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<b>WITNESS STATEMENT</b>			
Criminal Procedure Rules, r. 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9			
Statement of: Sharon Roscoe		URN	<input type="text"/>
Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert 'over 18')	Occupation: Police Officer		
This statement (consisting of two page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.			
Signature: ...Sharon Roscoe.....		Date: 14/6/19	

I am a serving Police Officer in Leicestershire Police and I am the beat manager for the area known as Melton Rural North which covers the area of the proposed event. On 20<sup>th</sup> May I attended a Meeting at Phoneix House in relation to the music festival known as Detonate/Halloween Festival which is proposed to take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at the Langar Karting and Quad Centre.

I was somewhat surprised to hear about this event taking place at this location, however, went to the meeting with an open mind. My initial reaction to this event was deep concern regarding the road access to and from the event and the safety of the attendees. The access to the Karting Centre is by means of a single gateway off the Harby to Langar Lane. This lane is unlit and is a 60mph road. From local knowledge this lane is a very fast lane with traffic and is the main route from that part of the Vale to Nottingham. With the anticipated crowd being 7000-10,000 people, it is my opinion that one access and egress is not sufficient. I learnt at the meeting that the ticket is being sold as a secret location event with people being bussed in. With social media this will not be secret for long. Being a rural location and on an airfield there are many different ways to access this event be it by road, across fields, farm tracks and bridleways. The whole site would need perimeter fencing and security to prevent unauthorised access once the event location is known. Once the location is known, there is then nothing to stop people turning up and parking on the Harby to Langar road or blocking up the village of Harby which will cause congestion and likely accidents. Non ticket holders will still be able to hear the music and potentially hold their own party at the side of the road. Also of concern is how the organisers are going to prevent drink, drugs or weapons entering the site? I would want to see proper searches being a condition of entry but this then delays entrance to the event, potentially causing further chaos on the road and entrance.

My main area of concern is crowd control after the event. When people are drunk (and/or drugged) and trying to find their transport this will be incredibly difficult to manage if there is not sufficient parking of the coaches actually on the airfield. 7000-10,000 people wandering around looking for their coach is not ideal and I believe they will source alternative transport which will collect them from the main road. The majority will want to leave at the same time and if there are 7000 that will involve 140 coaches minimum. The proposed shuttle system back to Nottingham would not, in my opinion, be acceptable.

I am lead to believe the event will be held in large marquees on the quad centre site but would not enable all 7000 to be in them at one time. The ground is rough and uneven where the quad bikes are and it was my understanding that the marquees wouldn't be erected on the tarmac area. Given the time of year, this may pose a problem especially if there is inclement weather. Access and egress for festival goers, refreshment sellers etc could be a logistical nightmare. There is no separate access for emergency services and whilst there are other routes around the airfield that could be used, it was my understanding that no permission had been granted for these routes to be used. Without confirmed access for a clear and designated blue access, this causes me great concern. Also with regards to the emergency services, Harby is a remote area so response times are longer than normal. As the beat manager for the area, I am aware that the local NHW are concerned.

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In short I am concerned at the use of this location for such an event based on the remoteness for access to emergency services, the security, the access and egress for festival goers and the time of year. From a public safety point of view I do not believe the minimum requirements are met.

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