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To whom it may concern:

My name is [REDACTED], I run an Equestrian business at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I am an International 5* Event Rider and Coach.

I am part of Team GB's Eventing squad, and the horses in my care are world class athletes. I also co - coach the World Class Podium Potential showjumping squad as well as other regular clients from my base in Stathern.

I'd like to voice my concern and put forward my personal reasons why I oppose the 'Noisily Music Festival' taking place in July 2022. The proposed site is located right at the back of my land, with a public footpath and access to the proposed festival running adjacent to my equestrian yard and grassland.

I am extremely concerned for my business and the welfare of my horses.

Hosting the festival with 10,000 people runs a huge risk of upsetting the horses and causing injuries. The horses are in my care for owners and are of an extremely high value, not to mention irreplaceable. My owners are hugely concerned for their horses and share my views.

One of the main incomes to my business is my coaching. Due to the noise I will not be able to continue coaching whilst the festival is on - this will be a huge loss of income for that week. The acoustics in the wood and where we are positioned means that any small noise created in the woods is amplified greatly at my yard.

Furthermore, I have the risk of rubbish/substances being thrown in to our haylage crop fields and contaminating them. My horses run under strict, zero tolerance rules regarding 'Dope' testing. I have to be extremely vigilant in what I feed as the horses are frequently blood tested at the competitions - a substance as simple as chocolate can cause a positive

test! Any banned or prohibited substances found in their systems will result in a career ending ban from competition for me.

I'm also concerned about trespassers. I'm here on my own a lot of the time and certainly don't want people roaming on to my land or in to my yard. As I back on to the woods and run along side the woods, I can not imagine that they will be able to make it all secure enough and I will feel very vulnerable.

I'm excited for my career this year; I will make a bid for selection for the World Equestrian Games and certainly be working towards Burghley Horse Trials. I will also be coaching the British Show Jumping squad building up to the World Equestrian Games. Having a music festival next door to me in July (right in the middle of the competition season and peak training time) will disrupt vital competitions, training, coaching and plans for myself and others.

I hope you can see this could be a business catastrophe for me. I will do everything I can to not allow my career and business to be put in jeopardy. I am so proud to live where I do and I'd like to remain proud of the rural-friendly activities in the area.

I am asking for you to consider my concerns. I simply want to be guaranteed my horses will not be at ANY risk, my business and income will not be in jeopardy and that my safety is not being compromised.

Regards

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