

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 Jul 2023 23:12:39 +0100
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Leeds Culture Trust application for premises licence at St Aidens Nature Park 4th to 9th Sept

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Dear sirs

I wish to object to the above licence application.

Holding the proposed events is totally incompatible within a reserve of regional, and probably national importance. I feel certain that there are other more suitable locations in public parks, on private land or other open spaces that would be more suitable and have less environmental impact. In fact has a full independent and robust environmental impact assessment been produced with the unedited input of the RSPB, along with their support, as major stakeholders in the nature park? If not then it must be rejected.

This site is home to rare breeding birds, which may well still be breeding or fledging young at this time of year. The nature park is already subject to pressures of recreational use by the general public. Further disturbance through people pressure, potential anti social behaviour, noise and litter can only harm the precious wildlife in the area. In addition the impact of nighttime disturbance including lighting can have a seriously detrimental effect on nature, including insects, amphibians and birds.

Furthermore this is at a time where hungry migrant birds will use the nature park as a critical stop over point. They need the undisturbed opportunity to rest and feed during their stressful journey and frequently feed at night.

Leeds Council need to support the recovery of nature within the city and reject this application, not set a dangerous precedent.

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Representation 2

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 Jul 2023 16:49:18 +0100
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: St Aidan's Nature Reserve possible night time music party. Leeds Culture Trust

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Dear sirs

I object in the strongest possible way to the proposed music and dance party at St Aidan's Nature reserve. There are several main reasons I object to the above proposal.

First of all this is a council owned nature reserve and among its objective are to protect and promote protection of the natural environment. I have recently signed the "NATURE2030" declaration to further government and local authority protection for wildlife. The above proposal by Leeds Culture Trust does nothing but harm to wildlife on the reserve and to the natural environment that it relies on. I understand that besides loud music and dance there will be the projection of images on to the "drag line" excavator. This is a well known nesting site for vulnerable Barn Owls. They may even be still nesting with a second brood of young at the time of proposed event. I am most surprised the RSPB as reserve managers have given this ridiculous idea the green light. These birds are protected by LAW. Long eared Owls also breed in the area. How will several nights of bright lights and loud music disrupt their hunting for prey. All the water bodies on the nature reserve are used to a varying degree by roosting water birds. Again a great potential for disturbance. Many of these birds will be long distance migrants. They will have traveled thousands of kilometer to find a safe haven for the night or for the winter. Have any studies been carried out to determine the effect the proposed event may have? The RSPB just, as the local authority, are deemed to be advocates for wildlife. Not as in this case the creators of the threat. This local nature reserve, a partnership between the council and the RSPB should be a show case for advocacy for nature, for the protection of nature and the natural environment.

Secondly there is the safety of the participants and the audience, of unknown size. Dozens or hundreds?. We also must remember it will be dark very dark. There is deep water at many places around the proposed area. The banks are steep. The water cold, very cold at night. The water derived from mining waste most probably contains many pollutants. With an audience not familiar with the nature reserve then there is a clear potential for someone to end up in the water. There are no life rings or throw lines on the reserve. So the potential for a fatality is clear to see. I am lead to believe that there is even an application for a drinks license? How dangerous can things get? I am sure the applicant will say the audience will be controlled. But the fact is that there are several public rights of way onto the nature reserve. Eight public access points, so clearly not all attendees have to arrive and leave by the main entrance.

I understand the aim of the scandalous performance application is to raise awareness of "climate change". Well what better way of driving anthropomorphic more "climate change" than event such as this. Asking participants to drive a car to protect the environment. Surely deficient thinking.

Modern conservation for local authorities and it appears, some NGOs all too often seems to have become synonymous with "amenity". Rather than protecting wildlife for its own sake.

I also say the RSPB does come out of this looking very good. They should be objecting to this application not supporting it, and it may well cost them more members.

Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 Jul 2023 17:51:20 +0100

To: Entertainment Licensing

Subject: Re: Licensing Act 2003 - Representation relating to RSPB St Aidan's Nature Park, St Aidans Nature Reserve Astley Lane Swillington Leeds LS26 8AL

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Hi Lucy

Can you please provide information on why this event is being advertised and apparently tickets are on sale, when it has no license? I do hope there is underhand dealing going on here?

For your information, to date I have not had one pro comment. It may also be worth pointing out that wilful disturbance of Barn Owls near the nest is an illegal act under the wildlife and countryside act 1981 . And could lead to prosecution.

Your sincerely [REDACTED]

Representation 3

From [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 Jun 2023 20:10:56 +0100
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Application for RSPB St Aidans 4-9 September 2023

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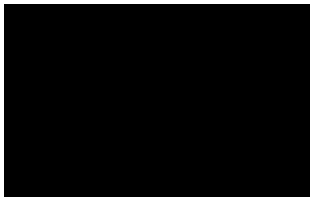
I wish to object to the proposed licence for the above event. I live on [REDACTED] on the estate next to RSPB St Aidans.

