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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 November 2022 10:55
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Mint Festival New Application Ref PREM/05024/001

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Dear Sir,

With reference to Mint Festival New Application Ref PREM/05024/001 September 23rd, 2023.

I wish to object against the issue of a licence for this event due to several reasons which I shall outline below.

The last time an event was held here at Newsam Green Farm I could hear the music as if it were in my own garden, it was so loud.

There was a mass of drug paraphernalia leading up to the event from Woodlesford Railway Station which is a very unpleasant sight for anyone to have to see and it could have quite easily have caused a danger to pedestrians. I believe hundreds of laughing gas cylinders were collected on that route and on the riverbank.

The parking of vehicles which appeared to be abandoned where no parking cones were placed was great in number.

No stewarding or Security on Bullerthorpe lane at all throughout the event.

Drunken people some quite hostile and abusive staggering in the road the full length of Bullerthorpe Lane almost colliding with passing vehicles.

Taxis and Private hire vehicles not conforming to the road closure or layout for the event.

We have enough with the noise from the Leeds Festival every year without having to endure two days of this music, crowd conduct, drunken behaviour and littering. The event was poorly organised and due to the disruption, it causes to residents in nearby homes and villages should not be granted a licence.

Yours Sincerely



Objection 2

Musson, Martyn

From: planning.comments@leeds.gov.uk
Sent: 03 December 2022 10:31
To: Musson, Martyn
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application PREM/05024/001

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 03/12/2022 10:31 AM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address:	Newsam Green Farm Newsam Green Pontefract Lane Leeds LS15 9AD
Proposal:	Premises Licence - New Application
Case Officer:	Mr Martyn Musson

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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: 03/12/2022 10:31 AM I am writing to object to the licence application for Mint Festival. This festival has in the past created excessive noise far above legal limits and has resulted in noise complaints. No action has been taken by event staff on receipt of those complaints and I have no trust that they will comply with the revised limits based on previous performance. We are a small, quiet, rural community who values peace and quiet. An event such as this creates noise violations and complaints as well as traffic disruption. Whilst 2 days may seem a small disruption when you add this to the more than 10 days disruption already caused by events at Temple Newsam this results in a significant proportion of the year/weekends where residents are driven out of their homes by excessive noise. Additionally Mint Festival organisers have approached me directly knowing I have objected in the past in a seeming attempt to ensure I do not object to this application. This feels like intimidation and is at best highly unethical, it suggests that the organisers have no intention to abide by any limits set should the application be granted and have no respect for the local

community.
I urge you to respect local residents concerns and deny this licence application.

Kind regards

Objection 3



3 December 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to strongly object to the application for a premises licence regarding **Mint Festival – Newsam Green Farm, Pontefract Lane, Leeds LS15 9AD. REF: PREM/05024/001** for the following reasons;

This event is not for the benefit of the local community it is geared up purely for commercial gain by the promoters. It has nothing whatsoever to do with it being a cultural event or indeed promoting Leeds as a city of culture. Furthermore, this will be another year residents in the area living around the site will have to put up with all the noise generated by these people if this application is approved. On the last occasion when a license was granted for this festival to go ahead, I was trying to work on Saturday afternoon and all I could hear was the thump, thump, thump of music being played in the back ground. In the evening the sound was even louder. In my view, there was no control or proper monitoring of the noise levels created by this event. The music was that loud at around 8pm in the evening it was drowning out the sound of the television. If you could still access the Facebook community page called Swillington talk for that day, you would see that residents in the area were posting comments about the music levels coming from that event.

The Councillors who are considering the licence for this event, ought to seriously take account of what they maybe approving in terms of disturbing the peace of law-abiding residents. The noise levels previously were an act of anti- social behaviour approved by the Council and should not be allowed to take place. Indeed, if any of the residents in the area carried on in this manner, they would be served with an ASBO at a minimum or charged with a public order offence therefore why should Mint Festival be allowed to carry on in this manner.

No way should local residents have to put up with all this nonsense every year and in particular, this time for two consecutive days with crowds of up to 7,500 in attendance each day and the possibility of this increasing to 9,999 each day in the future. The application makes no provision for camping however, if a person has a two-day ticket for the event, it will mean people camping all over the place in the surrounding area and this will create a blight on what is green belt countryside. Large numbers of people descending on a green belt area is almost certainly a magnet for public nuisance, due to all the associated litter left behind by the visitors and the surrounding area being used as a public toilet, which in turn encourages the spread of vermin and impacts on public safety and public hygiene. When people leave the site each day, they will be hyped up, full of adrenaline and in some cases drunk and disorderly due to the sale of alcohol for long extended hours on both days of the event and even possibly drugged up. This will be a catalyst for rowdiness and public disorder behaviour particularly impacting on residents living in close proximity to the site. There is no public transport available in the Swillington/Newsam Green/Woodlesford area at the time the event



finishes on each of the evenings therefore, people cannot leave the area without lots of cars/taxi's being in the vicinity and this further adds to air and noise pollution.

I have always paid my council tax without default and I expect the city council to respect the wishes of the people who contribute towards the city and live in this and the surrounding areas and not bow down to the demands of Mint Festival and the people coming into the area who contribute nothing towards our great city other than creating a public nuisance.

Over the last two years the world has been brought to its knees with Covid. This type of event will actively disrupt public safety and encourage the spread of Covid with all the people attending the event mingling and dancing together in close proximity of each other as this is not a seated event or socially distanced event. Not to mention the strain that this will also place on the NHS. The NHS staff have enough to deal with without Leeds City Council putting even more strain on the service if this licence is approved.

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