sevenoaks SAG for assurances that all this has been checked.

I have looked at the websites advertising the event and all just give the address of Lullingstone Castle and do not mention public transport, park and ride, coaches, shared lifts etc, so I am assuming that that the event organiser is preparing for the majority to arrive by car. Also considering the location of the event, I would agree that this is most likely. This means that we could be looking at a conservative estimate of 625 cars (assuming 4 to a car) but the reality could be considerably higher. I have studied the Leefest Musical & Arts July 2016 event management plan on your website and note that they estimated 180 cars per acre – this means that 4 acres minimum should be allowed plus overflow space. Could you please clarify how this will be dealt with as there clearly isn't this space with the car parks detailed on the plan.

Having lived at Lullingstone Castle for c25 years, I am also aware of the difficulties in driving along Lullingstone Lane and the private road towards the castle from the Roman Villa. The lane and private road are on the whole single track lanes with overtaking spaces with the latter having the added difficulty of trying to avoid the potholes. The state of this road is particularly in a very poor condition and I am deeply concerned that the volume of cars together with the heavy lorries carrying stage equipment and the food vehicles will further damage the already flawed road. Has the event planner agreed to pay the cost for fixing the road afterwards?

I am also extremely concerned that in an emergency, the police, fire brigade and ambulance service would have enormous difficulty in getting to the event with the amount of traffic using the predominantly single track lane. We have had several incidents over the years ranging from complete gridlock to accidents which have blocked the road for several hours. Please bear in mind that this is the only entrance and egress from Lullingstone Castle for residents. Perhaps you could alleviate my concerns and explain how the Sevenoaks SAG are dealing with this and the different authority's views (police/fire/ambulance) in the event of an emergency.

When looking at the plan (which according to your website has to be to scale when applying for a license), I am surprised to learn that one of the emergency exits (3) is in my garden. This is private land and I have not given my permission for this to be used. The gate leading into my garden is also chained and padlocked and is not lit nor free from obstacles so is totally unsuitable. I also believe the width of the gate is not of the correct legal width. Surely something so important as an emergency exit should be checked before being entered on the plan?

I also cannot see on the plan where the toilets are going to be located nor indeed the 'glamping facility' or whether there is a designated smoking facility (to decrease fire risks) - perhaps the Sevenoaks SAG could also advise me on this.

There are also the dangers of the lake for young children and adults having consumed alcohol. I would like to know more about the strength of temporary lake security fencing?

Predominantly, I am worried and concerned about the noise level. The acoustic stage is approximately 50 metres from my property and my daughter will be in the middle of studying for her GCSEs. In accordance with the 1995 noise council code of practice on environmental noise control at concerts, could you please advise me of the results of the noise assessment and the subsequent management plan. I note from the application that the event planner has stated that the majority of people surrounding Lullingstone Castle are attending the event so the noise should not be an issue. Having spoken to residents of Lullingstone Castle and other residents nearby, I do not believe that people have been asked whether they are attending. Perhaps again, the event planner could clarify this.

Finally, could you please confirm that you have seen and checked that suitable public liability insurance is in place and advise of the level of cover. I would like to view a copy of the event management plan and risk assessment and am happy to arrange a visit to view these documents in your offices. Alternatively, I am happy to meet with a member of the Sevenoaks SAG at Lullingstone Castle, if easier.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Belinda Carrick

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From: Lullingstone.Villa [mailto:Lullingstone.Villa@english-heritage.org.uk]
Sent: 30 April 2019 16:05
To: Jessica Foley
Subject: RE: Comments for Licensing Application 19/00660/LAPRE

Hi Jess,

Please could you log my comments as concerning "Public Safety"? As I said in my comments, I am concerned about fire safety not just of our visitors to the Roman Villa but also of visitors to the Food Fest. The organiser has said that the local fire crews will be informed but I would like a plan to be made public about how emergencies along Lullingstone Lane will be dealt with given the extra traffic and possible congestion. I am also concerned about the safety of walkers in the area given that Lullingstone Lane is on the Darent Valley path and is in regular use. The increase in cars may cause a safety issue given that the road is a national speed limit and that the organisers have not made public the plans for traffic management and pedestrian safety.

Many thanks
Emma

Emma Freeman | Site Manager

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From: publicaccess@sevenoaks.gov.uk [mailto:publicaccess@sevenoaks.gov.uk]
Sent: 27 April 2019 13:55
To: Licensing
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 19/00660/LAPRE

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 1:55 PM on 27 Apr 2019 from Miss Emma Freeman.

