

Comments for Licensing Application PREM/04519/001

Application Summary

Application Number: PREM/04519/001

Address: Newsam Green Farm Newsam Green Pontefract Lane Leeds LS15 9AD

Proposal: Premises Licence - New Application

Case Officer: Miss Jane Wood

Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour response

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: 1:54 PM on 30 Mar 2020 The opening of a large musical festival, with further potential for subsequent growth, intending to play loud music for four days per year until the hour of 2am within a few miles of upwards of 26,000 people, many retired, is obviously a colossally poor idea and cannot possibly expect to receive local support, given that the communities in closest proximity are not heavily dependent on commerce and do not stand to gain whatsoever by said proposition. Local communities are already soon to be burdened by the construction of the HS2 railway, and will remain disturbed upon its completion. Further disregard for local communities, their peace, and the value of their properties is unacceptable.

Further, the timing of this proposition is almost as ridiculous as the proposition itself. The area's elderly population (and many younger, such as myself) are already consumed with worry about their health, and -- whether by coincidence or not -- the inopportune timing of the proposal seems almost a deliberate attempt to exploit the vulnerable and milk a national crisis for personal gain.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 Mar 2020 09:51:37 +0100
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: PREM/04519/001 APPLICATION PREMISES LICENCE NEWSOME GREEN FARM

Dear Sir/Madam

With regards to the above application can I please make enquiries?
There appears to be little detail on the licencing web site.

1. How is it intended to transport large numbers of people to site where the location at Newsam Green Farm is located on a very narrow and restricted road. Bullithorpe Lane/Wakefield Road already over subscribed.
2. What protection will there be for livestock in the area over this period to trespass and noise.
3. On the basis of public nuisance with increase of traffic and noise over the period. Is this a reasonable proposal?
4. On the basis of public safety with increase of traffic and people. Is this a reasonable proposal?

With regards to the four points above and without further detail available can you please accept this e-mail as representation of my concerns?

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Sent:29 Mar 2020 15:27:09 +0100

To:Entertainment Licensing

Cc:alec.shelbrooke.mp@parliament.uk (External)

Subject:PREM/04519/001 | Premises Licence - TOTALLY AGAINST THIS HAPPENING

Good afternoon

[REDACTED]
Your Reference MD/SF?SM/JD

After reading the letter I received on Saturday, I am completely and utterly against this festival taking place at Newsam Green Farm. I am totally gob-snacked that people are thinking of holding such events in the current situation this Country and residents of Leeds are going through. I thought Leeds City Council would have prevented and halted all new applications until we are clear of COVID-19 and this Country and Businesses are back on their feet□s.

My reasons to why I am so much against this taking place apart from COVID-19 are as follows:-

1. That last time we had a festival at Temple Newsam, it resulted in fires in the camp site, Sainsbury□s and surrounding shops targeted by shop lifting as well as residents houses and gardens broken into. I do not want a repeat performance and thought Leeds City Council representatives would understand this from the voices of local residents. The people who came to the last festival at Temple Newsam ruined the park and surrounding areas where our local taxes had to put right and to what it is now. Please do not destroy our beautiful country side again
2. Public Nuisance on local roads and retail shops as well as litter thrown from vehicles. This happened at the last festival held at Temple Newsam and I don□t want another repeat performance and tax payers money spent on the clearing up and road diversions.
3. Public safety is a main concern especially now and the ban of large gatherings from the Government. Listen to what the Prime Minister, MP□s and Politicians are saying to keep people and our NHS safe. I can□t believe Leeds City Council are taking a different route from the rest of the country. Even if COVID-19 may be over when this event takes place surely we should be cautious on large gatherings. Also the inconvenience of local residents having to stay at home as

they are unable to travel on roads and public transport due to excessive vehicles and people, unable to shop at the Springs and Colton retail park due to excessive festival goers and if the weather is rainy then mud in all the shops, foot paths and road.

4. Protection of Children, as last time we had this sort of event, the language used by people from the event in Sainsbury's in front of Children was awful, the ladies who worked in Sainsbury's apologised for Children hearing this due to excessive alcohol and no respect of others Temple Newsam is a great place for Children and families to visit safely please don't turn us away because it is not safe for our children during and after this event

You can tell I am very disgusted with representatives of Leeds City Council and against this event going ahead.

Another thing you need to be ashamed of is the URL you have put in the letter. The length of this is unbelievable and I can't believe Leeds City Council could not have put a short URL or link to help people. I work on websites and make it easier for people to find the relevant information, I feel Leeds City Council have done the opposite just to make it difficult and allow this event to go ahead as people can't find the relevant web pages due to the length and complexity of the URL mentioned in your letter

I know it is along e-mail, please listen to what a member of your council area is saying. I would hope Councillor Mark Dobson, Council Sarah Field and Councillor Suzanne McCormack understand my anger in this application. I hope all 3 of you are opposed of this festival and the implications and restrictions this will have on your local area, please don't let Temple Newsam and residents suffer the same fate as it did when the last festival took place here.

