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**To:**Entertainment Licensing  
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Dear Licensing Team

I have looked through the documents supplied by the organisers of the proposed MiNT Festival and would comment as follows:

- The access for all vehicles to the site is from Pontefract Lane via the roundabout at Junction 45 of the M1. Public parking and taxi/public pick-up/drop-off (PUDO) will be via Gate 2 with the exit back to J45. MiNT taxis and shuttle buses will use Gate 1 and will exit via Bullerthorpe Lane.
  - There is no detail on how Gate 2 will be arranged to allow MiNT taxis and shuttles through to Gate 1 with other PUDO leaving Gate 2 to reach J45 – Public Safety.
  - Queuing capacity between J45 and Gate 2 needs to be assessed to ensure that there is no queuing permitted back to the roundabouts – Public Safety.
  - The access to the new services will need to be maintained at all times and liaison with them to prevent festival parking taking place there.
  - Safety of pedestrians leaving the site – the plan indicates a safe walking route along Pontefract Lane. The routes beyond that, both directions away from the site, need to be assessed and addressed. Regardless of statement that they will encourage use of taxis/shuttle buses, previous experience has shown that attendees will walk to/from the event – Public Safety.
    - Junction 45 – there are footways in place but connectivity between different sections and across roads is disjointed.
    - Bullerthorpe Lane is a 60mph unlit highway without a continuous footway system and is not suitable as a walking route, especially during hours of darkness.
- The route directing non-motorway traffic does not prevent shorter routes via Halton Moor, Osmanthorpe Lane or East End Park. However, it would be expected that the majority of traffic would use the M1 rather than this route.
- There is a Clearway in force on East Leeds Link. The organisers need to be alert to prevent any parking taking place to avoid an enforcement requirement – Public Nuisance.

- Concerns raised at the site meeting regarding the potential for drivers to drop passengers off on the M1 hardshoulder adjacent to the site need to be addressed. The only reference to the M1 is that there will be no temporary signs will be placed on the motorway. Highways England and their agent need to be involved in the planning – Public Safety.
- Going forward the needs of the development site to the south of Pontefract Lane (between J45 and the festival site) will need to be accommodated – Public Nuisance?
- No information regarding the city centre part of the shuttle operation is in the TM Plan or the Event Plan. It should be noted that this event will be during the football season and that the coach provision at Sovereign Street will be used by football shuttles if there is a match at Elland Road on that date. Clearly at the current time we are not able to confirm arrangements. The organisers need to consider their options and submit them for consideration by the Highway Authority. Public Safety.

I would be grateful if these issues could be taken into account when determining the licence application for MiNT Festival at this site.

Regards

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