

The Great Event Company – Representations Received

1	<p>It was by the merest chance that we spotted the attached notice on the entrance to the Holiday Inn Hotel, yet we and our neighbours are the most impacted. Clearly The Great Event Company are making no real attempt to inform the local population, which suggests a certain lack of honesty. What the organisers are asking for is totally outrageous and completely unacceptable. Must we fight this battle each year? Every Christmas is ruined because of the noise created by the "entertainment" from the field. Is The Great Event company to be allowed to destroy our weekends as well? The idea of thumping base from 12:00 noon through to 1am every Thursday, Friday and Saturday is beyond the pale. Can SCDC not understand that this noise will ruin our evenings and make sleep impossible? Can SCDC not understand that there must be a blanket ban on all such noise from Lakeview Field? You must put people before profits.</p>
2	<p>This letter is in response to the Notice of application for a premises licence certificate, displayed on the entrance to the Holiday Inn, Bridge Road, Impington by The Great Event Company. My wife and I are totally against the company holding events every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 12noon to 1am, as this will impact on our quality of life and wellbeing. What the company is asking for is completely unacceptable. Every year at Christmas time we are bombarded with loud music until the early hours of the morning and every year we complain about it, must we suffer the same fate every weekend. We are also concerned that this will have a negative effect on the value of our property, which again is totally unacceptable. SCDC must put local residents first and not profit-making concerns and to this end I urge you to reject the application.</p>
3	<p>The prevention of public nuisance: That 13 hours of potentially loud music on three consecutive days and nights is anti-social for the dense housing on the west side of Bridge Road. The noise from the University May Balls is often troublesome even this far north of the city centre. Something akin to these events within the village throughout the year will be an appalling disturbance to daily life. Protection of Children from Harm: Night time noise disturbing sleep</p>
4	<p>I would like to write to oppose the application for a license for The Great Event Company to hold events with live/recorded music and alcohol on the field by the Holiday Inn, Impington to 1am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. I oppose this application on the grounds of the public nuisance the noise emitted from a temporary structure or no structure will have on local residents. Like other local residents, I have accepted a certain amount of late night noise from late night events particularly over the Christmas party season held in marquees at the hotel. However, an all year round permanent license (including a weeknight through to 1am!) is thoroughly antisocial. Event music carries across the village and more events of this nature on a regular basis constitutes a public nuisance.</p>
5	<p>WITHDRAWN</p>
6	<p>I would like to register my opposition to the application for a licence for The Great Event Company to hold events with live/recorded music and alcohol on the field by the Holiday Inn, Impington until 1am on Thursday-Saturday nights. I oppose this application on the grounds of the public nuisance the noise from the playing of music in a non-permanent/purpose-built structure, and also the consequent increase in late night traffic through the village. I especially oppose the very late night on Thursdays, when nearby residents will normally be working or at school the following day. I also feel in general that 1am is excessively late, and that it would be more appropriate to be no later than 11pm.</p>

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	<p>The immediate surroundings of the field do nothing to prevent event music from carrying across the village, and only a specially designed and built permanent structure would be able to provide adequate sound insulation to mitigate this.</p>
7	<p>I refer to the application for licensing for a marquee on the Lakeview Field beside the Holiday Inn in Histon & Impington, submitted by Charles Deacon & The Great Events Company on Sept 23rd.</p> <p>As a resident of the village, with friends living even closer to the proposed venue, I would plead with you to restrict this to midnight at the latest, not 1am, and definitely not Thursdays.</p> <p>This is a vibrant community which attracts and retains many families, through from birth to old age.</p> <p>At no age does anyone enjoy disturbed sleep from loud music and streams of late night vehicles.</p> <p>Please consider the children who have school or events the next day, and those of us who have to be alert for work, and the elderly, many of whom have enough difficulty sleeping. A marquee cannot be made sound-proofed, and sound travels easily at night here. A marquee is a cheap way for the organiser to host their event without any means to insulate the residents who gain absolutely nothing, & lose a lot, from it.</p> <p>I sincerely hope that the needs of the local council tax payers are fully considered when reviewing this application.</p> <p>Please let me know that this concern will be taken into account, or if I should provide it in another format or method.</p>
8	<p>WITHDRAWN</p>
9	<p>This application to play live or recorded music until 1am, on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays is totally unacceptable in a quiet residential area. The noise would not be contained by a permanent building, nor shielded from carrying to the homes close-by. We know that noise from this site carries to the homes around it, and disturbs peoples sleep, from the huge number of complaints and subsequent action taken due to the roadworks next to the Holiday Inn. The families around this location would have their sleep disturbed potentially on a very regular basis, which could have adverse effects on their health, and ability to function well at work and school. The time of 1am is also, very antisocial in a village location. Young children will be going to bed at 7pm and many adults around 10pm, so the noise would affect a very significant proportion of a night's sleep.</p> <p>Sleep deprivation, due to noise at night, could cause local drivers to be less alert as well as children living in the vicinity. This could affect children's ability to get to school safely, as well as having a longer-term effect on their health.</p>
10	<p>In previous years we have been disturbed by events held on the Lakeview Field. The noise from these events is easily heard in our bedrooms and has prevented us from sleeping as normal. We have tolerated this in the past over the short Christmas period by we are extremely concerned that this application which has no date-limit would be very disruptive to us as we have to work the following days and have children who attend school. We feel it would definitely cause sleep-deprivation and upset which would make this unmanageable for us.</p>
11	<p>We live in The Coppice, Impington, close to Bridge Road and across from The Holiday Inn. This is a residential area. We have been disturbed for a number of years now by parties around Christmas and the summer held in marquees on the Lakeview Field at the Holiday Inn, with loud music until around midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. The field is close to the residential area of south Impington. While we are not against the licence in totality, we strongly feel that to have a finish time of 1am adjacent to a residential area will be a significant public nuisance due to the noise disturbance. You cannot mitigate noise disturbance from a marquee (such as closing windows after a certain time) and it will</p>