I would be grateful if you can reply back to me as soon as possible regarding the issue on the length and complexity of the URL your letter, but most importantly that my views and my opposition to this ever going ahead. I am a front line and key worker in the COVID-19 crises in Leeds and putting my own life at risk just by working. I want to care and get Leeds residents through this safely which is another reason why I want Leeds City Council to listen what the World Health Organisation, Governments and members of Parliament are saying and advising, instead of considering new applications for a festival. Which is more important to Leeds and your constituency

Thank you and yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sat, 28 Mar 2020 18:57:56 +0000
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Opposition to mint festival ref: prem/04519/001

To whom it may concern,


Today I have received a letter from Leeds city council stating the intention for mint festival to be held around a mile from my house. I would like to very strongly oppose this application please!
When festivals etc have taken place previously, there has been a marked increase in criminal damage to property in and around our area including our cars, littering, noise aswell as drunken idiots roaming around being public nuisances etc.

I have three young children, two of which are have asd. Having this noise and chaos going on outside of our house would cause them so much undue anxiety and distress. The noise from the festival itself would be upsetting for them, not to mention the worry of what the visitors to the festival might get up to whilst in our area.

Please please do not allow festivals to take place at this location. They need to be out further away from our villages.

Regards

[REDACTED]


Sent:30 Mar 2020 14:12:25 +0100

To:Entertainment Licensing

Cc:Dobson, Cllr Mark;Field, Cllr Sarah;McCormack, Cllr Suzanne

Subject:Mint Festival-Newsam Green Farm

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to object against the proposed application to grant the appropriate licences for the company named above application number PREM/04519/001.My reasons for the objections as a resident of Swillington are as follows;

Prevention of crime and disorder, with the onset of so many people descending into the area it is a given that the likelihood of antisocial behavior and public nuisance will rise, causing unrest for both local residents businesses and the reputation of the area.These events are always poorly managed with ill equipped security companies thus leaving an already overstretched police force to deal with the aftermath.

Public safety

The volume of vehicles and public will have a detrimental effect to the roads around Bullerthorpe Lane and other roads around Swillington and the Temple Newsam Estate most certainly having an impact on many people who like to walk and enjoy the tranquility of the area. There vehicle is also the issue of traffic management through congestion,Illegal and inconsiderate parking in additional to concerns around general road safety.

Kind Regards



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Comment Reasons:

Comment: 4:45 PM on 30 Mar 2020 The noise pollution generated by this proposed event will only add to the existing deplorable situation. There are already three major venues in the near vicinity, First Direct Arena, Temple Newsam and Bramham Park, which can be heard clearly in Swillington. However all of these events close at 11pm, this new proposed disruption of normal life will continue until 2am.

The proposed capacity of first 15,000 and then 20,000 is outrageous. The local area will be left with a significant mess. Traffic pollution will increase and the risk of damage to local property will be significant, especially as alcohol will be supplied. This proposal in addition to the H2 rail construction will put too much of a strain on everyday life for local people.

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Comment Reasons:

Comment: 2:04 PM on 31 Mar 2020 Please do not allow this application to go ahead, this is a rural, small community; an influx of 20K people would place far too great a strain on the local road and other infrastructure, this would place public safety at jeopardy.

There are already at least 5 loud music events in our area already which cause considerable disruption and noise pollution not to mention the stress and anxiety caused by so many people flooding the area (Let's Rock Leeds, Slam Dunk North, Cocoon, Oulton Festival and Leeds Festival). All of these can be heard from the village and cause considerable distress.

This site is too close to residential areas and is just not suitable from a public safety, public nuisance and noise pollution perspective to be a viable venue for an event of this type.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 Mar 2020 12:54:36 +0100
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: REF PREM/04519/001 - Mint Festival

Dear

I have received notification of the above application for a premises licence and would like to make the following comments.

My main concern is that the licence allows for the performances to continue until 2 am, and that would be very disruptive to those living within earshot of the location - especially for four nights in a row. I would have thought there would be less nuisance if the performances ended at 12 pm.

Also, I am concerned about the nuisance, disruption and congestion that the resulting traffic would cause, in what is already a busy area.

Yours

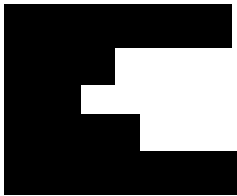
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From:Dobson, Cllr Mark
Sent:31 Mar 2020 13:03:50 +0100
To:Entertainment Licensing
Subject:Fwd: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)
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Councillor Mark Dobson
Leader, Garforth & Swillington Independents
Garforth & Swillington Ward



