

Supplementary Agenda



Meeting name	Licensing Sub-Committee
Date	Monday, 4 March 2024
Start time	10.00 am
Venue	Parkside, Station Approach, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray, Leics, LE13 1GH
Other information	This meeting is open to the public

Meeting enquiries	Democratic Services
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4.	<p>LICENSING ACT 2003 - APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF PREMISES LICENCE - NOISILY FESTIVAL</p> <p>To consider a report that provides information for a review of the premises licence MMA0324 held by Noisily Festival Ltd on land owned by Belvoir Castle, known as Terrace Hills Farm, Belvoir Road, Eaton, Grantham, NG32 1SN. This Premises Licence allows for an annual four-day festival for up to 14,999 persons. Members will be required to consider the information presented and determine the review application, by taking such steps it considers appropriate for the promotion of the Licensing objectives</p>	1 - 8

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Noisily Festival Alcohol and Drugs Policy

This is the festival's policy on Alcohol and drugs. This policy will be displayed as it is below on the website and in the FAQ's. This will also be sent out in advance to ticket holders with their tickets as part of the welcome pack:

Alcohol Policy

The safety and welfare of everyone onsite is our number one priority. When it comes to drinking alcohol, we want you to do it responsibly.

You must be over 18 years old to attend Noisily and there will be ID checks at the gate. We operate a Challenge 25 at the gate and at all bars. If you're lucky to look under 25, you will be asked to present a valid form of ID so please ensure you take one with you.

Do not overstep your limit. It is illegal for bar staff to serve alcohol to someone who is drunk so if you have had a few too many, you will be refused to be served alcohol.

You are allowed to bring your own alcoholic drinks to Noisily in the following quantities: up to 8 cans of cider, beer or mixers, or up to 2 bottles of wine. Please try to buy your wine in tetra pack cartons or recyclable plastic bottles. Glass is strictly prohibited onsite. If you bring alcohol in glass bottles these may be confiscated so ensure you decant then into non-glass containers before coming to site. Excess alcohol will be confiscated at the gates or if found in the campsites.

Drugs Policy

Noisily has a zero tolerance policy to drugs including: "legal" highs, research chemicals, NPS, poppers, nitrous oxide and the misuse of prescription drugs. We search our ticket holders on arrival at the festival. Should you be found with either a controlled substance or herbal or legal high at the point of entry, you will be denied entry and handed over to the Police.

Should you be found within the festival site with either a controlled substance or legal high you will be evicted and may be arrested. We provide drug amnesty boxes at the entrance of the festival, should you wish to safely dispose of any prohibited items before you enter the festival.

Noisily also supports a harm reduction approach, and as such our medical and welfare teams employ staff who specialise in drug harm reduction. If you have any drug related issues on site, please head to our Welfare or Medical Tents, or speak to a member of the security team.

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On 18 May 2023, at 10:59, EventsMidlands <

@nationalhighways.co.uk> wrote:

Stuart

You will not be permitted any signs on the A1, A46 or A52 directing traffic to attend and event being held at the Belvoir Estate.

Your website should direct them to follow the existing brown tourism signs that direct them to Belvoir Castle.

This is an event attracting only 5000 visitors. Is it the local councils or SAG's that have decided this is required?

In the past there have been numerous events held at Belvoir Castle and in my memory only 1 ever had event signing and they did not have this sheer volume of additional signage. It is simply not required and is excessive.

Event signage should only ever be used to control and direct traffic locally and not to this extent, these signs are not controlling or directing the traffic.

I am sorry to advise this but I have to think about sign proliferation on our network and the safety of our road users is paramount.

Regards

Senior Network Planner Occupancy – Midlands (East)

Advance notice of annual leave

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Sunday, 18 February 2024

Noisily Festival Licence Review MMA0324

Environmental Noise

Introduction

Following the 2023 Noisily Festival noise data collected by Hydrock SPLtrack meters was submitted to Melton Borough Council in accordance with the licence conditions and the noise management plan (NMP). This data was reviewed by the EHO in conjunction with monitoring and subjective assessments made by the Council during the event.

