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**Sent:** 20 April 2022 11:56  
**To:** scott [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Premises License Hearing - 22/00428/LAPRE

Good afternoon Laura,

I have answered each of your points below in blue.

I hope I have explained everything but if not, please reply and I will try to help further.

Kind regards,  
Jessica

**From:** scott [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 April 2022 18:26  
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**Subject:** Premises License Hearing - 22/00428/LAPRE

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Hi Jessica,

I have received an email stating our hearing is on 4th May for the Little Elses application. Having reviewed all of the comments, I have two points to note under Appendix G - Objections which I feel should be taken into account:

- Mr Giacomo Rieffolo has submitted two comments. It hardly seems fair that what is essentially two 'votes' against the application is counted as such, and his most recent comment should be the only one included in the representations. This should be the same for Michael Richardson, who also submitted two representations.

These people have only been counted once as one representation each. They did send in two comments within the notice period so they have been added to the appendix together but only counted as one representation each.

- Robert Hughes's comment is not an objection. It is a comment neither 'for' nor 'against', and is in fact a reasonable suggestion only.

The comment says that they would like the licence to be only at weekends and no more than 10 events a year so this suggests that they are not happy with the application as it is. This is why I have included it. It is a weak representation but as it was received on the last day, there was not time for me to go back to the person and ask for a stronger representation relating to the licensing objectives so I have had to include it as it is.

With these points in mind, and because the negative comments seem to hold more weight according to point 14 of the licence application report, we feel it's only fair to amend the amount of representations received as 13 objections and 14 in support.

Negative comments do not hold more weight. Each comment must be looked at or heard on its own. Comments that have been received from more than one person on the same representation have only been counted once.

I note that my lengthy email detailing all the positive comments we received on Facebook has been disregarded, which is a real shame as we have so much more support than we do against from the community. It is also a shame many of the people included in Appendix G haven't retracted any of their comments, as we have spoken to these people directly since applying and they have come to support us, upon understanding our plans.

Unfortunately comments on Facebook are not the same as representations made to the Licensing team. Any person wishing to make a representation, for or against the application would have needed to do so in writing to the Licensing Team. You could bring your information to the hearing and speak to the Chair and Democratic Services to ask if it can be distributed to all parties for information.

Everyone that made a representation was sent an acknowledgement that explained if they wished to withdraw their comments, they can do so by letting me know. Anyone that withdrew their representation was removed before the report was written. If anyone still wishes to withdraw their representation, they can still let me or Democratic Services know and we can inform the Licensing Sub Committee of which representations to disregard from the report.

We are also concerned about the amount of fictitious comments that have been included under the objections, for example Toni Hassan writes that last year's Rhythm In Oaks went on late into the night, which is absurd as the entire event finished at 9pm. Indeed we have noted a whole string of fictitious comments woven throughout Appendix G which we would be happy to highlight if necessary, as we feel all judgement should be made purely upon the truth and on those concerns which are understandable and reasonable.

You should bring notes to the hearing to assist you with answering any questions or commenting on any of the representations that you want to. At the hearing, all parties will be able to speak and put their views across.

On another note; we have a venue agreement that details the standards Scott and I require any events to meet when using our land. Is it too late in the day for this to be submitted in support of our application?

Again, I would suggest that you bring this to the hearing and perhaps get in touch with Democratic Services to see if you can submit it now as supplementary information to be distributed to all parties before the hearing or if you can share it at the hearing.

Many thanks,  
Laura King