

Melton Borough Council: Licensing Authority

Premises licence application – Noisily Festival at Terrace Hill Farm, Belvoir

I acknowledge receipt of your consultation dated 24 November 2021 in respect of the above premises licence application. I have reviewed the application and supporting documentation. On behalf of Environmental Health as a Responsible Authority, I make the following representations.

Environmental Health and Noisily Festival Limited have provisionally agreed a framework to control event noise in the interests of preventing a public nuisance. The following conditions (subject to minor adjustments as necessary) have been proposed and accepted by both parties – please attached confirmation of acceptance from the applicant.

We respectfully request the Licensing Committee consider the conditions for inclusion on the premises licence should the applicant be granted.

The licence holder shall give notice to the Local Authority of the date of the forthcoming event three months prior to the event being held.

Where the Local Authority has received notice of an event, a noise management plan (NMP) shall be submitted to Environmental Health at least six weeks prior to the event taking place. The NMP shall identify the location, the direction of the stages & sound systems, hours of operation and the target ‘on-the-dancefloor’ sound pressure levels. The NMP shall detail the proposed noise controls to be employed during the event, the location of the noise sensitive receptors (NSRs) and monitoring positions. The NMP shall include a dedicated complaints system for both ‘on-the-night’ and post event contacts. The noise management plan shall be agreed with Environmental Health prior to the event taking place.

Between the hours of 10:00 - 23:00 on any three event days, the music noise level (MNL) shall not exceed a broadband LAeq,15mins of 50dBA at the façade of any NSR. On any additional event days, the MNL shall not exceed a representative background LA90,15min by more than 15dBA, capped at an upper limit of 50dBA. The sound specific to the event at any NSR shall not include significant bass beats. Bass beats specific to the event shall cause no more than 10dBCb increase over the underlying level and/or subjective assessment by an officer of the Council.

Between the hours of 23:00 - 05:00 on any event day, the MNL shall not exceed the lower of (1) a representative background LA90,15min by more than 10dBA or (2) a broadband LAeq,15mins of 40dBA, at the façade of any NSR. The sound specific to the event at any NSR shall not include distinct bass beats. Bass beats specific to the event shall cause no more than 5dBCb increase over the underlying level and/or subjective assessment by an officer of the Council.

The MNL in the 63Hz octave frequency band does not exceed 62dBZ (EQ) over 15 minute period between the hours of 23:00 - 05:00 at any NSR. The MNL in the 125Hz octave frequency band does not exceed 53dBZ (EQ) over 15 minute period between the hours of 23:00 - 07:00 at any NSR.

Any NSR (including third-party Belvoir Castle tenants) may waive their rights to the protections afforded to a NSR only when written confirmation has been received by the Local Authority.

All sound management measures for events involving amplified music shall be carried out by SPL Track Environmental or another company to be agreed with the Local Authority prior to the next event.

The licence holder shall be responsible for monitoring for 'rogue' sound systems, including in the car parks associated with the event.

The dedicated complaints system shall include both an oral telephone hotline and a written, 'online' form of communication. The complaints system shall be staffed throughout the duration of the event. All complaints shall be logged. This is to include the name of the contact, telephone number and/or email address, their location (if disclosed), a brief description of the issue and subsequent investigation and intervention (if any). The log is also to include unidentified or anonymous contacts. The log will be available for inspection by the Local Authority during the event and a final copy provided to them within a week after the event.

Any premises licence, including any subsequent variations, granted to Noisily Festival Limited (the licence holder) in respect of the Noisily Festival at Terrace Hills Farm, Belvoir is operator limited and cannot be transferred to any other party.

Regards

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