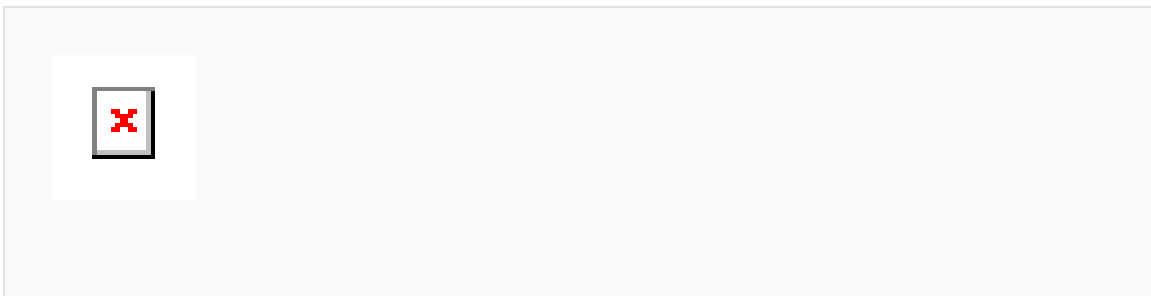
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Date: 31 March 2020 at 13:01:23 BST
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Subject: Fwd: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)

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Date: Tue, Mar 31, 2020 at 12:48 PM
Subject: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)
To: [Redacted]



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To: entertainment.licensing@leeds.gov.uk
Cc:
Bcc:
Date: Tue, 31 Mar 2020 11:49:17 +0100
Subject: Comments

Your Ref MD/SF/SM/JD I live in Swillington Lane and the last thing I need is 20000 people almost on my doorstep. The noise until 2am for 4 days is an unpleasant prospect not to forget antisocial behavior traffic congestion and litter. We are already facing the prospect of HS2, house values have already been affected. Are there not plenty of events already in the area without adding another?

Yours Truly
[REDACTED]



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Good afternoon. We have received a letter from you regarding a proposed music festival to be held next to Newsam Green Farm. Could you please note our strongest objection to this. We live on [REDACTED], Leeds 26, and are already having to cope with the possibility of the construction of HS2. When the Leeds Festival was held at Temple Newsam the noise, traffic congestion, antisocial behaviour and disruption to local life was horrendous. This proposed festival will replicate or increase all of this. House values are already being adversely affected. Another music festival will certainly not help. Please help to get it disallowed. Thank you, [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 Mar 2020 15:56:18 +0100
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: New application for licence ref PREM/04519/001 MINT FESTIVAL

To whom it may concern

I wish to object to the Mint Festival due to the extra traffic, disruption on the roads and the volumes of he people that this will attract. The noise that it will cause at early hours in the morning is a major concern.

Due to the excess drinking Im sure this will cause extra crime rates and disruption and an impact to public nuisance.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 Mar 2020 21:24:49 +0100
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Md/sf/sm/jd

To whom it may concern

I've received the letter for application ref: prem/04519/001 mint festival and after researching it thoroughly I strongly object that this kind of festival in a close proximity to a small village where we pay extra council tax as a parish council to enjoy the peace and safety of village life I believe that the festival would potentially bring in unwanted crime and disorder, drugs which I believe is already a problem that could become much worse and not to mention public safety and noise problems I would be extremely disappointed if this festival was to be given permission

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 1 Apr 2020 12:38:39 +0100
To: Entertainment Licensing
Cc: Dobson, Cllr Mark; Field, Cllr Sarah; Suzanne.McCormack@leeds.ac.uk
Subject: Application for Premises Licence - REF: PREM/04519/001

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in reply to a letter that I recently received regarding a new premises application for the Mint Festival at Newsam Green Farm.

After considering the points made in your letter both me and my husband would like to oppose this new application. As residents of [REDACTED] we are very close to where many outdoor events take place and can hear these very clearly from any room within our house. Given the proposal of a one day event to then turn into 4 days with up to 19,999 people attending, we are strongly against this due to noise, public nuisance and the crime and disorder it could create with licenced activities going on until 2am in the morning.

I hope our points will be taken into consideration when processing this application. If you require any more information please feel free to contact me.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 2 Apr 2020 11:27:26 +0100
To: Entertainment Licensing
Cc: Dobson, Cllr Mark; Field, Cllr Sarah; McCormack, Cllr Suzanne
Subject: APPLICATION ref PREM/04519/001

Dear Leeds City Council

Re: application for a premises licence - Mint Festival- Newsam Green Farm , LS15 9AD

We would like raise the following issues related to this application and PUBLIC NUISANCE :

There are no major roads linking this location , certainly not from the East as junction 46 of the M1 has no direct links to LS15 9AD ,Junction 45 of the M1 links via Pontefract Lane which is basically a single carriageway road. The idea of having 20,000 capacity with a poor road infrastructure in the 2021 and over 4 days will only cause even more issues for residents and road users.

Junction 45 of the M1 is very busy at peak times 5 days a week due to the Park & Ride and now the Skelton Lake Services , Traffic will also very quickly back up on the the M1 slip roads on to the M1 carriageway causing PUBLIC SAFETY issues.

The residents of Swillington can already clearly hear events at Temple Newsam , particularly when continuing into the night, and this is planned to continue until 2am !! and is even closer to a residential area than Temple Newsam so the noise nuisance will be unacceptable, particularly for residents with children and also farm and domestic animals causing a PUBLIC NUISANCE.

The Leeds Festival used to be on the Temple Newsam site but that was moved specifically for PUBLIC SAFETY issues as fights broke out and tents were set alight, even with the agreed security that festival had in place.

