

Licensing Act 2003
REPRESENTATION FORM

Your name / organisation name / name of body you represent	Sheryl and Rod Smart
Postal and email address	REDACTED
Contact telephone number	REDACTED
Name of the premises you are making a representation about	Noisily Festival LTD
Address of the premises you are making a representation about.	Terrace Hills Farm, Knipton, Grantham NG32 1EX

Your representation must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives (see note 2)

Licensing Objective	Yes Or No	<i>Please detail the evidence supporting your representation or the reason for your representation. Please use separate sheets if necessary</i>
To prevent crime and disorder	Yes	<p>A lot information on the website seems to be around drug use, which although it says they have a zero policy they also have statements like:- “we are strong advocates of psychedelic awareness, the science behind experiences and the culture surrounding them. Given the simple truth that it is impossible to entirely stop people taking psychoactive substances, we believe in education and harm reduction, so that if individuals choose to, they should do so in a safe and positive way.” Or, “our Welfare Tent is operated by Psycare... head there if you feel unwell, disorientated, distressed, lost, or if <i>you’ve aimed at the sky and landed amongst the stars.</i>” To me this means drugs and if so shows that the searches at the entrance and zero drug policy means very little.</p> <p>The website also states that people will be immediately evicted from the site and handed over to the police but the above statement seems to contradict this. Drugs are illegal and criminal and this should not be a drug rehab festival.</p> <p>I am also concerned about the damage to the woodland and environment and I would like to see the licensing committee consider that this is the peak time for nesting birds in the woods and that the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, affords protection to birds and their nests. The woodland provides an important habitat for a variety of mammals and reptiles who will also be in the middle of their breeding season. Loud music, flashing lights and thousands of people roaming around the woods will cause considerable disruption to this, particular to the mammals, amphibians, birds and insects that rely on acoustic signals to communicate. Bats and Barn Owls (which we have in the village and woods) rely on sound to hunt and feed. It is such a shame that wildlife protection is never considered in these applications</p>

Public safety	Yes	<p>The proposed site runs along the Belvoir Escarpment, a heavily wooded area with steep drops which could cause serious injury if people are roaming around in the dark, particularly if intoxicated or under the influence of drugs. This could make emergency service access very difficult and dangerous for them as well.</p> <p>The drop from the escarpment is about 160 feet according to OS mapping.</p>
To prevent public nuisance	Yes	<p>The site is far too close to homes in Stathern, Plungar and Barketstone and we have recently been informed that the organisers are now planning to run the main body of the festival at the bottom of the escarpment, even closer to and on the same level as the village. How this works if the camping is at the top of the hill by Terrace Hill Farm is not clear as it would be a dangerous trek up the hill and down again and, having walked the footpath up the hill, it is a very steep and uneven. The local villages are likely to suffer significant noise pollution which is likely to be almost continuous over the period of the event if the licence is granted and I feel it is very unlikely that they will turn the music down if complaints are made (according to the Everfest website, Noisily <i>"benefits from being one of the loudest and freest festivals in terms of sound"</i>). The event is scheduled to be in the middle of summer and if the weather is warm then many local residents will need to have their windows open to allow ventilation (including at night) which will give no reprieve from the volume of music. The name of the event itself (<i>Noisily</i>) seems to sum up the problems that it's likely to cause. What the organiser thinks is acceptable in terms of noise and what residents think are likely to be two different things and it is hoped that, if granted, Environmental Services staff will be on call and can be contacted by residents to speak to the festival organisers if the noise is too much.</p> <p>A public bridleway at the top of the escarpment (The Jubilee Way) which is used a lot by walkers, particularly people with dogs, and horse riders appears to be cut off by the site boundary. It is not clear if this path will be closed during the duration of the festival as otherwise people will be able to get in for free. I am concerned that there could be a risk of confrontation if the path is blocked.</p> <p>The Sat Nav systems often directs vehicles into our village, not appreciating that the majority of our roads are narrow and single track with no pavement. We have a major bottle neck in the village which has been continually highlighted to both Highways and the Borough Council.</p>
To protect children from harm	Yes	<p>The fact that the festival takes place in term time in Leicestershire (according to Leicestershire County Council the last day of term is the 12th July) and that the festival is so close to residential homes, it is likely that children will be affected by the noise, causing issues with homework and sleeping (again particularly if the weather is warm).</p>

<p>Please suggest any conditions that could be added to the license to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account (see note 2).</p>	<p>The festival is already being advertised on the Noisily website so I am assuming the licensing is a forgone conclusion as it has been licenced in the past in its original home.</p> <p>However, it is in totally the wrong place, extremely close to existing homes and with a dangerous, steep escarpment. The organiser has no links to the area or understanding of the terrain (it is as though he has stuck a pin in a map and this is where it landed) and if the festival is to continue then a suitable home that can be used regularly should be considered where disruption and damage will be minimal.</p> <p>The planned festival is on land belonging to the Belvoir Castle</p>
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estate which is well used to running festivals and events in the castle grounds. It would make much more sense to hold the festival on existing land or in the grounds of the castle where there is better access for vehicles attending the festival and emergency services, and facilities for camping and the music stages. The Castle is hosting the Caravan and Motorhome Club's annual festival at their camping site between the 1st and 5th June 2022 so they must have room to accommodate a large number of caravans and people already and the access roads to facilitate these large vehicles.

Signed
Please see notes on reverse

Date: 20/12/2021

NOTES

1. This form must be returned within the statutory period of 28 days from the date the application was displayed on the premises of the date given in the public notice in a local newspaper or other local publication.
2. These can only relate to the four licensing objectives.
3. If you do make a representation you will be expected to attend a meeting of the Licensing Authority's Committee and any subsequent appeal proceeding. If you do not attend, the Committee will consider any representations that you have made.
4. Please return this form when completed to:

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