

Nelson, Matthew

From: Dobson, Cllr Mark
Sent: 28 March 2020 22:13
To: [REDACTED]; Entertainment Licensing
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Mint Festival

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

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> On 28 Mar 2020, at 22:10, [REDACTED] wrote:
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> Hi
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> Thanks for getting back to me, I appreciate it and also good to know we are not alone in our opinion toward this event.
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> Yes I am certainly happy for this to be treated as an official objection, but I can also send directly an objection if that would help. Your advice is very much welcome in the best way of making our objection heard.
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> I note licensing not yet copied in, will you be forwarding separately?
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> Thanks
> [REDACTED]
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>> On 28 Mar 2020, at 21:34, Dobson, Cllr Mark [REDACTED] wrote:
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>> Hi
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>> Sarah, Sue and I are not entitled to give her opinion in letters that go out from the council but I can tell you now we wrote to people because we are firmly against this proposal. I have had experiences of this festival out of the location when I was in charge of Parks and Countryside and it's always horrendous. I am copying in Licensing. To be clear, are you saying that you wish this to be treated as an official objection to this event? That would be incredibly useful.
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>> Best wishes
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>> Councillor Mark Dobson

>> Leader, Garforth & Swillington Independents Garforth & Swillington

>> Ward

>> [REDACTED]

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>>>> On 28 Mar 2020, at 21:32, [REDACTED] wrote:

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>>> Hi Mark

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>>> We received a letter from yourself, Sarah and Suzanne today regarding the application for a premises licence for Mint Festival.

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>>> I had actually intended on contacting you as wasn't sure whether you would still be our local representative. We moved from Garforth last year and now live [REDACTED] which was sold to the organisers of Mint Festival.

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>>> As I am sure you will appreciate, this was certainly not the type of thing we envisaged being on our doorstep. When we moved in September, Newsam Green Farm was a fully functional agricultural farm with Grade II listed farmhouse and barns so it is somewhat alarming for us that this is potentially to be replaced with a festival venue facilitating all-night music, partying and associated activities. As a police officer, my husband is all too aware of the crime levels, anti social behaviour, and drug supply/abuse that has been associated with this event in previous years.

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>>> We need to contest this application and would appreciate any help you can offer in terms of how best to target our concerns. I also wondered if you had any insight into where the main point of access would be and exactly where the event / parking / camping would be as the land owned is sizeable therefore these details could make a big difference in how this affects us. I am fearful that with few residents in this area, our voice may not be heard.

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>>> We also need to consider the issue of the road itself which is wholly unsuitable for any volume of traffic, it is in desperate need of repair. While already used as a rat-run, it is just not suitable for any volume of traffic and I believe that is why a stretch of this road is prohibited. How that would work I have no idea with 15,000 people trying to get through it.

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>>> While I doubt many would want this type of event occurring literally across the road from them, my main concerns at this early stage are around our security, access, privacy, and for my young school-age children which would potentially all be hugely affected and jeopardised if this was to go ahead.

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>>> You also mention in your letter that this year the license would be for 1 day but in future years this would increase along with provision of camping. Is this all to be agreed in this one application, or will there be a review following this year's event? Should the event go ahead for this year, I feel it would be crucial for a review to be carried out before the Council could commit to future events, and surely the occurrences of crime / drug use / anti social behaviour etc would have to be deemed acceptable for future events to be agreed?

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>>> I look forward to hearing from you, I know you are all incredibly heavily invested in your community and I would be interested to know what stance you take on this application.

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>>> Many thanks

>>> [REDACTED]

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