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The proposed music/food and alcohol festival adjacent to Shelleys Lane in Knockholt, will in my opinion be open to many and varied Public Safety risks.

Should the weather be wet this area is renowned for flooding. This then places a great risk to Public Safety as the site is extremely hilly and water gathers at a great rate from all sides. There are many footpaths crossing the area and the few 'safety officers' are unlikely to be able to contain the exclusion of persons trying to get into the area for free.

There will also be complications with ambulances/fire engines accessing this site due to steep gradients – if at all possible.

Containing and subduing crowds of excited/drunk adults/youths is also more than a few security personnel could manage. Field control of the above is way different to a night club. Shelley's is a very rural area. Main Road being the only 'doable' road access for deliveries, and disassembling an event of 1,500 revellers will be a complete nightmare for the 'local community'.

Whoever thought this a good idea is definitely not thinking of our beautiful village and our residents.

Traffic will be abhorrent, Cudham Lane and the Thames water board activities are a fine example, with Cudham Lane being often completely closed because of broken mains water pipes.

In my opinion this should not be passed by Council.

Best regards,

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