

## APPENDIX G5

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South Cambs District Council  
Licensing Section,  
South Cambs Hall,  
Camboourne Business Park,  
Cambourne, CB23 6EA

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you regarding the application made by NORTHSTOWE RUNNING FESTIVAL EVENTS LIMITED, for a premises license for the NORTHSTOWE WESTERN PARK of KINGFISHER CLOSE, NORTHSTOWE, CB241BZ.

For Provision of Regulated Entertainment:

Saturday 08:00-22:00, Sunday 08:00-22:00,

Supply of Alcohol:

Saturday 10:00-22:00, Sunday 10:00-22:00.

I strongly object to this application for several reasons listed below:

- Insufficient parking for the influx of people during these events, as Kingfisher close is a private road with no public parking. As are parts of Mistle Thrush Drive, that also over looks WESTERN PARK. At past events held by the Northstowe Running Festival, this parking has not been regulated or policed in anyway. Ourselves and other residents that live in Kingfisher close and Mistle Thrush drive have had our driveways blocked and have not been able get our own vehicles onto or off our driveways. Private parking spaces have been taken up by people attending the event and vehicles have been parked dangerously in junctions and even on landscaped areas.
- Noise pollution from the loud music playing all day long and into the night. All the houses overlooking WESTERN PARK and family homes with young children and babies. The children will be disturbed by the loud noise that will be going on long beyond the reasonable bedtime for any child.

- Increased risk of Vandalism and Antisocial Behavior due to alcohol being sold all day long at these events. The mess and waste left by previous events has been bad enough, but with people drinking all day long at these events, it will be even worse. Although some attempt has been made to pile all the rubbish in one place at previous events, no attempt is made by the organisers to clear up the rubbish and cigarette ends that are thrown into resident's gardens and driveways.
- Drink driving will be a big problem, when you take into account the amount of vehicles that are parked in Kingfisher Close and Mistle Thrush Drive during previous events, there will be a large number of people consuming alcohol and then driving back home through an area full of young children and people walking in the road, as there is no foot path on Mistle Thrush Drive ( the main pedestrian access the WESTERN PARK from Wellington Road.
- WESTERN PARK is a public space for the people of Northstowe. With the sports center soon opening, this will be where the Rugby pitches and Football pitches are. Part of the field is a recreational area for people to sit and relax. This is not a private area for private companies to conduct business and hold festivals and events. The sports facilities will be unusable if the field is being used for events.
- Utilities. There is no electricity, water, or wastewater management on WESTERN PARK. These events would need to be powered by Diesel generators. This does not fit into the Northstowe ECO/Green ethos. In an area surrounded by houses fitted with solar panels to reduce the use of fossil fuels, many Diesel generators will be running to provide the power required to run these events. At past events, we have had events staff constantly knocking on our door asking for fresh water and to use our toilets. This is due to us being the very first house you come to as you walk out of WESTERN PARK into Kingfisher Close/Mistle Thrush Drive. This became very annoying until eventually we had to start refusing them the use of our facilities and our water supply. This did not stop them from repeatedly knocking on our door, until we had no choice but to go out and leave our house for the rest of the day.

WESTERN PARK is not setup to hold these kinds of events. It is in a residential area full of very young children, with no facilities (Electricity, running water or wastewater management) or parking.

Kind regards,



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