At the SAG debrief meeting held on the 1st August 2023 the Council stated that licence conditions with respect to noise had been adhered to with the exception of one location, that being Woodside Farm. The Council were satisfied that the licence holders and their representatives had engaged with Parish Council representatives and with residents.

It was agreed by all parties that the overall outcome for the first event on the site had been and to a satisfactory standard with respect to environmental noise and that it could be expected that improvements would be made in the second year of the event.

During the meeting the licence holder acknowledged that noise levels had been unsatisfactory at Woodside Farm. An undertaking was made to address this issue for the 2024 event. This is discussed in more detail below.

An application for review of the licence was submitted by Cherry Underwood to Melton Borough Council on the 24th January 2024.

Noise at Woodside Farm

Woodside Farm had not been included in the noise model prior to the event. This omission was unfortunate but was simply due to unfamiliarity with the district.

Prior to the festival this omission was noted and a noise meter was installed at Woodside Farm. It was observed that a loud alarm sounded whenever there was movement in the area around the house and a dog was present in the same area. There was no-one at home when the meter was installed however a note was left and the resident contacted the festival later that day to confirm that they had no objection to hosting the meter.

Immediately after the festival there was a meeting at the farm between the residents and myself. The residents were assured that the situation had been acknowledged by the festival and that

changes would be made to ensure that there could be no recurrence. It was also suggested that the festival could offer overnight hotel accommodation and 24 hour security at the property should the residents wish to accept it. This offer was not made to avoid the issue or in lieu of other mitigation but simply to provide assurance.

Actions for the 2024 Festival

Analysis of the data showed that low frequency noise from the Liquid stage was the principle contributor to impact at Woodside Farm. The same attraction was also responsible for audibility at Redmile. The Liquid stage has therefore been relocated to a position to the east of the arena, reoriented and the loudspeaker design has been revised to ensure better low frequency containment.

The offer of accommodation and security at Woodside Farm remains. It is acknowledged by the licence holder that rejection of the offer by the residents does not affect the duty of the festival to maintain their amenity.

In 2023 all stages were equipped with networked sound level meters. All operators acted responsibly and followed instructions given by festival management. The same briefing and management process will be used for the 2024 event.

Strict controls over small sound systems used by concessions. These are limited in power capacity and bass cabinets are not permitted, however one concession managed to smuggle in a bass cabinet during the 2023 event. A detailed audit process will prevent any recurrence.

Residents have complained that insufficient noise meters were deployed during the 2023 event. Six offsite meters were installed and nine meters were installed within the site. Two portable meters were also provided. The organisers are willing to install further meters in liaison with Parish Council representatives providing these additional meters are in representative locations. Liaison with residents and Parish Councils will be maintained and festival officers will be available throughout the event.

Modelling

A revised environmental noise model has been prepared¹ with stages relocated to positions intended for the 2024 event. The model assumes SW wind at 7m/s and temperature of 15°C.

Receptor calculations indicate that impact levels will be some 4-5dB lower than during the 2023 event and the calculation for Woodside Farm indicates a reduction of approximately 12dB.

The model indicates levels significantly below licence conditions at all receptors however this does not mean that the festival will be undetectable at any given location. It does mean that the

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festival will operate within the requirements of the licence and applicable guidance including that provided by the World Health Organisation.²

A copy of the model appears below³.