Application Summary

Address: Lullingstone Castle Lullingstone Lane Eynsford Kent DA4 0JA

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Jessica Foley

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Customer Details

Name: Miss Emma Freeman

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Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour
Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:
- Parking
- Traffic
Comments: 1:55 PM on 27 Apr 2019 I have read the Temporary Events Notice application for the Food Fest at Lullingstone Castle and would like to object to the use of English Heritage's name being associated with the event. Lullingstone Castle is not owned or managed by English Heritage, it is in private ownership.

I would also like to point out that as a neighbouring tourist attraction we have not been made party to any traffic or fire action plans for the event. I would like to see a traffic management plan in place for the event particularly as there are supposed to be up to 2500 people attending. I have been informed that there will be AA signs put up but have not been told where. Any signs on our land will need Scheduled Monument Consent if they go into the ground and EH consent if they do not.

I would also like to raise concerns around parking for the event. I know that the organisers are foreseeing that most visitors will come by train but I am concerned that we are not aware of parking plans for those who choose to come by car. I have heard from several people that the car park for Lullingstone Roman Villa has been suggested for visitors to the Food Fest. I would like to make it clear that this is not the case. Our car park is small and is for visitors to the Roman Villa not for event parking.

My last concern surrounds the fire evacuation plans. Lullingstone Lane is a narrow road which does become severely congested especially on hot days. I have not seen any plans for fire evacuation for the event. I would like to see these plans and see evidence that the plans have been approved by the local fire crews. As I have to look after the safety of our visitors, I would also need reassurance that the massive increase in visitor numbers / cars to Lullingstone Lane will not impact on the fire evacuation plans for Lullingstone Roman Villa.

I would also like to note that the TEN does not state that glamping will take place at the event from Friday 30th May to Sunday 2nd June.

From: Simon Giles [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 May 2019 07:17
To: Licensing
Subject: Objection to licence application - 19/00660/LAPRE

Dear Sir or Madam

I write to raise objections to the premises licence application for The Food Fest at Lullingstone Castle from 1st-2nd June 2019.

I have seen a copy of the site plan for the event, and note that up to 2500 people are expected to attend each day. I have also reviewed the organiser's website at www.thefoodfest.com and note that in addition to two music stages, food trucks, various bars and a funfair, the organiser is also promoting glamping which is offered as a 3 night stay (presumably Friday, Saturday and Sunday night) with camp fires, hot tubs and live music also on the Friday night, although the application is for 12-9pm on Saturday and 12-6pm on Sunday, with no mention of music on the Friday night in the application.

Although the promoters have gone to great lengths to present this as a charity/community event for families, I understand from online reviews (attached) and word of mouth from those who have attended previous events that it is principally a commercial music festival.

The Lullingstone Estate is not a suitable location for a music festival. Lullingstone Castle itself is divided into 12 separate residences, and is undeniably a residential community. Our property forms part of the main building. The site plan indicates that a funfair will be located just a few meters from our front door, with the main stage directed at our living room and bedroom windows that form a substantial part of the front of the main building. Clearly such activities are incompatible with our right to quiet enjoyment of our property.

The application incorrectly states that Lullingstone Castle is an English Heritage site, and that it is open to the public with visitors coming all over the Summer. We have in the past not objected to the freeholders of the estate opening to the public during limited hours as we understand the need for paying visitors to help contribute towards the upkeep of the building and grounds. This has generally involved a relatively small number of gardening/history enthusiasts for a few hours on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during the Summer months, and is a far cry from 2500 revellers over a 3 night music event.

I attach a photo taken last Summer on 28th May 2018, showing Lullingstone Lane when a much smaller event than the one proposed was held at Lullingstone Castle, in this case a Medieval weekend. Lullingstone Lane was at a complete standstill for around 45 minutes and the road took a couple of hours to clear as the lane is only a single track lane with passing places. On sunny days the road can be busy all the way back to the ford at Riverside, with cars parked around the corner towards the viaduct causing blockages, pedestrians walking along the Darent Valley path, and there will be additional cars travelling to visit Eagle Heights and the Roman Villa, and the usual horse boxes travelling in and out of Lullingstone stables and tractors and farm vehicles requiring access. I am concerned that it could well be next to impossible to enter or leave our home by car for the duration of the proposed event, and if there is an emergency requiring fire, police or ambulance attendance the emergency vehicles would not be able to get through. Given that the promoter is advertising camp fires and there is a 15 acre lake and the River Darent running through the site there is an increased emergency risk with such large numbers attending. This ignores the nuisance that will be caused by 35 food trucks, funfair vehicles, marquee/tent trucks, stage equipment installers, hot tub

transport vehicles, generators, toilet trucks etc that will presumably be both setting up and breaking down for a number of days both before and after the event.

