

BELVOIR CASTLE

Statement regarding environmental concerns over Noisily Festival, Barkestone Woods.

7th January 2022

Belvoir Estate and Noisily are working together to ensure that the impact on the environment and biodiversity is minimised as far as possible. This includes working with our forestry management team to ensure any planned activities are properly located, safe and that the short time in which the event is running will not have long term detriment to our land.

The site has been carefully selected as there are no statutory designations and this site does not fall within a SSSI. Bird species at high conservation risk have been found to inhabit other areas across the estate and so should not be affected by the use of Barkestone woods, however we have ensured that the festival takes place outside the breeding season of those who may nest nearby, so the least amount of disturbance is caused. We also have plans to install more bird and owl boxes across Barkestone Woods in the near future to support the species and help mitigate any potential impact.

The Belvoir Estate is currently undertaking baseline ecological and biodiversity studies and surveys across the Estate to gain a better understanding of its importance so we can strive for a thriving and prosperous Estate, both socially and environmentally.

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- On behalf of the Belvoir Estate