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	<p>disturb us and our neighbours and prevent us from sleeping. It is totally unacceptable and should not be granted. We have regularly been kept awake by base music noise and DJ noise from the marquees that have used the field in the past which physically vibrates through our house. The application is for live and recorded music between 12.00 and 1.00 on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. If they want to hold events with live and recorded music until that time they should build an acoustically sealed building that will not cause disturbance or find a site that is not close to residential areas. It is intolerable that we and our neighbours could be kept awake potentially until 1am every week on a permanent basis with school and work the next day.</p> <p>It should also be noted that the applicant has made no efforts to notify those who live in the residential areas likely to be affected which implies a lack of openness and engagement</p>
12	<p>My wife and I have just been made aware of an application for a premises licence for late night entertainment at Lakeview Field next to the Holiday Inn in Impington. We are writing to express our deepest concerns and anxiety that this licence may be granted and are writing to object in the fullest way possible. We understand the licence application is for entertainment purposes 12noon-1am Thursday to Saturday. The field is currently used by events companies each December for large corporate and student parties using an enormous bubble marquee.</p> <p>We have lived at 31 The Coppice Impington since July 2017 and have come to dread each December due to the high level of both crowd and music noise late into the night on many evenings, emanating from the marquee. Our house backs onto the B1049 and despite being 100-150m away across the field we bare the full force of the noise – I have previously checked and we can hear it in every single room in our house, front to back. We have spoken with our neighbours and we know they also suffer with it and I now gather many in the Coppice are the same.</p> <p>The first year we moved in my wife was heavily pregnant and our sleep was hugely disturbed night after night often until 1am. The stress anxiety and dread each night was huge. We also both work full time and the knock on effect on our sleep was palpable having a directly negative effect on our work. I inevitably complained walking over to the Holiday Inn. They wanted nothing to do with it but gave me a contact for the event company running the marquee. I had to make numerous phone calls at all hours on many days before they actually turned the music down. In this time, the bass from the music was quite literally making our chests vibrate and we could hear all the lyrics and identify the songs being played. The following year we saw the marquee erected and once again dreaded the music which sure enough came, keeping us and our new baby awake into the night. We complained to the event company but were referred back to the hotel and eventually to a new contracted event company. Speaking to them they assured us that there would be fewer events and the music would stop at 11pm. This was not the case and after a particularly loud night I phoned the company and was told “sorry but there was nothing we could do. It was a student night and the student DJs didn’t listen to us and turned the music up far louder than was allowed.”</p> <p>It is important to note it is not just the lateness of the music. It is the sheer volume. It invades every space of our house all evening, colouring everything we do, and the loud bass as mentioned can literally be felt in our bodies. It is hugely invasive and unpleasant. We were already anxious about this coming December but we have just found out about this application which could mean we are doomed to stress and lack of sleep ongoing. To be frank, if the licence was granted we would try to move house as this has a huge impact on our lives but we can’t even do that due to the nature of our 5 year mortgage. It is a huge shame as we absolutely love living in Histon & Impington.</p> <p>As has probably become obvious, we object strongly to this application due to the excessive noise. We would like to clarify that this noise effects us both in the early evening as well as</p>