Neither the promoters of the festival nor the freeholders have consulted with us about the implications and impact of the proposed event. We only found out about it very recently via social media and after speaking with other Lullingstone residents some are not aware of it at all or are not aware of the nature of it. Blue notices have been displayed by the entrance to Lullingstone gatehouse, however they are at ankle height! With up to 2500 people potentially drinking alcohol there will be a significant risk of damage to our property and vehicles, which would normally be parked just in front of the proposed funfair. I also understand from friends who attended the event at The Mount Vineyard in Shoreham last year, which is a larger venue than Lullingstone, that undesirable elements turned up on one of the days and caused trouble. We are fortunate to live in a fairly quiet, picturesque and crime free location tucked away out of sight where unless you looked for it you wouldn't know it was there. I am concerned that we might not only experience drunk and disorderly conduct during the event itself, but that we will be at greater risk of crime such as burglary, vehicle crime and anti-social behaviour after the event with such large numbers of unvetted and unknown people having the opportunity to become intimately acquainted with the building, location, access points, and security measures of an otherwise relatively private and undiscovered location. Our ground floor windows border the proposed event area directly, which is a concern both for privacy and security. I understand that for security reasons residents have been requested not to publish details of the proposed site plan when commenting, therefore evidently there is a perceived risk.

On the whole the application seems very poorly thought out, light on detail, and littered with inaccuracies, errors and incoherent statements. To organise and sell tickets to an event such as this before consulting with those living in the properties that will be directly and considerably affected, and to dismiss any concerns about public nuisance with a blanket inaccurate statement that "the majority of people surrounding Lullingstone Castle will be attending our event" does not offer any comfort that sufficient thought or consideration has been given to the safety and security of residents, children and the wider public, and to nuisance and the prevention of crime and disorder.

If the licence is granted, we will be left in the unfortunate position of on the one hand being effectively driven out of our home for a week until the chaos subsides, but on the other needing to be on hand to check that no damage is being done to our property.

We generally try to support live music and if the event was held in a more suitable location we would encourage it. However the unsuitability of the venue and detrimental effect on us and other residents over an extended period, and the slapdash way that the organisation of the event has been handled to date leaves us with no alternative but to strongly object to the application for a licence for this event.

Yours faithfully

S Giles

From: Stephanie Harrison [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 May 2019 07:43
To: Licensing
Subject: Food Fest Lullingstone Castle

Dear Sir/Madam

My name is Steph Harrison and I live in Sevenoaks. I am a fundraiser/speaker for the charity Breast Cancer Care.

I am writing to give my full support to Food Fest, which is being held at Lullingstone Castle in June of this year.

Jay & Clairey have worked hard to build a family-friendly event and I feel that their event this year should be allowed to go ahead.

I attended last years event and I was very impressed, not only with the standards of the event, but also at how many families were there enjoying the wonderful and friendly atmosphere. This says so much about how this event is seen by the public.

Jay Scott is one of the most caring and community minded people I know. He is constantly using his talents to help others, and my charity Breast Cancer Care has been the beneficiary of his kindness and talent on several occasions, with events at St Clere in Kemsing and Pomoja Hall at Sevenoaks School. His desire to produce good community events, especially at a time when our country is fractured, and when we are losing community interaction should be applauded.

I would like to give my unequivocal support to Jay, Clairey and Food Fest.

Kind regards

Steph

Steph Harrison
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From: claire heuerman [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 May 2019 15:33
To: Licensing
Subject: Fwd: Food Fest 2019

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you regarding an event taking place at Lullingstone Castle on June 1st-3rd 2019 called the Food Fest and was absolutely thrilled when the organisers invited me to advertise my business for free at the event.

I own the Otford Post Office which is a business that serves the community and its long term success depends upon the local community supporting the Post Office (as we know many local PO's around the area 2 in Kemsing and Riverhead to name just a few) have recently shut due to lack of support

So it should come as no surprise that I am always looking for events to promote business. When Jay and Clare invited me to advertise for free at their festival I jumped at the opportunity as having attended the Food Fest previously I knew that this was exactly the right type of community event we needed to help showcase our programmes. Family, healthy and fun - just like the PO values

My business is based in Otford as is my husband's (Tennis Academy and The Racquet Academy) and being supported by such a great event is much needed as independent retailers have it so tough and I believe that this kind of collaboration can only help us survive.

