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**Subject:** RE: Linton Parish Council - Cambridge Rock Festival, Linton

Good Afternoon Rachel,

Thank you for the additional information received this morning, which I have circulated to the Parish Council. The Linton Parish Council has requested that the below, revised comments be sent to you for inclusion.

The Parish Council objects to the application on the following grounds.

Note. We have been informed, four days before the closure of comments on this event, that it is not a permanent premises licence, but limited to four days per year. Our original objections have been modified to take account of this unreasonably late information, but are otherwise unaltered. The Environmental Health Department has not set noise limits for the event, or measuring points, and has taken no notice of the complaints of residents of the nuisance caused by the Wildwood Festival. Linton Parish Council rejects the attempt of the Environmental Health Department's representative to bully it into withdrawing this objection, which would be a betrayal of the community which it – and South Cambridgeshire District Council should – serve.

Grounds for Objection.

The applicant proposes to deploy loud, amplified music until 11.45 at night, in a way that will cause severe disturbance to peace and sleep, amounting to nuisance, to residents of adjacent villages, and to the animals, some from endangered species, in Linton Zoo. The Council has received complaints from residents about noise, particularly amplified bass, over the three days of the Wildwood Festival on the other side of the A1307, causing serious interference with sleep. If allowed, this application would make this level of noise nuisance, or worse, a certainty, and one that is very difficult for residents to tackle, as enforcement offices are not open when the nuisance is being produced.

The risk of noise nuisance and anti-social behaviour will be exacerbated by the provision for overnight camping, when the applicant will not be in a position to control noise or ensure orderly behaviour.

The Contractor carrying out work on the A1307 has expressed a view on traffic flow that is based on personal opinion rather than analysis of traffic flow on major festivals, particularly at the beginning and end. This is a major event, previously held at the East of England Showground, Peterborough, which is equipped to handle major traffic flow. The contractor's view is not valid evidence.

Residents who would be affected by this application have not received proper notice of it. It has been left to the Parish Council to inform them, through social media. This, like the incomplete and delayed provision of essential information is unsatisfactory.

The application should be rejected.

*In addition to the above, comments as below.*

The licence is a permanent licence, the police have restricted this festival to a four-day event each year, however there is nothing to state that other events could not take place year-round.

The 24-hour phone line for noise complaints – clarity is requested as to whether the music will be turned down is a complaint is made or will action only be taken if over a certain db level, regardless of noise and disturbance. How will the number be advertised to ensure that is accessible to all residents in neighbouring villages?

Please could you confirm receipt of the above.

Kind Regards

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Dear Jenny

Thank you for your email lodging representation to the above application.

With regards the comment that this is a permanent licence and would permit unlimited events is incorrect, as per my email to you on 26 June 2023, the licence would be restricted as per the agreed police conditions to one 4-day festival per annum.

Representations must relate to the premises in question, and not other separately licensed premises.

The application process requires consultation by way of notice being published in a newspaper circulating in the district, site notices, the council's website and consultation with responsible authorities, unlike major planning applications, it is not required (or appropriate) to notify residents individually.

Yesterday I received confirmation of conditions agreed with environmental health and the applicant which may address your concerns, namely:

1. The premises licence holder shall appoint a suitably qualified and/or experienced noise consultant to produce and implement a noise management plan for each event. The noise consultant shall be a member of the Institute of Acoustics and/or the Association of Noise Consultants unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Council's Noise Control Officer. The Noise Control Officer shall be advised of the name and contact details of this person/company no later than three (3) months prior to the commencement of each event. This timescale shall remain in place unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Council's Noise Control Officer.

2. (a) A noise management plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Council's Noise Control Officer no later than six (6) weeks prior to the commencement of each event. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Council's Noise Control Officer:

- (i) details of all music sources and other significant noise sources within the licensed area, their timings and a site plan of their location and orientation;
- (ii) a background noise survey, if requested by the Council's Noise Control Officer;

- (iii) comprehensive sound level predictions at noise sensitive locations based on the type of event proposed within the licensed area;
- (iv) a scheme designed to minimise the impact of noise from the event to noise sensitive premises;
- (v) specification of appropriate noise criteria that shall be achieved during the event;
- (vi) details of the how noise levels will be monitored, communicated and managed at the event and by whom, including on-site and off-site noise monitoring schedules and locations and the procedure for reducing noise levels if the noise criteria are exceeded;
- (vii) details of proposed sound tests, rehearsals and noise propagation tests, the dates and timings of which are to be agreed in writing by the Council's Noise Control Officer;
- (viii) details of a dedicated 24 hour telephone complaint line and the procedure for dealing with noise complaints received about the event;
- (ix) a scheme designed to notify occupiers of nearby noise sensitive premises, including information on the nature, date and timings of the event (including sound testing) and the dedicated telephone complaint line number.

Only in exceptional circumstances will the premises licence holder request a reduction in the timescale for compliance with this condition and it shall only be granted if the Council's Noise Control Officer confirms the revised timescale in writing.

(b) Where the requirements of condition 2(a) have been met, if there are any subsequent proposed changes to the event which may impact on noise following the approval of the noise management plan, the premises licence holder shall ensure their noise consultant liaises with the Council's Noise Control Officer to ascertain if any additional measures, noise predictions or noise criteria are required. If the Council's Noise Control Officer or the premises licence holder's noise consultant determines that additional measures are required, they will form part of the revised noise management plan.

(c) In addition, no changes to the noise management plan will be permitted in the period commencing seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the event.

(d) If the noise management plan is not approved in writing by the Council's Noise Control Officer, their requirements will form part of the noise management plan.

3. The premises licence holder shall ensure the Licensing Authority and the Council's Noise Control Officer shall have access to the results of any noise monitoring at all times.

4. The premises licence holder shall ensure that a post event report is provided to the Licensing Authority and the Council's Noise Control Officer no later than thirty-one (31) days after each event. This timescale shall remain in place unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Council's Noise Control Officer. The report shall include the results of all noise monitoring carried out during the event indicating whether or not compliance to all the noise criteria was achieved, details of all noise complaints received, and any remedial action taken to minimise noise disturbance off site.

5. A waste management plan designed to minimise the impact of litter associated with an event shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Council's Environmental Protection Team no later than six (6) weeks prior to the commencement of each event. The premises licence holder shall ensure that the measures agreed in the plan are fully implemented. This timescale shall remain in place unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Council's Environmental Protection Team.

Issues such as site access will be discussed at a council led safety advisory group next month.

The committee agenda will include your representation, however if, in light of the above, the parish wish to withdraw the representation, this can be done verbally at the hearing.

We shall be in touch regarding a hearing date.