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Dear Licensing Authority,

APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE – LICENSING ACT 2003:

PREM/04885/001

**MINT FESTIVAL – NEWSAM GREEN FARM, NEWSAM GREEN, PONTEFRACT LANE,
LEEDS LS15 9AD**

LEEDS CITY COUNCIL LICENSING AUTHORITY – LETTER OF REPRESENTATION

In summary, the application for a premises licence ('the licence') is relating to the holding of a two and a half day music event for up to 19,999 people each day over one weekend per year, (for a total of 3 days in all).

The Licensing Authority ('the authority') formally submits a representation objecting to the licence application as it is of the opinion that the application is likely to undermine the following mandatory licensing objective if the licence were granted:

- Public safety

Our formal representation is based on the findings of Licensing Authority enforcement officers ('officers') who worked the one-day Mint Festival event on Saturday, 25th September 2021 at Newsam Green Farm, Leeds 15. The 2021 event was the first event held on the new site by Mint Festival. Officers in attendance observed the following, which was fed back to the Leeds Safety Advisory Group (for events) at the event de-brief held on Friday, 26th November 2021 and was attended by representatives from Mint Festival and Leeds Safety Advisory Group (for events).

Newsome Green Road / Bullerthorpe Lane – access roads leading to/from the event site were busy with eventgoers walking in the carriageways (no footpath along Newsome Green Road) in conflict with event-related vehicular traffic. No lighting along the main parts of Newsome Green Road which created a risk for pedestrians using the route



during egress from the site. Eventgoers were being dropped off in vehicles on Bullerthorpe Lane at the junction with Newsome Green Road which created congestion in the vicinity and risk of incident involving pedestrians going to/from the event site and event and non-event vehicular traffic. The traffic management plan needs to be reviewed by the event organiser and Highways to look at ways of negating such issues arising for future events.

The above feedback was provided based on a one-day event. The Authority is of the opinion that a three-day event over one weekend with significantly increased numbers of event-goers and event vehicular traffic movements would bring increased traffic management issues and potential traffic associated risks. The Authority (and presumably Leeds Safety Advisory Group (for events) partners) would want to see improvements to the traffic management plan delivery for the one-day event before considering supporting any further extension of days/activities to the licence for the existing site.

Home Office published statutory guidance issued April 2018: **Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003**

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/705588/Revised_guidance_issued_under_section_182_of_the_Licensing_Act_2003_April_2018_.pdf

On the Public safety mandatory licensing objective, the statutory guidance states:

2.8 Ensuring the safety of people when leaving the premises (for example, through the provision of information on late-night transportation)

Ensuring safe departure of those using the premises

2.10 Licence holders should make provision to ensure that premises users safely leave their premises. Measures that may assist include:

- Providing information on the premises of local taxi companies who can provide safe transportation home; and
- Ensuring adequate lighting outside the premises, particularly on paths leading to and from the premises and in car parks.

Yours faithfully,



James Kennedy
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