

The Licensing Objectives

Statement Of Intentions

As organisers we intend to build on our success with other events, maximizing the positive benefits we offer to arts, culture and communities whilst minimising any disruption or disturbance.

To satisfy the four main licensing objectives we intend:

- To provide a safe, enjoyable, and successful event of leading standards.
- To provide a high standard of planning, organisation, and management.
- To listen and respond to the needs of local residents and communities.
- To work in partnership with Sevenoaks District Council, Police, Fire, and Ambulance services, and to involve the authorities in agreeing priorities and setting standards.

1. Prevention of Public Nuisance

We do not consider any areas to be particularly vulnerable to public nuisance surrounding the event, as the site is situated away from houses and towns.

1. Event Sound

The event will meet the guidelines of the Noise Council Code Of Practice on Environmental Noise Control at Concerts (1995). An event Noise Assessment & Noise Management Plan will be produced to ensure compliance with the guidance of the code.

2. Crowd Noise

Crowd noise is not expected to be a problem during the event as the nearest residential premises are more than 400m away and the main outdoor stages are finishing before 24:00.

Posters will be displayed at the main exit asking attendees to leave quietly, stewards will amplify this message verbally.

3. Publicity

In the past we have found that publicity is the best combat we have against public nuisance. A letter drop has been carried out to all immediate local residents we feel might be affected by the event, detailing the event timings and providing contact telephone numbers for the management team and production office that can be used to discuss concerns or report any disturbance.

4. Lights

All effects lighting will be contained by the marquees and surrounding trees. Security and site lighting will be positioned to prevent any light spillage into residential windows.

2. Prevention of Crime and Disorder

1. Drugs

We operate a strict zero tolerance policy on drug use and possession. All guests to the event will be searched upon entry, any drugs found will be confiscated, the offending patron detained and the police informed. Locked amnesty bins will be provided at the entrance to the campsite and the entrance to the arena to encourage any attendees carrying drugs to hand them in. Welfare councillors will be onsite to offer information on the dangers of drugs and support to any drugs users.

The festival's strict zero tolerance policy on drugs is advertised on the festival's website in the FAQ and Terms and Conditions sections.

2. Violence

Violence of any sort is not expected from our guest profile and is very much frowned upon in the ethos of the event. However, measures will be in place to prevent and/or deal with any incidents effectively. All guests will be searched on entry, any weapons found will be confiscated and the police called. Violent persons will not be admitted to the site. A licensed security team will be available for easy deployment to any incident on or off site.

3. Egress Dispersion

The security team will carry out post event crowd dispersion. A dispersion plan will be available as part of the Crowd Management Plan.

3. Protection of Children from Harm

1. Alcohol

All attendees will be searched upon entry and asked for identification. Any contraband material will be confiscated. Contraband material includes alcohol if the person carrying it cannot prove they are over the age of 18.

It is a mandatory condition of entry that Under 18s wear a brightly coloured 'Under 18's' wristband with the telephone number of their elected guardian written on it to enable easy identification of children on-site.

Attendees will be asked for identification if attempting to buy alcohol from the bars on-site using the challenge 25 procedure.

Any under 18's who appear to be or are found to be intoxicated will be taken to the first aid point where they will be supervised, and their parents or guardians contacted. If no contacts can be found then they will be passed on to the police for further care.

2. Explicit Material

During the screening of films the cinema tent will be managed so as to adhere to the age restrictions for viewing content given by the titles BBFC classification.

Any venue featuring entertainment or material that may be considered explicit or adult will have age restricted entry and will be inside opaque tented venues to prevent access or viewing by children.

3. Age Restrictions For Entry

LeeFest is a family event and therefore open to anyone of any age. Children aged 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult aged 21+ years at all times during the festival. Parents will not be allowed to drop children off and leave them for the day- they must be paying guests at the event and remain with their children at all times. Children aged 12 and under can attend for free.

4. Protection from Aural Harm

Hearing defenders will be available for parents to borrow for a small refundable deposit from the Welfare tent onsite. Parents and guardians will be informed of this facility in advance of the event.

4. Public Safety

The event management plans have been developed in accordance with the guidance given by the Event Safety Guide, and are continually being developed as part of the consultation between with local authorities. All activities and installations necessary for the running of the event are fully risk assessed by the event organisers or the supplying contractors, and will meet any relevant regulations, standards and guidance.