There are no shops nearby and previous experience shows that Festival goers regularly leave the site to stock up on provisions and search for public conveniences. This will be a nuisance for the general public and residents gaining access to the local supermarkets.

The farm is very close to the M1 again causing PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES for drivers being distracted by the lights and noise and for Festival Goers who may even attempt to walk cross the M1 carriageways, to get to the Motorway services.

This Festival has moved location on many occasions, almost annually , so that raises the issue of why ?? , presumably similar public safety, nuisance, crime and protection issues. It used to be at Lotherton Hall , also The Tetley , Stockheld Park and latterly Church Fenton and they were a shorter timescale and less numbers attending.

Not everybody attending camps and previous years many have stayed in local hotels which again will cause traffic and disruption issues for residents as the nearest hotels (apart from Skelton Lake services) are I presume Garforth and Crossgates.

Traffic using the M62 will completely block Woodlesford and Oulton and impact on Rothwell and Methley as again this road from the M62 is busy 7 days a week as again it is just a single carriageway, with very limited overtaking , popular with cyclists and walkers having to go under a low railway bridge not suitable for double decker buses and high vehicles.

No train stations nearby so again access for Festival Goers will be by road either cars, buses, taxis etc.

I work for the [REDACTED] and once all this is over I'm looking forward to a nice relaxing time spent in my garden, as are many of my elderly neighbours , and the last thing we need in September is a persistent noise and traffic nuisance

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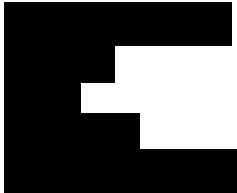
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From:Dobson, Cllr Mark
Sent:2 Apr 2020 12:31:18 +0100
To: [REDACTED];Entertainment Licensing
Subject:Re: re. mint festival

Agreed thank you I'll get into the right hands

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Councillor Mark Dobson
Leader, Garforth & Swillington Independents
Garforth & Swillington Ward



On 2 Apr 2020, at 12:29, [REDACTED] wrote:

giving this event the go ahead will do nothing but bring crime and anti social behaviour such as drunken behaviour ,littering,noise pollution until 2amat the earliest

Get [Outlook for](#) not to mention drug dealers and ticket towts flooding the local area seeking buisness etc the mint festival has a reputation for trouble and the

green light for prostitution msking the local area a no go area for local residents especially children
this is why i oppose the 4 day event

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 2 Apr 2020 14:00:31 +0100
To: Entertainment Licensing
Cc: Dobson, Cllr Mark
Subject: FW: Mint Festival Ref :- Prem/04519/001

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 April 2020 13:41
To: 'entertainment.licencing@leeds.gov.uk' <entertainment.licencing@leeds.gov.uk>
Subject: Mint Festival Ref :- Prem/04519/001

As a resident of Swillington my concern is either classed as Public Nuisance or Public Safety or possibility both.

The road network around the site does not provide suitable access and egress for a possible capacity crowd of 14,999 on year one; the projected figures for following years are even more concerning.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 4 Apr 2020 15:19:18 +0100
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Prem/04519/001 objection

Hello,

I am unable to find this application as advised by letter dated 20/03/2020. So cannot object online.

Therefore I am objecting to the possible future event being held at all and especially over 4 days in such close proximity to my dwelling in Swillington, about a mile as the crow flies.

I object on the grounds of public nuisance. It will increase traffic, and especially the noise which as I read it could be until 2am in the morning.

Events at temple Newsam I believe are only until 10pm and that venue is further away than Newsam green.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 5 Apr 2020 13:09:21 +0100
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Fwd: Ref md/sf/sm/jd

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wholly oppose the application for the mint festival on the following grounds:

1) Prevention of crime and disorder:

These events are nutritious for sexual harrasment hence will put undue pressure on public services.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3741056/You-thought-music-festivals-hippies-glamping-careful-hotspots-crime-police-figures-reveal.html>.

2) Public nusiance:

These events bring a huge amount of noise and public pollution.

<https://www.getreading.co.uk/whats-on/whats-on-news/caversham-festival-branded-public-nuisance-12500652>

3) Children safety

Many children attend the local Temple Newsam House for recreation, bringing huge numbers to the area will contain criminals who can bring great harm to children, hence under no circumstances.

Kind regards [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

planning.comments@leeds.gov.uk

From:planning.comments@leeds.gov.uk

Sent:4 Apr 2020 17:18:51 +0100

To:Wood, Jane

Subject:Comments for Licensing Application PREM/04519/001

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 5:18 PM on 04 Apr 2020 from [REDACTED].

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Case Officer: Miss Jane Wood

[Click for further information](#)

Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour response

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 5:18 PM on 04 Apr 2020 Strongly object on grounds of Public Nuisance and Safety to local residents of Swillington and Woodlesford in particular.
The proposal for loud music and selling of alcohol for 16 hours a day continuous until 2-00am in the morning to 20,000 people per day is absolutely unbelievable and ridiculous, and if granted it would show total disregard to local residents.
Also bearing in mind the narrowness of the access roads, traffic would be horrendous.

