

APPENDIX D

Consultee Comments for Licensing Application 22/00428/LAPRE

Application Summary

Application Number: 22/00428/LAPRE

Address: Little Elses Morleys Road Sevenoaks Weald Kent TN14 6QX

Proposal: Premises Licence

Case Officer: Jessica Foley

Consultee Details

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On Behalf Of: SDC Environmental Protection

Comments

Reference is made to the above application that has been passed to this team for comment.

EH team has met with the applicant and it is understood that they would be content for the terminal hour within their application pertaining to Live Music to be reduced to 21:30 hours every day. They have also indicated a willingness in principle to accept a limitation on the number of larger events that would be of potentially more concern for this team.

It is understood that the applicants have a varied range of proposals for the field, including amplified music events, live comedy (as a woodland event), nature retreats, and open air cinema etc. They have indicated to this team that they no longer have any intentions for weddings to be held, and within their application they have said there would be no large music festivals. Nevertheless, there remains uncertainty as to the type, number and potential impact of some of the events proposed, which EH would wish to mitigate via condition subject to grant of this application.

As an aside, it is noted that an additional Premises Application has also been submitted for this land by another applicant (22/00356/LAPRE Hang-Out Festivals). In the opinion of this team, it is unfortunate that this situation has arisen and that the applicants did not coordinate themselves, as a single premises licence for the land would likely have caused fewer concerns for residents and would ensure consistency between them.

It is recommended that a condition along the following lines is included (the condition is partly based on a non-statutory Code of Practice produced by The Noise Council Code of Practice on Environmental Noise Control at Concerts, which should be referred to for details of definitions and procedures in noise monitoring etc.):

(The following conditions are only applicable to events that have an attendance in excess of 500).

No more than 12 days (total) of events that involve amplified music / sound (and have an attendance in excess of 500).

With the exception of exhibition of films, amplified music / sound will not be used beyond 21:30 hours on any day.

Exhibition of films shall not occur beyond 22:00 hours on any day.

Where an event with amplified music / sound and an attendance of more than 500 takes place the Music Noise Level (MNL) shall not exceed the background level (at the nearest noise sensitive receptor) by more than 15 dB(A) over a 15 minute period.

The applicant shall ensure that the MNL is monitored during an event by an appropriate acoustic consultant using suitably specified technical equipment.

The applicant shall notify the District Councils Environmental Health Team in writing (currently environmental.health@sevenoaks.gov.uk) at least 21 days in advance of all events involving amplified music / sound, providing details of the date and times of the event, details of when any sound testing will take place, the number of attendees expected / tickets sold, the contact details for any acoustic consultant, and contact details of any Events Company / individual who will be ensuring compliance with the Premises Licence during the event.

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