

Nelson, Matthew

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Good morning

I wish to object into the license for the above festival.

Please remember this is an event that Leeds city council no longer allowed on its own premises so to grant a license to seem at variance to the councils own policy regarding this festival.

- the prevention of crime and disorder
The festival has a history of been associated with crime and disorder and the council have been presented images of the aftermath of that disorder the last years festival which I have shared with the member of council who chaired the meeting last year.

Despite assurances regarding last year's festival there was still the same level of disorder and therefore no improvements appear to have been made.

- public safety

I am concerned for Public Safety regarding this event. Last year we had reports of hundreds of people spilling out onto a busy highway, after the event, the images provided show many of those were under the influence of alcohol.

- the prevention of public nuisance

Obviously there is a great deal of nuisance for the public in terms of litter, detritus in the highway, loud noise is extremely close to residential amenity and huge traffic delays none of which appear to have been factored into last years event.

- the protection of children from harm

Many of the people at the festival were young adults or minors. I continue to be worried about this festival with its history of drug use and alcohol use on site and I do not believe, looking at the images last year, it was done to manage this and I do believe there is potential harm to young people.

Therefore I would like to request that this matter goes to a full licensing subcommittee and that I speak at that meeting both as an elected member and the resident.

To be honest I fully expect the council subcommittee to pass this because last year nobody appeared to want to give due diligence to public concerns which, of course, is a matter for them but I do feel duty-bound, as do my two colleagues, to speak up for public safety and common sense.

Best wishes

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