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Comment Reasons:

Comment: 2:32 PM on 06 Apr 2020 I am concerned about any possible travel restrictions/travel disruptions/travel safety that there would be for the residents of Swillington (and surrounding areas) prior, during and after the Festival.

Which roads would be used for access to and from the Festival? Which roads would be shut, causing Diversions, possibly through the village (increasing traffic and causing safety issues)?

Bullerthorpe Lane is a [REDACTED] route used to access Colton, Temple Newsam, Crossgates and Leeds generally.

Wakefield Road is already a very busy road and any increase in traffic is a major concern from a safety (and increased noise) perspective.

Thank you

From:Dobson, Cllr Mark
Sent:6 Apr 2020 18:48:55 +0100
To: [redacted];Entertainment Licensing
Subject:Re: mint festival

Good evening, my Ward colleagues and I completely agree. That is why we were very keen that everybody got a letter. I am placing this with entertainment licensing now because it is important that they know the strength of feeling in the area. I have also asked before any decision is made there is a full meeting of the licensing subcommittee where I intend to speak against this proposal.

With sincere Best wishes

Councillor Mark Dobson
Leader, Garforth & Swillington Independents

[redacted signature block]

> On 6 Apr 2020, at 18:43, [redacted] wrote:

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> ----- Forwarded message -----

> From: [redacted]

> Date: Mon, 6 Apr 2020, 18:29

> Subject: New Application for a premises License- ref: Prem/04519/001 Mint Festival - Newsam Green Farm

> To: [redacted]

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06-04-20

> Your Ref: MD/SM/JDD

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> Dear Councillor Mark Dobson

> We used to have music festivals at Temple Newsam and there was always trouble, vandalism,excessive noise pollution and chaos on the Roads you could queue for hours on Selby Road and around Colton.
> The Roads in this area are not suitable for what could be an extra 15,000 vehicles coming and going and the Crossgreen Park and Ride would be badly affected by the extra traffic.

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> The Festivals held at Temple Newsam were moved to Bramham.

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> There used to be loads of rubbish and needles left lying around in Temple Newsam which is dangerous for children and there is no proof that this would not be the case again.

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> To have music on until 2-0 am in the Morning is a NO NO. We already have a lot of noise from concrete Motorway. We are already aware of how bad the noise levels are from these events from past

> experience and we don't want it again. this is not nimbism I fear for the Health and Safety of the local people.

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> Cars were being brought and left in Streets around Swillington for the duration of the concerts and the normal day to day parking of vehicles that belong to residents is already a problem.

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> We have not been given enough time to protest about this and in view of Corona -virus pandemic I think this is a very bad time to bring this up.

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> I can only hope that common sense prevails and this is rejected.

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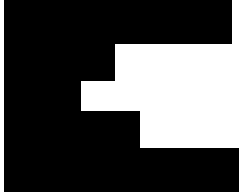
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Yours faithfully



From:Dobson, Cllr Mark
Sent:6 Apr 2020 18:53:06 +0100
To:Entertainment Licensing
Subject:Fwd: Application for a Premises Licence - Ref PREM/04519/001 Mint Festival - Newsam Grren Farm, Newsam Green, Pontefract Lane, Leeds LS15 9AD

Councillor Mark Dobson
Leader, Garforth & Swillington Independents
Garforth & Swillington Ward

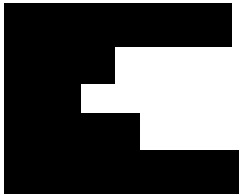


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From: "Dobson, Cllr Mark" [REDACTED]
Date: 6 April 2020 at 18:52:22 BST
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: "entertainment.licencing@leeds.gov.uk" <entertainment.licencing@leeds.gov.uk>, "Field, Cllr Sarah" [REDACTED], "McCormack, Cllr Suzanne" [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Application for a Premises Licence - Ref PREM/04519/001 Mint Festival - Newsam Grren Farm, Newsam Green, Pontefract Lane, Leeds LS15 9AD

Thank you David that's very much appreciated

Councillor Mark Dobson
Leader, Garforth & Swillington Independents
Garforth & Swillington Ward



On 6 Apr 2020, at 18:51, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am aware that an application has been made to the Licencing Authority for the above and will be considered for approval / refusal in the near future. I would like to register my objection to any approval which might be given on the following grounds :-

Public Safety The site lies on a narrow access road from Bullerthorpe Lane or directly from the A1/M1 Link motorway. The arrangements for vehicular access to the site are problematical due to a lack of footpaths and the consequence of queues forming on the motorway roundabout.

Public Nuisance Unlike festivals held at Temple Newsam where the sound was somewhat held in the 'bowl' of the grounds this proposed site is closer to the villages of Woodlesford and Swillington and the loud music will have a more direct transfer to these areas. The continuation of the music into the early hours of the morning will be a nuisance particularly to families with young children and over 4 days. I hope you will take views into your consideration of the application.

