

From: Dobson, Cllr Mark
Sent: 17 March 2020 22:11
To: Raper, Nicola [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Application for Premises Licence - Mint Festival Ltd

Dear Nicola

Please see this as my formal objection to the proposed license for the Mint Festival under the following grounds relating to the Licensing Act of 2003.

I am of the belief, as has happened previously, that minors will be attending the event with access to alcohol and drugs. As such, I believe there is potential for harm to children. In addition, of course, there is also potential harm and disruption from the associated noise and chaos caused to the children living, and be in school, in the surrounding area.

When the previous event has been held in Leeds there has been a huge amount of public disruption a nuisance including noise, littering, antisocial behaviour and a general deterioration in the area for the period of the event. Public nuisance, therefore cannot be overstated in this case.

I also believe there is a risk to public safety of the misuse of drugs and alcohol.

Finally, we do have a duty to protect the public, especially children from harm and for all the reasons outlined above I believe this event would potentially cause harm to children.

For these reasons I wish the matter to be heard a full licensing subcommittee as soon as possible where I want to take the opportunity to speak as one of the elected members for the area.

I am copying in a colleague from the Rothwell ward in the hope that they will back this call for a licensing hearing and, indeed, rejection of the application.

Team, please find attached the notes that I wish to be the basis for letters to go to residents in the locality within our ward. I am assuming, [REDACTED], that the print unit will be able to print and post please?

Could I have an opinion please, Andrea, as soon as possible.

With Best wishes

Councillor Mark Dobson

Leader, Garforth & Swillington Independents

Garforth & Swillington Ward

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