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	late into the night and so we would like to object to the licence being granted in any way for any length of time on any day. With our young family and the previous deeply unpleasant experience with corporate events in the field we hope you can sympathise with us and reject the licence outright.
13	I wish to register my complaint regarding this licence application. Around Christmas each year several corporate parties are held in the field associated with this application, notably parties for large companies such as Arm and Horizon Discovery. On these occasions the noise and traffic in the surrounding area is excessive, and with roads already heavily congested I believe this poses a real health and safety risk to residents as well as to the general environment. If these events are to be allowed throughout the year the sleep disruption to school children (with windows left open on warm nights) could cause significant negative impact on sleep and mental wellbeing. I oppose this application strongly.
14	I live at The Coppice Impington which is across the B1049 road from the Holiday Inn. We have been disturbed in the past by loud music being played at events held at the lakeview field (Holiday Inn). The events have been held in marquees which offer no sound barrier as would a permanent building. The sound has travelled easily to the Coppice area and prevented us from sleeping at times up to and past midnight. The site is too close to residential areas for marquee based music. Allowing this application on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays between 12:00 and 01:00 would be totally unacceptable to us and our neighbours as it would severely effect our quality of life. No effort has been made by the applicant to notify residents of The Coppice individually which indicates a lack of openness and engagement from the applicant.
15	I would like to formally register an objection to the application has been made by an entertainment company for a premises licence for the field adjacent to the Holiday Inn Impington for Thursday Friday and Saturday until 0100. I wish to object on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance for the following reasons. A marquee is not an appropriate structure to allow the performance of music be it amplified, unamplified or recorded, three nights a week until 0100hours. A marquee does not have the acoustic properties to contain or mitigate noise, it is a tented structure. For a premises licence to be granted for the performance of regulated entertainment in a brick building in close proximity to residential accommodation conditions requiring the keeping doors and windows closed, the installation of insulation or the introduction of a lobby to keep noise in as patron enter/exit would often be required, none of which would be possible for the marquee. There is a direct line of sight from the residential properties to the marquees and there will be minimal attenuation of noise from the marquee to these properties as there is nothing to deflect or absorb the sound as it travels. I am particularly concerned about the bass (low frequency noise) sound which can travel considerable distances and, by its very nature, can be clearly audible inside rooms with closed traditional double glazing. I have had cause to complain on a number of occasions about the bass noise from events that have been held in marquees in this location in the past. The noise from the music has been clearly audible in the bedrooms of my property keeping myself and quimy family awake. I wish to register my interest in speaking when this application is reviewed by the relevant committee.
16	Given the poor sound attenuation properties of a marquee and noting proximity to residential properties, Histon & Impington Parish Council requests a noise limiting device is installed restricting noise to the WHO night noise standards after 11pm to protect nearby residential properties.
17	WITHDRAWN
18	The Great Event Company Ltd have applied for a Premises Licence for the Lakeview Field (at the Holiday Inn) to provide events with live and recorded music, dance, refreshments and

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	<p>alcohol between 12 and 1.00am on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. These have been very noisy in the past causing considerable disturbance and lack of sleep.</p>
19	<p>I have been informed via neighbourhood watch that The Great Event Company Ltd have on the 23rd September 2019 applied to South Cambridgeshire District Council as the licensing authority for a Premises Licence for Lakeview Field of The Holiday Inn, Bridge Road, Impington, Cambridge, CB24 9PH to include live and recorded music, performance of dance, late night refreshments and supply of alcohol between 12:00 and 1:00 on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. I wish to object to the issuing of any such licence. Lakeview Field is just across the road from a residential area of Impington and any noise from events creates an unwarranted disturbance. It is worth noting that the law is (quite rightly) ferociously strict on permitted noise levels in residential areas after 23:00. I cannot imagine that any event of the kind held by The Holiday Inn would be able to meet them. As far as I know, there can be no derogation from them. Thus a licence to operate until 01:00 is prima facie unworkable. The noise levels from such events in winter 2016 were so bad that I felt as though I was in the middle of the party – and I live three streets away from the site. There were efforts to reduce the noise after complaints were made, but people living nearer than I do were still disturbed. Finally, not surprisingly, the noise is a substantial nuisance to guests in the hotel itself. I have seen reviews online which objected to it. The site is inherently unsuitable for major events. The application should be refused.</p>

