

Licensing Act 2003
REPRESENTATION FORM

Your name / organisation name / name of body you represent	Justine Collins / Stathern Parish Council
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>Impact on wildlife - It is a crime under the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981 to disturb breeding birds and damage wildlife. In addition, Terrace Hills Pasture is a Site of Special Scientific Interest. The site proposed lies within the impact risk zone to this SSSI. Birds would still be nesting at this time and continuous noise and light intrusion would cause many to abandon their Nests. This includes five species of tits, many finches and also the ground nesting Woodcock (Red Listed) and Snipe, Goshawk (Amber Listed and identified as highly vulnerable to disturbance in the nesting season) plus Raven, Red Kite Peregrine, Cuckoo and Spotted Flycatcher. Within the woods are also badgers, foxes, hedgehogs, roe deer and muntjac. Disturbance could not be avoided given the nature of the event and the numbers of people involved.</p> <p>A few years ago, the Belvoir estate was given a grant of some £250000 by the forest enterprise to protect over ten of the countries declining woodland birds, this event would seriously compromise this considerable investment by the forest enterprise.</p> <p>Other Crime -The promoters claim to not permit illegal substances but declare themselves unable to control drug taking. This link shows that in practice they actively promote what they call 'psychedelic awareness' and the 'safe and positive' use of hallucinogenics https://noisilyfestival.com/noisily-the-psychedelic-society</p> <p>Again, a risk to the local communities and to children.</p> <p>A few years ago, a student fell to his death after coming down from a cocktail of drugs taken at the festival https://thetab.com/uk/sussex/2015/11/20/brighton-student-falls-60ft-death-taking-cocktail-drugs2-7056. 'He wasn't known to be a regular drug user, and would only ever do drugs on special</p>

		<p>occasions such as the Noisily Music Festival he had attended. Access to emergency services could be hours not minutes away.</p>
Public safety	Yes	<p>Security/ Public Safety. The side of the escarpment is steep and dangerous (see Evidence below) and will be tricky to fence off effectively (negating access control) and is very prone to land slippage. This presents a hazard for anyone (and in these sort of numbers) roaming around the woods. In this last month sadly, a missing person was found dead in these same woods, after 3 days of searching. Also in an incident where a hunt monitor was injured in this area it took more than 3 hours to manually extract him from the woods where he fell.</p> <p>https://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/news/leicester-news/father-son-leave-belvoir-hunt-1439707. With such a large number of attendees, how are they going to ensure their safety. Serious accidents in this area usually mean calling out the Air Ambulance. No control plan is put forward other than vague promises of security. This event presents considerable risks to young people. It will attract large numbers of local teenagers who have frequented local small scale music festivals such as knipfest/hosefest/party in the park and these young people will use their local knowledge to find ways into the event through the woods as it will be impossible to secure the whole perimeter. There are a number of lakes locally and certainly within walking distance of the proposed site. Young people already frequent these lakes in the summer. The combination of drugs and alcohol and swimming could be lethal.</p> <p>Discarded needles amongst the undergrowth are a danger to all who access the area as well as wildlife.</p> <p>Fire services are distant (as are all emergency services). If the period is dry the woods could be at high risk of fire. In midsummer fire warnings are common.</p> <p>As fire services are so distant the risk of fire spreading and impacting adjacent farms, businesses, properties and livestock are significant.</p>
To prevent public nuisance	Yes	<p>Traffic and access. It is proposed that up to 10000 people come to this remote rural area ten miles from the nearest town and with no public transport. All access would be by car along narrow unlit lanes creating traffic congestion and parking issues. The event will place significant pressure on the emergency services. Fire ambulance and police are all based miles away and the service provided to local residents is likely to be adversely affected.</p> <p>It is quite possible there could be other events in the near vicinity that could further exacerbate the volume of traffic on these narrow roads. These roads are heavily used by cycling clubs and for cycle races particularly during the summer months.</p>