Yours sincerely

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[REDACTED]
Sent:7 Apr 2020 15:36:35 +0100

To:Entertainment Licensing

Cc:Dobson, Cllr Mark

Subject:RE: NEW APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENSE - REF: PREM/04519/001 MINT FESTIVAL - NEWSAM GREEN FARM, NEWSAM GREEN, PONTEFRACT LANE, LEEDS, LS15 9AD

FAO ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING SECTION

Regarding the above application, I am concerned about the event for a number of reasons and would like to register my strong objection.

Given the fact that the attendance capacity for the first year (2020) is 14,999 and the second and subsequent years will increase capacity to 19,999 I am very concerned that there are likely to be problems with possible crime, public disorder, noise nuisance for local people and problems accessing the site.

In previous years, this event has caused controversy for the very reasons outlined above and it appears that the organisers have been required to find a new venue almost every year due to the same ongoing problems being repeated.

Examples cited following previous events include:

Behaviour which constituted public disorder, public nuisance, lewd behaviour, trespass and criminal damage.

The organisers having to surrender their licence after a North Yorkshire Police and Harrogate Borough Council review which cited problems including hundreds of people leaving the site on foot (which the organisers hadn't predicted) with some urinating and defecating in people's gardens.

Complaints from neighbouring residents due to the noise, lack of adequate transport, people walking in the road and sitting in their gardens. Claims from residents having to collect drug wrappers that they'd found on their properties, therefore exposing children to harm.

Based on this previous track record, I do not feel confident that the organisers would be able to prevent people leaving on foot if the festival was held at Newsam Green and would urge the Licensing Sub-committee to reject this application.

[REDACTED]

Comments for Licensing Application PREM/04519/001

Application Summary

Application Number: PREM/04519/001

Address: Newsam Green Farm Newsam Green Pontefract Lane Leeds LS15 9AD

Proposal: Premises Licence - New Application

Case Officer: Miss Jane Wood

Customer Details

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour response

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:7:52 PM on 12 Apr 2020 I have a disabled daughter that does not cope well with loud noises. In an area that has issue's with bad traffic this event will descend the roads into chaos, I live on a bridle path and found that I have problem with youths gathering to buy and sell drugs without bringing this kind of event to the area. I moved to this area for peace and quiet not to have events like this, I would have moved to the city centre. for a community of elderly and families, this event is not going to benefit the area, on a personal note, I am a senior ex-security events officer I have seen what happens at these sort of events and what happens during and after. This event will cause more detrimental to the area than beneficial.

~~Comments~~ for Licensing Application PREM/04519/001

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Case Officer: Miss Jane Wood

Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour response

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: 3:37 PM on 13 Apr 2020 i would like to object in the strongest possible terms to the license approval of the MINT Festival due to the following concerns:-

- Excessive noise late in the evening
- Increase in local traffic
- Increase in crime and public disorder
- personal safety due to freely available alcohol being served until 2:00am and increased amount of activity on the streets late in the evening
- although the festival is advertised as one weekend it will take place over 4 days which is unreasonable

Comments for Licensing Application PREM/04519/001

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Proposal: Premises Licence - New Application

Case Officer: Miss Jane Wood

Customer Details

Name: Not Available

Address: Not Available

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour response

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:5:35 PM on 13 Apr 2020 The proposed site is 1.3 km from my house, across fields, and in line with prevailing winds. When there have been similar events at Temple Newsam which is further away, we have experienced both noise pollution and anti social behaviour.

Noise pollution, considerable nuisance during daytime hours but even worse at night. We are unable to sleep until the event stops, usually midnight; however we notice this application would be even worse as they are asking for a 2.00 am cutoff. And that food would be available until 5.00 am.

Re the close proximity of the site; the approach could and is likely to, involve 2 minor local roads to the east, namely Bullerthorpe and Swillington Lane [REDACTED] In the past, even if these roads are marked "no access to festival traffic" these signs are ignored and we have found ourselves queuing for long periods merely to reach our own homes. The roads are also used for drop offs - there is a public footpath across from our house which leads straight across to the proposed site. In addition, we have found our narrow road also used as a free car park, again hindering normal traffic from using the Lane and increasing the chances of accidents. Emergency services would be considerably delayed when trying to use either of the roads I mentioned. We have also experienced anti social behaviour as groups of festival goers, often inebriated, wander across the fields and to local shops. Their language and behaviour can be intimidating and threatening.

[REDACTED]

Sent: 12 Apr 2020 09:46:43 +0100

To: Entertainment Licensing

Cc: Dobson, Cllr Mark

Subject: Objection to the Application for New Premises Licence PREM/04519/001 to Newsam Green Farm, Newsam Green, Pontefract Lane, Leeds, LS15 9AD.

