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Subject: Knockholt Fest

Good Morning

It has been brought to my attention there are plans for a festival/rave in Knockholt village on 5/8/2023, in a field a stone's throw from my house [REDACTED]

SAFETY

I am somewhat surprised that this event is being considered as I do not believe that our village can support the level of traffic which will descend on us for the festival. Public transport is virtually non-existent so the majority of people will come by car. The main road is not a large thoroughfare and it gets gridlocked often just by school traffic at St Katherine's primary school, which causes chaos at school run times. Also concerning, I have found with deliveries/taxis etc to our property, the satellite navigation systems often direct traffic along the country lanes, Brasted and Sundridge lanes. People are often unused to travelling along narrow country lanes if they don't have much experience, and that will no doubt cause issues with drivers. I encounter many drivers like that when there are issues with the M25 and drivers sat navs divert them along those lanes. No doubt drivers will try and park on the main road so as not to get caught up in traffic in the field. With our narrow roads that will also cause problems.

CYCLISTS

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NOISE

The live performances are concerning because of the location of the field in question for the event. The sound will be very loud and travel quite far because of the way the field dips creating acoustics which will be heard for quite some distance. As it is a field, maybe some people might decide to camp, more noise!

FINISH TIME

I believe the 10pm finish is too late . We all know when we attend any large events that although music may finish and drinks stop being served , people take a while to leave, stragglers, maybe drunk, so the noise from people and cars could go long into the night.

CRIME

With drinks being served and goodness knows what else, I am concerned of thefts , littering and antisocial behaviour. This is not a Fayre, it is a Festival or possibly a Rave . This is a tiny village with just over 1000 residents. Lots of families with young children who ride bicycles along the roads and in the village, who visit the recreation ground through the day. What about their safety?

All in all I really believe that this event should not be held in our tiny village. It should be held somewhere where roads can support large volumes of traffic and does not cause noise and disruptions and neighbourhood.

I would be grateful for you to strongly consider how disruptive to our village this will be because of the above, and no doubt many more issues, and refuse the application.

Kind regards

Gabriella Marzola - Browne

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