

Ref No : 23/01234/LAPRE – Knockholt Fest

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Dear Jessica,

I'm a local resident with great concerns over the prospect of an alcohol & music festival at Rushmore Hill Farm by Union Knockholt Ltd selling alcohol & playing loud music close to where I live.

The negative impact to the peaceful enjoyment of my property & others will be severely disturbed. This will cause no end of nuisance & chaos on the surrounding roads.

As someone who lives near the agricultural field in question, I wanted to make the voices of Knockholt heard that the selling of alcohol in such a location is a recipe for disaster. The event is not centrally located and does not have easy/safe access for public. Attendees will most likely have to drive.

The field in question is a farm, with farm access for farm machinery. It is simply not a suitable location for such a large gathering of the public due to the remoteness of the area and lack of suitable servicing of the site.

The promotion of alcohol at this "event" will encourage drivers and visitors to consume alcohol throughout the day which would clearly cause issues. This will pose an unacceptable risk to any children & members of the public, with people thinking that as it's in the country they can get away with drink driving without a Police presence.

If cars are left & picked up the next day the likelihood of drivers being safe to do so is also an unacceptable risk to neighbouring residents and the wider community.

The selling of alcohol in the middle of a field with the only reasonable access by car is unsuitable. The site isn't a public place providing a beneficial event for the local community this is a "for profit" organisation that has the high likelihood of causing grievous harm to the local and wider community with absolutely zero benefit for residents. The organiser said he is likely to lose £25k so no profit for charity which was one of the reasons given for the event.

This event does not benefit locals it will simply cause nuisance & unacceptable behaviour. I hope that the licence application will be refused.

Yours sincerely

Marco Williams