We look forward very much to being a part of this event for now and for many years to come and I personally am really grateful that the organisers are prepared to give so much time for the local community and businesses like mine.

Kind Regards

Claire Heuerman
The Otford Post Office
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From: ruth@cryojuvenateuk.com [mailto:ruth@cryojuvenateuk.com]
Sent: 08 May 2019 14:56
To: Licensing
Subject: The Lullingstone Food Festival

Good Afternoon,

I am writing today as one of the local businesses who will be attending the Lullingstone Food Festival event on the 1st and 2nd June 2019.

Myself and my team are very excited to have been invited to take part in the event (located in the 'Wellness Village'). I can't stress enough how hard the festival team have worked to ensure that local businesses were invited to take part and how important it is to the organisers that local brands are supported and promoted. For myself and my business (Cryojuvenate) it is hugely important to promote our name, brand and services to local people because the services we offer (cryotherapy) are unique and niche!

My details FYI:

*Ruth Hyde, Managing Director
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Thank you for your time

Kind Regards

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-----Original Message-----

From: grant jones [REDACTED]

Sent: 08 May 2019 06:32

To: Licensing

Subject: FoodFest

To whom it may concern

I just wanted to write to you to say that I have been attending the Food Fest since it began and have enjoyed attending the event and watching it grow to the size and following it has today.

It's a great event for local traders and village people alike. Everyone I have spoken to who has attended previously has thoroughly enjoyed it.

I hope that Sevenoaks Council allow this to continue.

Best regards

Grant

ACTION FOR CHILDREN**WORKS**

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10 May 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

Action for Children has been chosen as one of the Charity Partners of The Food Fest 2019. We originally partnered in 2016 and raised a brilliant £1,674 from the festival. This year the aim is to double that as the festival has grown in capacity since launch. As well as bucket collecting, Action for Children will be getting a percentage of ticket sales and money from CD sales on the day. We have already managed to get nine volunteers to support us at the event.

Mr Scott has been a great supporter of Action for Children and an advocate for our cause. We're very excited to be working with him again on The Food Fest and to see how the event has grown since our involvement in 2016. Lullingstone Castle looks like the perfect new venue for The Food Fest to support its growth and in turn give more back to the local community.

Action for Children is one of the UK's leading children's charities. From before they are born until they are into their twenties, we help disadvantaged children across the UK. We help them through fostering or adoption – and by intervening early to stop neglect and abuse. We influence policy and advocate for change. Our staff and volunteers operate 552 services, improving the lives of over 300,000 children, teenagers, parents and carers every year.

Locally, we have a fostering service for children eight year plus who can no longer live with their birth family. Our foster carers provide loving and stable homes to children; they give them security, stability and a safe place to call home. The money raised at The Food Fest will go towards supporting services like this.

Kind Regards

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From: Jon Ward [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 May 2019 18:13
To: Licensing
Cc: Event Notifications
Subject: License Application 19/00660/LAPRE

Sirs

I have just tried to make a comment about license application 19/00660/LAPRE and your web page will not allow me to do so stating that

Comments may not be submitted at this time.

Sorry, we are not currently accepting comments from the public.

See screenshot below.

I would therefore like you to deem this email as being my formal comments about the application for consideration when deciding whether this application is granted or not. Please also distribute my comments to the other interested authorities such as the Environment Agency, Environmental Health, Roads & Planning Departments etc and please clarify why you are not accepting comments from the public.

I have attached a copy of the plan for the application with the location of our family home attached and would make the following points:

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

- 1) Our family home is 50m away from and in direct line with the proposed location of the "Main Stage". My youngest daughter will be studying for her school exams on the planned event dates and the noise from the stage will undoubtedly cause my family a nuisance.
- 2) Our family home is directly adjacent to the proposed location of the "Vintage Funfair". As per point 1 above, this will undoubtedly cause my family a nuisance.
- 3) The application plan shows "Food Stalls" along the edge of our rear garden's border which currently consists of small, newly-planted laurel bushes. The noise and smell emanating from these stalls will undoubtedly cause my family a nuisance.

Public Safety

- 4) Further to point 3 above, we have a shed containing gas bottles, gardening equipment petrol, paints and thinners backing directly on to the laurel hedge - if there was a fire in the food stalls this could create a very dangerous situation.
- 5) Further to point 3 above, we have a 1800 litre oil tank a few metres away from the laurel hedges and, again, a fire in the food stalls could create a very dangerous situation - at best it would melt releasing the oil into the water table that is used by the local water company (Lullingstone Water) to supply the whole of the Lullingstone area.