This and future similar events will place an impossible burden on residents - noise, people blocking roads and driveways on the estate on which I live to park (which visitors already do) plus late night, post-event, anti-social behaviour. Not to mention the stress and upset to the established wild life.

The site already suffers from anti-social behaviour from young people who congregate there in the evenings, noise, abuse of passers by and litter being problems.

This site is in no way suitable for an event of this kind. Why can't Temple Newsam be used which is?

There is insufficient parking at St Aidans, the effects on the people who live right next door will be appalling for much longer into the night than the licence is for. I strongly recommend that you reject this application.



Representation 4

From [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 Jul 2023 16:21:58 +0100

To: Entertainment Licensing

Subject: Leeds 2023 nest event at St Aidans Nature Park. 4-9 Sep 2023. Planning application.

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I have seen a notice that details the application from Leeds Culture Trust for this outdoor event, that includes; Film, Plays, Live Music, Recorded music, dance, entertainment and light shows.

With 160 performers moving throughout the site for six continuous evenings, I can envisage a lot of disturbance to the local wildlife, especially roosting owls that will have their hunting interrupted. They could be still feeding young in early September. There are many other birds that will be disturbed including wading birds on their way south from their breeding grounds in the Arctic, that need to refuel.

This area, that is managed by the RSPB, is an important site for many different animals, all year round, and I feel that it is a most inappropriate venue for an event like this. I would have thought that Roundhay Park would have been a much better choice, especially as it has a well used arena area and plenty of open grassland areas and much better parking facilities.

I would like to object to this application as a disturbance to wildlife, due to the following points;

- 1) Light projection, will disturb feeding and sleeping birds.
- 2) Music, live or recorded, will disturb everything.
- 3) Moving the performances THROUGHOUT the site will cause the MAXIMUM DISTURBANCE to all wildlife, from the performers and the audience.

Even if the event is given planning permission, could I suggest that a planning condition is added that restricts the performances to an area close to the car park and toilets, to restrict any disturbance to a minimum.

Also, local residents may appreciate a 10pm. cut off time rather than 11pm.

I hope that the above points are noted and that a more suitable venue is picked, in future, to showcase climate change, which is obviously very relevant for the future of the planet.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

p.s. Will the decision be publicised locally?

Representation 5

From [REDACTED]

Sent:19 Jul 2023 11:52:46 +0100

To:Entertainment Licensing

Subject:Re application for license at St Aidens Nature Reserve between 4-9th September

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Dear Sirs

I would like to object to this application as:-

- 1) it would have a detrimental effect on the wildlife. The area is a Nature Reserve and this would have an adverse effect on the birds and other fauna and I am shocked that the RSPB can even think of such a proposal.
- 2) The local road could not accommodate an increase in traffic particularly at dusk. There would more than likely be a traffic accident.
- 3) The noise would be a nuisance to the local neighbours.

Please consider this proposal carefully and all objections.

Yours faithfully

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Representation 6

From [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 Jul 2023 11:37:24 +0100
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Proposed Licence for St. Aidans light show

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I am 100% against allowing these performances at the St. Aidans nature park.

I am concerned about the safety of adults and children who are unfamiliar with the site. They will be in the dark and close to very deep water, with no safety barriers to prevent them from falling in. This could have disastrous consequences.

The performance features a light show displaying on to the dragline. There are schedule one birds at the dragline, not only nesting there, but also roosting there all year round. When the schedule one birds are disturbed, will it be Leeds city council or the Leeds Culture Trust paying the fine?

There are also bats roosting at the dragline which would be disturbed by the light show. Once more £5,000 for each one disturbed.

Also Welsh ponies are now on the land at the side of Bowers Lake, they would also be frightened by the noise and lights, and may become injured in the deep ditches on the site.

I have no objection to light shows in general, but please not in a nature park.

Representation 7

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 Jun 2023 19:31:55 +0100
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Objection to License application - RSPB St Aidan's Nature Reserve.
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Good morning,

I would like to express my objection to the licence application for the RSPB St Aidan's nature reserve between 4th & 9th September.

The nature reserve has a direct boundary with a residential housing estate of approximately 70 family homes. It is assumed that the proposed entertainment will be held on the only hard standing area which is the car park. This is no more than 40 metres from the boundary with the residential properties.

My objection for this license application is to protect children from mental health harm. The proposed times for the license of 17:00 to 23:00 during the first week of school term will cause huge disruption due to noise pollution to young children trying to sleep. It is also during the working week which will disturb people during the night prior to a working day.

My objection for this licence application is to ensure public safety. The anticipated large number of visitors to the event would cause significant traffic and parking disruption in the area. If the nature reserve car park is used for the entertainment then there is no alternative parking for visitors. There is already a problem with illegal and dangerous parking with normal visitors to the nature reserve. This event would exacerbate the problem and cause a danger to pedestrians and vehicles passing through the area.

Thank you for considering my objections and I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