Summary

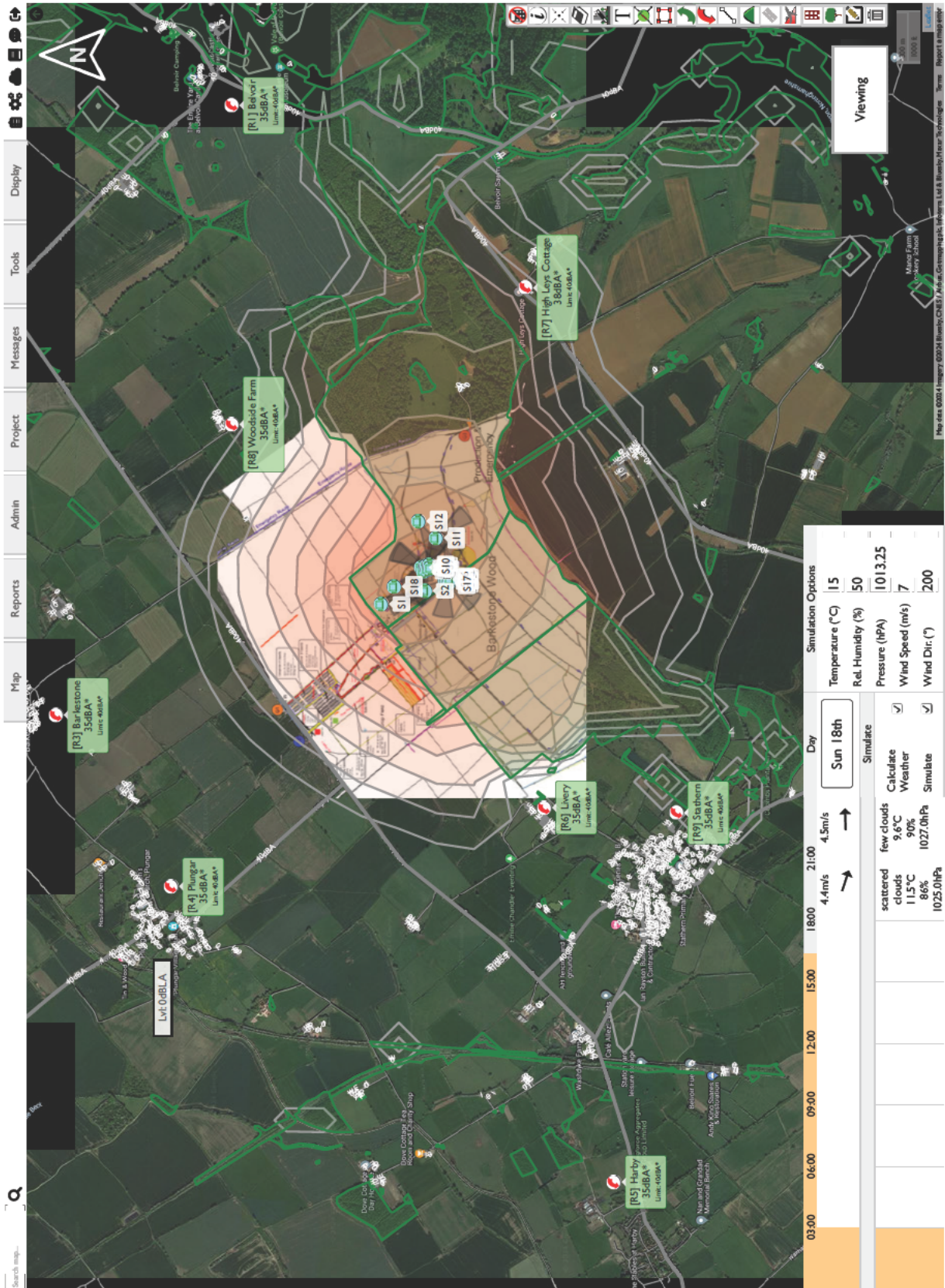
The first festival event on any site involves to some degree a process of learning leading to improvement at future events. This has been the case at the Noisily Festival where opportunities for further mitigation have been identified and implemented. Hydrock SPLtrack will work to prioritise the amenity of all residents.

Chris Beale BSc.

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² WHO Night noise guidelines for Europe

³ The model is subject to update. The active version of the model will be contained in the latest NMP version release.



Noisily 2024 Overnight Noise Model