

APPENDIX J1

Dear Sean & Christina Grainger,

Thank you for your representation in relation to the application for a premises licence to hold events at Childerley Orchard. The Licensing team at South Cambs have passed on your representation and we wanted to follow up to offer some further detail in regards to your concerns in relation to our new licence application.

We currently have a Premises Licence for Childerley Orchard that we have been operating under for the last 3 years. This allows us to operate events for up to 8 days between May and September each year, across Fridays to Mondays. This licence was granted to allow for The Cambridge Club Festival and Strawberries & Creem Festival to take place on consecutive weekends.

Strawberries & Creem Festival will not be returning to Cambridge. This provided an opportunity to review and update some conditions of the current licence. The existing licence remains in force and we are making an application for a new licence with some different conditions. If granted the existing, operational licence, will be relinquished.

The new licence, if granted, remains for up to 8 days between May and September each year. The change will be to allow for events to take place on other days of the week to allow for the inclusion of other events such as a classical concert that is currently being explored. Out of the 8 event days no more than 4 days can take place consecutively without a break.

As part of the licence application, we posted blue notices around the premises in locations that were agreed with licensing in line with the guidelines, the licence was advertised on the council's website and we posted an advert in Cambridge News on Tuesday 31st October 2023.

In addition, we also sent a letter out to 10,000 properties, during the week commencing 6th November, to notify local residents and businesses of the new application and reasoning for this new application. Within this letter we also offered consultation sessions on zoom, should residents wish to get in touch and discuss anything further.

Councillors and Parish councils were also written to (via email) on 1st November 2023. We notified them of the new licence application and again offered zoom consultations.

Our consultation is ongoing as part of the licence application and we would be very happy to arrange a meeting to run through any concerns you have on a Zoom meeting or telephone call if you prefer? If you would like to arrange a meeting please let us know via email to

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Your representation raises a number of concerns. For clarity we have set these out below and then provided a response to each.

- Event Days and Times
- The Management of Noise
- Provision of Alcohol
- Parking and the Management of Traffic

Event Days and Times

Under our current licence, the condition that is set out to restrict the amount of event days we can operate is as follows:

“This Premises Licence Authorises licensable activity on two weekends, Friday to Monday, each calendar year between 1 May and 30 September annually”

Regulated entertainment for our current licence is between 15:00 - 02:00 on Fridays, 11:00 - 02:00 on Saturdays, 11:00 - 00:30 on Sundays.

Before submitting the new Licence application, we consulted with Environmental Health to agree on a condition that would allow us to operate up to the same number of days but to also allow for weekdays. This is because weekdays allow us to be more flexible with Artist touring schedules, in particular for a concert show, whilst still ensuring there would be a reasonable break in the number of consecutive days. The condition we have submitted with our new licence application is as follows:

“The applicant proposes a premises licence to operate for up to eight days each calendar year between 1 May and 30 September annually. Live and recorded music constituting regulated entertainment shall take place on no more than 4 consecutive event days. Where the fourth and final event day concludes after midnight, live and recorded music shall be permitted until the end time stated on the premises licence for that given day of the week”

This condition means that as per our current licence, we can only operate up to 8 event days each year. The Cambridge Club festival will operate across 4 of those available event days.

In order to have the ability to operate an event on a weekday, we are applying for our regulated entertainment times to cover weekdays too. We have also extended our regulated entertainment for campers by 1 hour on a Friday and Saturday night until 03:00.

Following the principle of conditions in our current licence we have included a condition that restricts us to ensuring the main event will cease at 23:00. This applies on all days, Monday to Sunday.

Lower noise level entertainment is allowable to our campers past this time, until 02:00 with our current licence and if the new licence is granted, this will be extended until 03:00.

We have kept regulated entertainment to finish at 00:30 on a Sunday as per previous years.

The condition within our licence application that restricts this is as follows:

“Regulated entertainment within the main event will cease at 23:00 for all ticket holders save that, regulated entertainment after 23:00 may continue until 03:00 the following day where it is provided for campers and designated patrons agreed with the licencing authority no less than 28 days in advance”

In 2023, during the Cambridge Club Festival we received a total of 5 noise complaints across the 4 days and none were past 23:00 when the main event finished.

The Management of Noise

A Noise Management Plan, which is referred to within the licence conditions, is agreed with the Licensing Authorities each year. This condition requires the production of a Noise Management Plan which indicates the maximum allowed noise levels and active monitoring arrangements for the events.

All noise from the main arena stops at 23:00, Monday to Friday, and it is only significantly reduced levels that are allowed to continue for those camping past this time.

As per our conditions, we are required to submit an Event Management Plan each year which is reviewed by the Licence Authorities which confirms that all of our timings are in line with our licence.

Provision of Alcohol

Our current licence for the site allows for the supply of alcohol between 15:00 and 01:30 on a Friday, 11:00 and 01:30 on a Saturday and 11:00 and Midnight on a Sunday.

In line with us extending provision for campers by 1 hour on a Friday and Saturday, we are seeking to extend these operating times in the new licence application. These are as follows:

The addition of 1 hour from 1:30 to 2:30 on Fridays and Saturdays

For the operation of events on weekdays to be included in the new licence we are applying for the following:

12:00 to 22:30 - Mondays to Thursdays

The above timings will only apply on the days in which an event takes place, which is a maximum of 8 event days per calendar year between May and September.

Provision of Parking and Management of Traffic

In 2023, we introduced car parking onsite. In previous years this was provided at a nearby location, Bourn Airfield. The onsite provision delivers a safer, more secure and more manageable solution than offsite without the need to transfer between the two locations.

For the Cambridge Club Festival, we also provide both a main station and local shuttle service. These services are safe, secure and significantly reduce the amount of traffic at this event with close to 50% of all customers using the shuttle service.

I hope that the above has provided further detail and clarity to your concerns but I would be more than happy to arrange a zoom call should you wish to find out more or discuss any queries you have in more detail.

Kind regards,

Aisha Francis