

Licensing Act 2003
REPRESENTATION FORM

Your name/organisation name/name of body you represent	Mr and Mrs Sharp
Postal and email address	3 Cobleas Woolsthorpe-by-Belvoir Grantham NG32 1NB
Contact telephone number	[REDACTED]

Name of the premises you are making a representation about	Forbidden Forest Limited
Address of the premises you are making a representation about.	Grounds of Belvoir Castle, Belvoir Castle, NG32 1PE - New premises

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

Licensing Objective	Yes Or No	Please detail the evidence supporting your representation or the reason for your representation. Please use separate sheets if necessary
To prevent crime and disorder		
Public safety		
To prevent public nuisance	Yes	Please see attached regarding the noise nuisance caused by the previous event.
To protect children from harm		

Please suggest any conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account (see note 2).	Please see attached at end of document.
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Signed: Jo Sharp
Please see notes on reverse

Date: 14 September 2022

We are writing to express our dismay at the possibility of granting another licence for Forbidden Forest. We chose not to make a complaint back in July 2022 purely because the applicant had stated to you in their original application that this would be a one-off event. This is clearly not the case.

Having lived in Woolsthorpe for over 15 years we have experienced countless events organised on the Belvoir Estate. Some have involved considerable disruption and/or noise but we have always accepted the inconvenience as part of living next to such a site. As the Estate seeks to maximise its revenues this means we now have to put up with regular disruption (particularly at weekends) for six months of the year. Yet we have never made a complaint about any event before.

However the noise levels from the Forbidden Forest festival were the worst that we have ever experienced from any other event held on the Belvoir Estate. It made it impossible to be outside our property or to have the windows open, which I'm sure you can appreciate was not ideal in July. The noise levels were such that we even had to postpone a family birthday celebration which was not just inconvenient for us but was also upsetting for some family members after Covid-19 had already disrupted so many get-togethers. This event unreasonably and substantially interfered with our enjoyment of our home.

So it is alarming to learn that the applicant wants to make this a regular event. As an aside, it was only by chance that we even spotted the notice regarding this consultation which was posted on the far side of the Castle away from the village. As a result several of our neighbours who were also unhappy about the event in July have been unable to contribute to this consultation as they are elderly and without the web access necessary to make their comments before the deadline. In the past the Belvoir Estate used to fix such licensing notices to posts or gates near to the properties that would actually be affected by an event. I'm sure they will have complied with the letter of the law but it did not feel like they were acting in the spirit of it, particularly when this was supposed to be a 'one-off' event.

We appreciate that a noise plan was put in place by the applicant but it was simply not enough to reduce the noise levels to a bearable amount in this rural setting. We do not want this event to be granted another license but know that we may not be able to prevent this. If this event must happen in future we would urge that its location is moved to elsewhere on the 16,000 acres of the Belvoir estate so that it isn't as close to residential areas. Alternatively we would urge you to insist on the applicant putting additional mitigation measures in place so that the noise levels are reduced to a level that local residents can cope with.

Thank you for taking the time to read our representation.

Yours faithfully

J and S Sharp