

Appendix 3 – Representations from Lancashire Police and Environmental Health.

Lancashire Police

Wyre Borough Council Licensing Service				
Representation made by a Responsible Authority to an application for the variation of a Premises Licence				
Responsible Authority				
Name of Responsible Authority	LANCASHIRE CONSTABULARY			
Name of Officer <i>(please print)</i>	PS3390 Nat Cox			
Signature of Officer				
Contact telephone number	01253 604074			
Date representation made	29	09	23	
Premises Details				
Premises Name	Land at Valiant's Farm			
Address	Lancaster Road			
	Outer Rawcliffe			
	Lancashire			
Post Code	PR3 6BL			
Reasons for making representations				
<p>I am in receipt of a new application for a premises licence in relation to the above address. I am aware of the existence of two other Premises Licenses at this location – PL(A)1322 and PL(A)1584. I am also aware of a previous now surrendered licence – PL(A)1389.</p> <p>On behalf of the Police. I wish to formally object to this new licence with concerns around the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, public nuisance, and the protection of children from harm.</p>				

On 24th July 2021 an event was held at Valiant's Farm operating under licence PL(A)1389.

The master Police log for this event was LC-202107247-0864. Complaints were received by officers in relation to the traffic management plan not working and roads becoming impassible due to volume of traffic. Police also received complaints in relation to festivalgoers urinating in driveways, throwing stones, verbal abuse, stealing street signs and littering,

Police also received a report of spiking at the event, resulting in NWS being called. During the event, Police received complaints in relation to the noise, which could, according to the informant, be heard some distance away.

Following the conclusion of the event, Police received calls expressing concerns relating to persons under the influence of drink or drugs walking away from the venue along unlit country lanes. There were also further reports of anti-social behaviour by festivalgoers as they left the area.

Sadly, a 20-year-old female also died in hospital following a drugs overdose that occurred during her attendance at this festival. (Investigation 04/121169/21 refers).

Log 0135 from 23rd July relates to excessive traffic, drunk youths walking home along country lanes and vehicles not taking the correct route to the site.

Logs 0929, 1020, 1035, 1065, 1097, 1142, 1161, 1403, 1501, 1834, 2045 from 24th July all relate to nuisance traffic, cars being abandoned on the road, 2 double decker buses getting stuck, people urinating in driveways or on the road, pint glasses being left lying around, road signs being stolen, littering, one particularly drunk young male wandering all over the road, a 23 year old female who was spiked, stones being thrown at windows and verbal abuse of children within their home.

Log 0005 came in just after midnight on 25th July 2021, where a local resident reported festival goers hurling abuse, spitting on cars, and urinating on driveways. The resident threatened to take a baseball bat out and take matters into his own hands if Police didn't attend. Later that day, log 0776 related to verbal abuse and trespass by festival goers, who had apparently worried the caller's livestock. Her 10-year-old son had also found a bag of drugs, which was later collected and destroyed by Police.

On 20th August 2021 licence PL(A)1389 was surrendered.

On 21st August 2021 an event was held at Valiant's Farm under licence PL(A)1322. The Police master log LC-20210820-0307. Owing to the incidents of the previous event, a significant Policing operation was put in place.

Complaints were received by Police in relation to noise nuisance, drunk festivalgoers on country lanes after the event and a mother concerned for her drunk son who was separated from his friends. One male was arrested for a public order offence at the event.

Police logs 1463, 1470, 1495, 1497 from the 21st of August refer to loud music, an assault, and noise nuisance.

Log 0010 from the 22nd of August 2021 is the call from the mother concerned about her drunk son being separated from his friends, while log 0024 refers to drunk people walking home along country lanes and nearly being run over.

With the history of incidents from these previous two events, the Police would have the following concerns that they feel the licence holder would need to address, to ensure the licensing objectives are upheld for future events:

- Vehicle movement/traffic management plan – how will the licence holder ensure disruption to the local community is kept to a minimum while optimising the safety of those attending the premises, especially when they leave.
- How would concerned residents/authorities contact a responsible person during the event? Dedicated phone line etc.
- Drugs – what would the policy be in relation to drugs. Amnesty bins, all searched on entry, drugs dog, etc. Also, if drugs are found, would entry be refused?
- What can be done to prevent crime and disorder/ASB from customers in the wider community as they exit the events?
- Under 18's – when would they be allowed in? Clearly completely inappropriate in events like those mentioned above.
- How will noise be reduced to cause no disruption to local residents?

The Police also believe all future events should be approved by the Wyre Event Safety Group, to ensure they are mitigating all risk and promoting the licensing objectives.

We feel the applicant should appear before the committee to explain how, if granted a licence, they will ensure incidents like those above are prevented and what measures they will have in place to maximise the safety of those attending, while minimising the impact on the local community.

It is recommended that the licence should only be granted if the application is amended, or if conditions are applied, as detailed below.

1 *The following conditions to be added to the operating schedule:*

2 *The following conditions to be removed from the operating schedule:*

Environmental Health

From: Clayton, Nick <Nick.Clayton@wyre.gov.uk>

Sent: 22 September 2023 09:11

To: Malcolm Ireland <malcolm.ireland@harrison-drury.com>

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<Licensing@wyre.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: draft conditions for Valiants license application 2023

Good Morning Malcolm,

I realise that you have only just returned from leave and will have just started to review the proposed prevention of public nuisance and public safety conditions for the new premises license. However, I will be on leave from the 29th September and won't be back till the 9th October and much of my time at the moment is now being taken up by producing a report for a planning enquiry.

I feel that the best thing to do at this moment in time is to raise a provisional representation against the application. So far, we have not been able to reach an agreement on prevention of public nuisance and public safety conditions, and the time frame to reach an agreement is now significantly reduced. It is my hope that will continue to have a dialogue that will ultimately end in a mutual agreement and the removal of my provisional representation against the application so as to avoid a committee hearing.

In my absence Corinne Mason has agreed to be a point of contact for this application and she has been provided with a copy of the proposed conditions.

Kind regards

Nick