

APPENDIX H

Representation 1 Elsworth Parish Council

Dear Elsworth Parish Council,

Thank you for taking the time to respond to our premises licence application, which has been referred to us by South Cambridgeshire Licensing Authority. We note your comments and have provided some further information below.

Prior to submitting the application, we have been working with the Licensing Authority and other Responsible Authorities sharing plans that will form the basis of the Event Management Plan referred to in the application. You will note from the application that detailed plans are required to be considered by a multi-agency forum (currently called the Safety Advisory Group) prior to the events taking place. If the Premises Licence is granted, this requirement will be a condition of the licence and must be satisfied each year.

I note in your response that you are not opposed to the events in principle but that your main concerns lie around the uncertainty of the current COVID-19 Pandemic. In accordance with the recent government announcement regarding the proposed roadmap out of lockdown, we have taken the steps to officially move both events in 2021 to September. We are seeing great progress with the vaccination programme and have hope that things will look very different by then.

As event organisers we do, however, still remaining cautious and understand things could change between now and then. We will be working closely with public and environmental health as things develop and if any changes were to be made to the guidance that no longer permitted the events to go ahead, we will of course not hold the scheduled events.

With regard to your concern of a gathering of 25,000 people taking place in 2021, this will not be the case. If the events are to go ahead this year the maximum capacity for the event, including all patrons, guests, staff, contractors, volunteers and artists would be 14,999 which is included as a condition within the premises licence as per the below:

Premises Capacity

The maximum capacity permitted under this Premises Licence is 24,999 including all patrons, guests, staff, contractors, volunteers and artists. However, this maximum number is subject to the following conditions:

- *In the first year of the events, the maximum capacity for the premises will be 14,999 including all including all patron, guests, staff, contractors, volunteers and artists.*
- *In the second year of the events, the maximum capacity for the premises may be increased to 19,999 including all patrons, guests, staff, contractors, volunteers and artists, if agreed in writing by the Licensing Authority.*
- *In the third year of the events and thereafter, the maximum capacity for the premises may be increased to 24,999 including all patrons, guests, staff, contractors, volunteers and artists, if agreed in writing by the Licensing Authority*

The below is also a condition within our premises licence to ensure an adequate review of the events takes place before plans for the following year are made:

- *A Multi Agency debrief shall be held within 3 months of the last event day each year.*

By including the above conditions, it allows us, as Event Organisers and both the Licencing Authority and Responsible Authorities to share feedback and review the event in detail before any agreement is made in which to increase the event capacities for further years. It is one of our key aims to engage in this process to improve delivery of our events year on year.

We hope that our response has been helpful and has eased your concerns regarding the events, which will enable you to withdraw your representation. We are committed to working with you throughout and if there is anything you would like to discuss further please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We would be very happy to arrange a meeting on zoom or on the telephone to discuss in more detail. If you would like to arrange a meeting with us please let us know via email to ccandsc@proudevents.co.uk

Thank you for your input into our application which is appreciated, and we look forward to hearing back from you.

Regards,

Aisha Francis