		<p>The negative impact on local businesses. Only 1 field away from the lower end of the site is the training grounds and business site of an international professional horse rider, the proposed sound and lighting from this event is likely to cause considerable distress and fear in the horses housed and visiting this business, endangering those caring for them.</p> <p>The excessively loud and prolonged noise will disturb residents and livestock. 'Noisily lives up to its name as the loudest of all great British festivals' quote from Everfest The 12 International Festivals Creating the Epic Eclipse Gathering in Oregon Everfest</p> <p>Disturbance of local / national amenity. The proposed site covers a popular track and bridleway which is part of the Jubilee Way itself part of the Cross Britain Way a 21 mile trail through Leics which links to national trails. The section between Stathern and Belvoir Castle is often raised as a highlight by walker's groups and is well used, especially in the summer (including Duke of Edinburgh hikes) People come from across the country to use this track. For the four days of the festival and the days before and after as it is put together and removed it would be impossible to enjoy the peaceful pursuits of walking, cycling and horse riding in this area. The use of this national trail has vastly increased post pandemic and we anticipate this trend to continue.</p>
To protect children from harm	Yes	<p>Child safety. As well as the issues highlighted above it should be noted that children would want to be passing through the woods or playing in other areas undisturbed by loud music and thousands of unknown visitors. Many parents would keep their children at home for safety during this period which is a major restriction. Discarded needles are a risk to children playing and exploring in the woods.</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>There are no conditions that could make the scale and extent of this application acceptable.</p> <p>In summary this application appears to be opportunistic with no research having been undertaken on potential impacts of the event which could be great. It should also be noted that The Belvoir estate already has a site used for other events which is nearer to main roads and in a natural bowl which contains noise and light.</p> <p>This is a very different site to that used previously at Nosely Hall, by comparison this site is fundamentally different to that previously used by the festival as it is a commercially grown and managed woodland with no natural clearings, is very close to at least 4 local villages and has the steep escarpment prone to slippage (see map and image). It is adjacent at the lower end to a straight fast country lane (Long Lane), regularly used as a cut through from the A52 for HGV's and the dairy traffic.</p>
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The jubilee way and associated tracks / footpaths / bridleways need to be kept open, clear and safe to all.

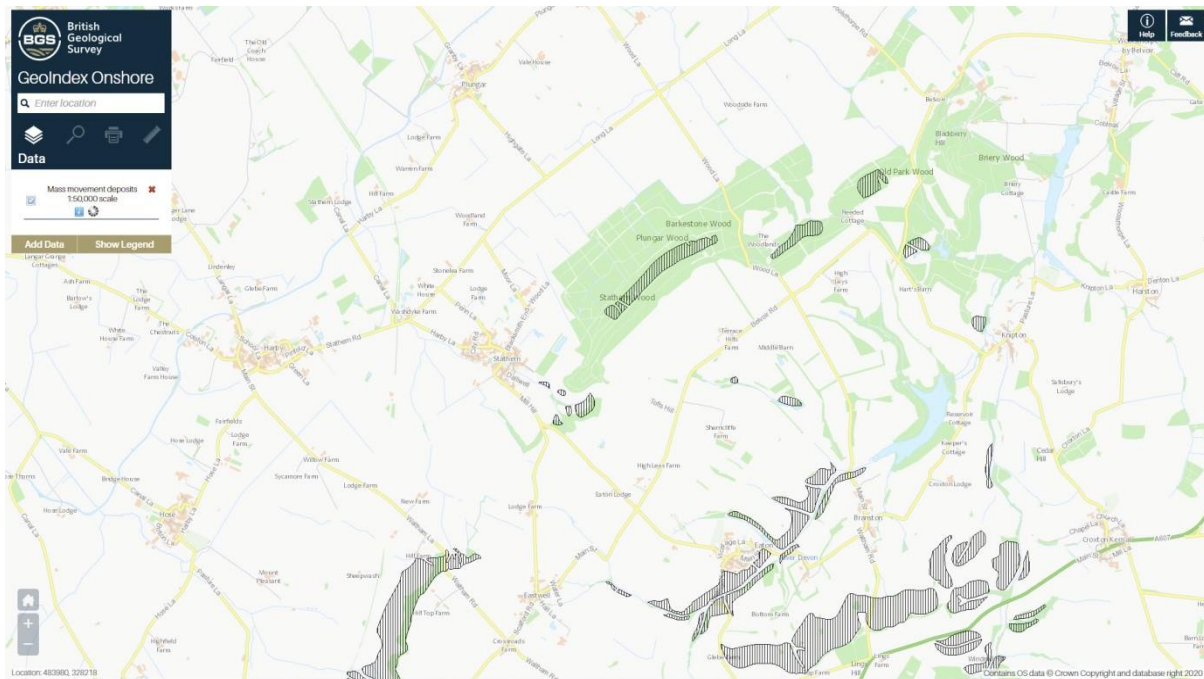
This event would cause major disturbance at a critical time of year (approaching school holidays for children and other visitors and nesting time for birds) and is both unnecessary and undesirable. **It should be refused.**

Signed: REDACTED Date: 20/12/21

Please see notes on reverse

Map below taken from BGS Geindex reference below. Hatched areas within the woods show areas prone to land slippage.

<https://www.bgs.ac.uk/map-viewers/geindex-onshore/>



Recent Landslip In Stathern woods

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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