My husband and I live at [REDACTED], and are writing to object to the granting of premises licence PREM/04519/001 to Newsam Green Farm, Newsam Green, Pontefract Lane, Leeds, LS15 9AD. There have been previous festivals and events in the area, and these are the problems which they caused:

1. Noise travels far in the countryside and we live less than 15 minutes' walk from the proposed site. Before moving to Bramham, the Leeds Festival was at Temple Newsam, further from our house than Newsam Green Farm, yet we could still hear every song clearly. Having this spread over 4 days and continuing until 2am is going to be unbearable. Of course, the noise will inevitably continue long after that.
2. Traffic is a major concern. Access to the farm is by a narrow road and the vast majority of vehicles will be funnelled through the A63 or the A642 leading onto Bullerthorpe Lane, from either the M1, A1, A1/M1 link or M62. The junction of Bullerthorpe Lane and the A642 is at the side of a bridge and there is a blind bend heading towards Rothwell. This is already a dangerous site, with numerous accidents having occurred there, some including fatalities. We have personal experience of just how bad it is, as my husband was involved in a multi-car pile-up that closed the junction, Bullerthorpe Lane and the A642 for hours and which forced him to take early retirement on health grounds. We have no doubt that the extra vehicles involved with opening up Newsam Green Farm as an event site will only worsen road safety in the area and increase congestion. During rush hour there are always queues in any case, and it is not unheard of for traffic heading onto the A642 from Bullerthorpe Lane to be backed up at least a quarter of a mile.
3. When the Leeds Festival took place at Temple Newsam, there was always an increase in crime and anti-social behaviour in the area. For example, one year the portaloos were set on fire, which resulted in the festival being no longer allowed to take place there. Local businesses were trashed; Sainsburys had baskets and trolleys stolen *en masse*, their toilets were smashed and flooded, and festival goers got drunk on their premises. The state of the site after the festival goers left was beyond appalling, with thousands of tents broken or burned, rubbish heaped up and/or burned, lots of people had gone to the toilet in bushes, and the grass was completely turned to mud.

The following link shows the types of crimes that occurred at the Leeds Festival between 2012 and 2016, following a Freedom of Information request made to West Yorkshire Police 13 July 2017.

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/418097/response/1019951/attach/3/FOI%203338%2017.pdf?cookie_passthrough=1

According to Leeds Live (www.leeds-live.co.uk), the number of sexual offences committed at Leeds Festival hit a four-year high in 2017. (<https://www.leeds-live.co.uk/news/leeds-news/sex-offences-leeds-festival-hit-15004830>, accessed 11 April 2020.)

Do we really want these sorts of additional crimes to take place in this quiet part of Leeds?

4. Where will all the festival goers stay? The first year there is to be no camping available. Even taking into account all the hotels and Airbnb properties in the area, there are insufficient places to stay. Does this mean that there will be a lot of rough sleeping?

Swillington is a quiet village in East Leeds, with a low crime rate. The only significant noise comes from the A1/M1, yet it used to be almost unbearable to live here when the Leeds Festival was at Temple Newsam. My husband and I do not want to see something similar happening again.



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 Apr 2020 22:50:51 +0100
To: Entertainment Licensing
Cc: Dobson, Cllr Mark; Field, Cllr Sarah; McCormack, Cllr Suzanne
Subject: Application for a Premises Licence - PREM-04519/001

Mint Festival - Newsam Green Farm, Newsam Green, Pontefract Lane, Leeds LS15 9AD

We write further to the above planning application and to detail our objections :-

1. Prevention of Crime and Disorder

No clear information on how the site will be policed in terms of substance misuse and drug dealing

2. Public Nuisance

Unfortunately I have been unable to find the map referred to in the text regarding traffic management and parking.

Since the road already has a prohibition of traffic at the Gamblethorpe (Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 Sections 14 (1) and 15 (2) Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991) we are concerned as to how the site will be accessed other than from Bullerthorpe Lane which is a totally inadequate road in extremely poor state of repair and would bring large volumes of traffic in close vicinity to the access to our homes. Additionally the road at both sides of the traffic lights are already subject to a large amount of fly tipping and particularly on Newsam Green Road, littering from the Colton Fast Food outlet all of which already of a huge impact on our home environment.

We envisage that the noise, volume of people and traffic in the area will be at a completely unacceptable level, however it is monitored. They may be able to monitor the noise on site but how is it to be monitored in the area around our homes which is normally a quiet peaceful setting. The layout of the festival stages and direction which the speakers are facing could also have a big impact on noise levels at our property.

3. Public Safety

The section of road between Newsam Green Farm and junction 45 of the M1 already has a huge volume of heavy vehicles due to the building of a new estate at the Skelton Gate site and the Biffa composting site. The restrictions of access at the traffic lights was imposed following several fatalities on what is a narrow and winding country road.

We are also concerned about the impact generally on the environment in what is quite a rural area.

Generally how are access restrictions going to be monitored.

Our homes are also currently dealing with the Environment Agency on problems with odours from the Biffa composting site and the impact of HS2 on the area around our homes.

We appreciate we are in community of only 15 properties but we believe that the impact on us would be totally unacceptable if the licence is approved.