6) Lullingstone Lane is a narrow, single track road that is badly potholed and used extensively by local walkers; on a "normal" weekend it is difficult to navigate along. An event of this size will undoubtedly cause total chaos and gridlock on the lane which would make it impossible for the emergency services to reach anyone at Lullingstone Castle in a timely manner. There are 5 pensioners living at Lullingstone Lane and over the last 4 months 3 ambulances have been called to collect sick residents in emergency situations.

7) The application plan shows an emergency exit in our side garden - no exit will be possible here for obvious reasons and the pedestrian gate on the residents' access road is tiny and not suitable for egress in an emergency.

The Protection of Children from Harm

8) Further to point 7 above, the only other access point to Lullingstone Castle is via a footbridge that connects the castle's grounds with "Car Parking Location 2" on the application plan. This footbridge is not in good condition and has partially open sides that a child could easily step/fall through into the water below, especially in a hurried emergency egress situation.

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

9) It is a known fact that the same event last year in Shoreham ended with scenes of drunken, disorderly behaviour. With alcohol being served all day on the Saturday followed by the option of "glamping" overnight when, presumably, the overnights will continue drinking etc it seems inevitable that problems with crime and disorder will arise. There are 9 residences at Lullingstone Castle in addition to the owners of the main building and every single resident in those 9 residences is concerned about people wandering around after the event has finished on Saturday night - trespassing, making noise, urinating etc etc.

In summary, we object to the planned event as it simply isn't suited to a quiet, cut-off residential location. The event is being touted as a charity food event when, in fact, there is no formal charity connection and the event is actually a music festival with food outlets.

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Ward
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 May 2019 09:49
To: Event Notifications; Licensing
Subject: *Possible SPAM* PROPOSED FOOD FEST AT LULLINGSTONE CASTLE

Dear Sirs,

I refer to the Public Notice issued by SDC in reference to the proposed Food Fest at Lullingstone Castle on June 1st and 2nd 2019 and am responding as invited.

As a resident of the Castle, I am an interested party and wish to make representations about this event.

It is, of course, not just a food fest but a Rock Concert with 18 bands scheduled to perform. Like others, I have grave concerns about this application, particularly relating to public

nuisance and public safety. Leaving aside the noise, probable alcoholism and general inconvenience issues for all of the residents, the Castle's location and size make it unsuitable

for such a large event. I would have hoped that lessons had been learned from last year, when the event was staged at Shoreham.

As you will know, the Castle sits at the far end of a single track road (with only occasional passing places) and already has to serve two other "attractions" - Eagle Heights and Lullingstone

Roman Villa, both busy at weekends. It is also needed to access the riding stables and, on Sunday, the congregation of St Botolph's Church. It is, of course, a magnet for walkers, dog owners and cyclists.

It is already often difficult for the residents of the Castle and the lane, getting to and from their properties and I wonder how emergency service vehicles are going to cope with up to 400

additional vehicles each day. It only takes one to block the entire road. Only last week, a delivery van slipped over the side of the road in a connecting lane, trying to squeeze pass

an on-coming vehicle. Also, of course, it is not only the days of the planned event itself, but also those before and afterwards - 35 food trucks, portable toilets, glamping tents -

the list is endless.

According to a map produced by the organisers, I am to have a funfair situated just a few yards from my front door. There is no electrical supply and one assumes that generators will be

required. Apart from the noise and pollution for hours on end, it is sited immediately alongside the roadway and access to the resident's parking area. The lane is in constant use by residents,

their visitors and delivery/service vehicles and is totally unsuitable for children to be running around.

I would be grateful if you could confirm that :

- a) all the appropriate safety checks, legally required for an event of this size, have been carried out
- b) that the organisers have adequate third party liability insurance
- c) that the Council has undertaken a physical survey of the proposed site

Incidentally, the organisers are also advertising a VIP Glamping Party with hot tubs at the Castle commencing on Friday May 30th, so surely the licence application should be for three days

and not two !

Yours faithfully,

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To whom it may concern,

My company Paint Mechanics had a pitch last year at the Food Fest and the event was great for supporting and promoting our work. It is important for us as a small business to meet local customers in Kent as we arrange our own transport between working full days.

The Food Fest has opened so many doors for both networking and work opportunities with customers across Kent and surrounding areas. We have also since been able to get involved with other festivals through the Food Fest publicity. With my company currently approaching its one year anniversary, I will fully support the festival returning this year and in years to come.

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