

APPENDIX Q

04.01.2019

Dear Licensing Team of the South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC),

As a 'Person living in the vicinity of the premises' of the Strawberries & Creem Festival (S&C), I am writing you to Make a Representation as an interested party who is adversely affected by the Festival held annually on varying dates in the month of June at Haggis Farm, Grantchester Road, CB23 7PZ.

Firstly, I contend that any application made by S&C is not a valid one as the applicant must advertise by posting a notice on or near the premises on a blue A4 sized form for a period of 28 consecutive days. As of 3rd January 2019, upon checking both entrances to the venue- one on Barton Road and one on Coton Road, neither have a visible blue notice. I have taken many photos of both venue entrances and submitted them via an email to Licensing. Photos available upon request. I also check the Coton location every Monday morning on my way to a weekly appointment in Eddington and I have yet to see a blue sign. I pass the Barton road location several times a week to get fuel from Wallis in Barton and again, there has been no presence of a blue sign. On New Year's day I took my dog walking in the Coton Reserve and stopped on my way home to check and there was nothing at the Coton Rd entrance. I was only made aware that an application had been submitted by ringing Environmental Health and asking them as I was getting concerned that I hadn't seen anything. Only then was I told that the application had been made and I had only a few days to make my representation. If there is a blue sign posted it is not readily available or visible from the road, or clearly at either entrance or accessible to the public.

As of 04.01.2019 the S&C licensing application has not been made available to view online so it is impossible for me to object to the specifics of their application as it has been applied for. Based on what I believe to be the nature of the application I have done by best to lay out the reasons for my objections below along with attached photos. In addition to email this, on Monday, 7th January I will drop off a hard copy of this letter and a memory stick containing all photos and videos.

The prevention of crime and disorder

- Drug use and public intoxication by Festival attendees
- Destruction of property by festival attendees
- Antisocial behavior of festival attendees

- Lack of due care by S&C Festival organisers. No security precautions or arrangements for manpower for security and traffic control.

The prevention of public nuisance

- Festival attendees behavior, including drug use in my driveway (nitrous oxide cylinders, joints)
- Festival attendees urinating and defecating in my driveway, in my field, on the fence and along the road.
- Public intoxication. Drinking in my driveway, in the road and around the roundabout.
- Littering bottles, cans, toilet paper, drug paraphernalia and other trash on the road, around the roundabout, at the entrance to my driveway and down the driveway (toilet paper and beer cans where they were hiding to defecate and urinate)
- Verbal abuse to my neighbour, myself and anyone trying to enter or leave my driveway.
- Festival attendees blocking the cycle paths
- Fornicating in the bushes along the roadside
- Festival attendees walking in the road and in the roundabout
- Constant loud thumping music that vibrates my house windows from Friday night past midnight, Saturday past midnight and starting again on Sunday morning at 9am.
- Festival attendees climbing over my fence from the roadside into my field with animals to urinate.
- Verbal abuse to the road crew (just 3 guys) who blocked Coton road.
- Festival attendees locking bikes and scooters to my fence and throwing some bikes over the fence into the field with my animals.
- Lack of due care in making myself or neighbours aware of the festival. As an adjacent neighbour, never in 4 years have I ever been notified about the event.

Public Safety

- Lack of due care by S&C Festival organisers. No security precautions or arrangements for manpower for security and traffic control.
- Drunk and disorderly behaviour by festival attendees. Including fights in the street with police having to be called out multiple times.
- Traffic issues with closing Coton Road which backed up traffic around the roundabout.
- No parking control so cars parked on the sides of the road partially blocking the road.
- Festival attendees walking in the road, in traffic, stopping and hindering traffic flow causing danger to themselves and others.
- Festival attendees blocking the cycle paths
- Insufficient signage to the festival creating confusing and a backup of vehicles and people in the road.

In addition to the specifics relating to the four licensing objectives, I have filed two police reports with Cambridgeshire Police regarding the conduct of festival goers:

CC-16062018-220

CC-16062018-545

I have also made a Freedom of Information request of the Cambridge Constabulary of all police incidents relating to the S&C Festival which I should have within 20 days. I understand from speaking with the police there there were several incidents as a result of the S&C Festival.

This is the 4th year the festival has been held next to my home and I have complained both in writing and verbally to the organisers over the past four years about the above issues and they have never bothered to make me aware of the festival each year, respond to or address any of my concerns, call me or arrange to meet. Only recently has Louise rung me, on suggestion of the council, but could really offer no other suggestion than entirely fencing off my property.

I have taken dozens of photos and videos of the violations I have outlined above and would like the opportunity to present these to the licensing board as it paints a very clear picture of my objectives. Please see attached for a few of the photos. I have lots of videos as well. I will be dropping off on Monday a hard copy of this letter along with a memory stick of photos and videos.

I ask that the licensing board please take into consideration my objections laid out above and please oppose the licence on grounds it has not met the requirements for application and that granting one not only is in direct opposition to three of the four licencing objective but also brings nothing of value to the area for anyone other than monetary gain for the S&C organisers.

Thank you again for your time and consideration and I look forward to a response from you.

Kind regards,



