

## Noisily Festival Environmental Concerns

To whom it may concern,

We write to strongly object to the Public Notice Licensing Act 2003 (Section 17), Premises License Application for the application made by Noisily Festival Ltd, Terrace Hills Farm, Eastwell Road, Knipton, Grantham, NG32 1EX.

My family, for many generations, have been residents at REDACTED, Plungar where we farm a substantial 1200 acres of arable land.

### **Road safety**

The disruption to our farm of the Noisily Festival will cause extreme pressure, congestion and danger, from increased vehicle movements in the local area at a time when it is extremely busy (if not the busiest time of year) on an arable farm. Our heavy farm traffic regularly travels between sites located in Branston, Plungar and Harby. The proposed site of the Noisily Festival is in the middle of these locations, where travel between these sites is extremely frequent. In addition to the 4 days of the festival, we expect that the additional strain on the local roads will be for an extended time period before and after the festival to allow for set up and to dismantle.

### **Noise**

REDACTED

We own and run a Glamping Site, REDACTED in Plungar. Our business is targeted towards outside living and nature. A festival of this size and extreme extended hours over the four days will mean that we will not be able to open as the disturbance to our guests will be immense. The type of people who attend a festival is not the calibre we would usually expect to see. This will be detrimental to our business.

The disruption to local residents from noise is inconsiderate and unacceptable, over 4 days until 4/5am in the morning.

### **Disruption to wildlife**

We farm land located on Toffs Hill, situated between the proposed site and Stathern. There are 25 acres in a Higher Countryside Stewardship Scheme, which is funded by Natural England as an area to enhance the natural environment, which targets ground nesting birds, hares and other diverse species. The Noisily Festival will have a huge negative impact on this area and will be particularly damaging for the extended hours of the 4 days.

In addition to this the proposed Noisily site sits on land which has been entered into Higher Level and Entry Level Stewardship. The applicant has received significant funding from Natural England (via taxpayers money) to create diverse habitats. I would advise contacting Natural England to get further advise, running a festival of this nature contradicts the agreement. The Noisily Festival proposed site also sits on Woodland with areas entered into English Woodland Grant Scheme The Forestry Commission should be contacted as this is contradictory to the scheme.

### **Anti social behaviour, litter, security and illegal camping**

In addition, we also farm land adjoining the proposed site on Long Lane, in the Plungar area. This will propose issues as there is likely to be trespassing, anti social behaviour, illegal camping, waste and litter from a festival of this size and nature.

The Parish Councils and Melton Council may have an interest in this.

Magic Map Application ([defra.gov.uk](http://defra.gov.uk)) Nature on Map, provides the following information.

The area proposed for the Noisily Festival is a valuable Environmental Asset. The land which is being proposed for the festival has been entered into many Environmental Schemes whereby the owner benefits financially from putting the land into these schemes for a period of time (ranging from 5 years for Entry Level, 10 years for the Higher Level and up to maybe 20 years for the Woodland schemes). We have looked at the Magic Map Application ([defra.gov.uk](http://defra.gov.uk)) and have found the following information, points and considerations. The targets will be along the lines of creating/managing habitats and protecting species for a financial payment. Having a festival on this land goes against these priorities.

1. The arable fields leading down to Long Lane are in a Countryside Stewardship Agreement. Agreement Ref 1061230 Terrace Hills Farm LLP.
2. Woodland is part of a Higher Level Stewardship Agreement. Started 01/02/2012 10 year Agreement, finishing 02/2023 at the earliest, there is the option to extend this time period. Amount paid to date for this land in this scheme is £734,785.53 (Taxpayers money). Very much doubt the management requirements of the Stewardship Scheme are compatible with a festival. This should be reported to Natural England for their opinion.
3. Land Entered into English Woodland Grant Scheme. Again, would doubt management requirements of English Woodland Grant Scheme are compatible with festival. This should be reported to Forestry commission for their opinion.
4. Non Woodland Area. Land identified by Natural England as priority area for Arable Assemblage Farmland birds. 5 species present Grey Partridge, Lapwing, Yellow Wagtail, Tree Sparrow, Turtle Dove.
5. Priority habitat inventory – Deciduous Woodland.

We would strongly recommend that Melton Council contact Natural England / Forestry Commission for their input on these matters.

Please contact us if you require further information.

Kind regards, Sarah and Joe Pell

Red Area – Countryside Stewardship, Green Area – Entry and Higher Level Stewardship Scheme