Sent from my iPad

planning.comments@leeds.gov.uk

From:planning.comments@leeds.gov.uk

Sent:13 Apr 2020 17:35:20 +0100

To:Wood, Jane

Subject:Comments for Licensing Application PREM/04519/001

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 5:35 PM on 13 Apr 2020 from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address: Newsam Green Farm Newsam Green Pontefract Lane Leeds LS15 9AD

Proposal: Premises Licence - New Application

Case Officer: Miss Jane Wood

[Click for further information](#)

Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour response

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

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ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING SECTION

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8 APRIL 2020

REF MD/SE/SM/JD.

DEAR SIRS/MADAM,

I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THE LICENSING OF
MINT FESTIVAL - NEWSHAM GREEN FARM WHICH WOULD TAKE PLACE 2020
AND THE SUBSEQUENT YEARS.

THE CURRENT SITUATION WITH COVID-19 IS WORRYING TO PEOPLE OF
EVERY AGE GROUP AND LARGE GATHERINGS SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED
ON OUR DOORSTEP.

PARKING WILL BE A MAJOR PROBLEM

PUBLIC NUISANCE AND PUBLIC SAFETY WOULD BE WORRYING TO ALL NEIGHBOURS
WHO ARE ALREADY CONCERNED.

THERE WILL BE UNDER AGE DRINKING AND AWFUL BEHAVIOUR.

I HOPE THIS LICENCE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED EITHER THIS
YEAR OR SUBSEQUENT YEARS

YOURS SINCERELY

ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING SECTION

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6/4/2020

REF: MD/SF/SM/SD

Dear Sir/Madam,

I strongly object to the licensing of Mint Festival -
Newsam Green Farm to take place 2020.
We are being told to keep distances and stay at home due to COVID-19
and avoid large gatherings so its very worrying to think the
festival should be permitted,
Late night refreshments and the supply of alcohol will lead to
awful behaviour so close to us.
Loud music will be a nuisance.
Parking will also cause problems.
I hope this license will not be granted

Yours Sincerely

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

30th March 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to strongly object to the application for a premises licence regarding Mint Festival Ltd. – Newsam Green Farm, Pontefract Lane, Leeds LS15 9AD. REF: PREM/04519/001 for the following reasons;

This type of event is not for the benefit of the local community it is geared up purely for commercial gain. It would actively cause crime and disorder in the area, in terms of encouraging the sale of illegal drugs both inside and outside the event(s), as well as anti-social behaviour going on until the early hours of the morning on each day of the event(s).

It is well documented that the sale of alcohol (and drugs) during the extended hours of 12.00 and 02.00 would require extra Policing and put a strain on local hospitals and increase the threat of violence erupting at the event(s) and disturbing the peace of local residents in the surrounding area.

Large numbers of people descending on a green belt area, would almost certainly create a public nuisance, due to all the associated litter left behind thus, encouraging the spread of vermin which would have an adverse affect on public safety and public hygiene in the area.

Furthermore, such an event would mean residents in the area would suffer loss of amenity during these events, in terms of being unable to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of their own garden due to the noise pollution created by the event. Why should the public have to put up with a noise party that would go on for several days and nights at a time.

Granting a licence, would further attract the potential for more crime to be committed in the local area for example, shop lifting in local shops, trespassing on peoples land, using local residents land as public toilet areas and a whole host of other issues.

In addition, more climate pollution would be generated due to the additional volumes of traffic coming into the area to attend the event(s). Leeds City Council - I believe are committed to reversing climate change rather than increasing it. Increased air pollution is a detriment to public health and harmful to children living in the surrounding area.

The Pontefract Lane area of the City and in particular, the roads surrounding this farm are narrow country lanes, which could increase the risk of road traffic accidents occurring, with all the extra volumes of road traffic such events would bring. This would also create a nuisance for local farmers in the area who need to access their fields for work purposes.

If a licence was to be granted for this type of event, it is an active invitation to terrorists and presents a serious public safety risk to all those attending the event. There is a perfectly adequate licenced music arena in the City of Leeds for such events. The arena is properly controlled with security and cameras for the safety of the public in general and to reduce the terror threat.

This is also an abuse of green belt area purely for commercial gain. If the weather happened to be very inclement over the day(s) of these events, it would turn a green space into a mud bath which would be trailed out onto the roads creating road safety hazards, given vehicles would not be able to brake safely with all the mud covering the road surfaces.

There is also the safety of local farm animals at risk, in respect of the large volumes of traffic and people coming and going. Causing upset to the animals and disturbing local wildlife.

Who will enforce the no camping rule during the first festival, there is likely to be tents pitched all around the area on privately owned land, in order to get in early to the festival to obtain the best viewing spots.

I do hope the Council licencing authority will take full account of my objections, and no doubt the objections of other local residents, by refusing to grant a licence for these events both now and in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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Garforth & Swillington Ward

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 30 Mar 2020, at 14:27, [REDACTED] > wrote:

Dear Councillor Dobson

Re The Mint Festival

I wish to object re the above at Newsom Green Farm for the following reasons

The suitability of the location regarding access

,to the farm, congestion, parking, minor roads ie Bullerthorpe Lane,public safety, public nuisance..

Prevention of Crime and disorder.

Protecting children from harm.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]