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I object to the licence ref 23/01234/LAPRE for the following reasons:-

Access to the site out of village site on Main Road, Knockholt will cause major disruption, road queues, delays & nuisance for over a week to residents especially on 5 August due to the volume of vehicles requiring access to the small site entrance having to turn right across the path of oncoming traffic.

The event is from 10.00 to 22.00hrs. We were advised Vendors have to be on site by 08.30 on the day. If they arrive early than gates open there is nowhere to wait, stop or park on Main Road, Knockholt as it is narrow road with bends in both directions. All other routes are via single tract, long narrow lanes, which will cause gridlock as there are little or no passing places for this volume of heavy traffic.

There have been two major accidents recently also bus & coach also came together all on the same bend close to the venue.

Noise & nuisance on the day will be from very early in the morning until late into the night and early hours with traffic movements.

The cap for online ticket sales is 1200. The organiser cannot guarantee tickets will not be sold ad hoc on the gate on the day.

The calculations of vehicle movements do not add up.

The site is at the top of the North Downs. Music will also be played all day causing further nuisance as sound travels over the whole area.

There is an existing local 'Knockstock' music event on 17 June which has been running for 11 years. Noise from this event can be heard throughout the village and miles away.

Alcohol will be on sale all day.

There is little or no public transport to the event site with only real access by vehicles. Knockholt rail station is nowhere near Knockholt and not walking distance. There is no taxi service at the station.

Should emergency services need to use Main Road, for security and safety reasons this event is too big for a small village with limited rural access.

Regards

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