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**From:** Mr Michael Ford [mandbford@triplemracing.co.uk]

**Sent:** 30 July 2014 14:19

**To:** Licensing

**Subject:** Re: Home Grown Festival Akeman Street Chesterton

Having looked at your four licensing objectives I feel our objections certainly are pertinent to these points.

**Prevention of crime and disorder**- The sale of alcohol alcoholand the use of drugs are major reasons for both points and I don't believe that the organisers have the expertise or authority to be able to enforce. Again a common problem at these events is the attraction of pick pockets and thieves which usually goes undetected.

**Prevention of public nuisance**- The traffic controls which the organisers say they have put in place will not prevent anyone from taking whatever route they pick with there satnav's, road speed limit signs don't stop people speeding so how do they think a couple of no access signs are going to stop people. Having seen the aftermath of other festivals the litter and rubbish left behind and dropped by careless and inconsiderate people is also a major problem.

If we are subjected to noise pollution by the time someone has reported it and there assessors have carried out sound level checks it will be too late as the pollution will have already happened plus I find it difficult to believe they will have people checking levels.

**Prevention of public safety**- I would refer you to my first two points.

Protection of children from harm - the access to alcohol and social drugs must be a major concern which the organisers will have little or no control over.

I feel we have given fair and reasonable objections to the granting of this license and feel that if it is granted the conditions will not be adhered to. We choose to live in a village so we can have a less stressful existence than living in a larger town and all the social activities associated.

Michael Ford

On 25 Jul 2014, at 09:54, Licensing <[Licensing@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk)> wrote:

Good Morning Mr Ford,

Thank you for confirming that you wish to object to the application for Homegrown Music Festival for 15-17 August 2014.

The Licensing Act 2003 permits comments to be made upon applications that relate to the four licensing objectives set out in the Act. These are:

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- the prevention of public nuisance
- the protection of public safety
- the protection of children from harm

Comments need to reflect how the licensable activities requested in the application, may have an adverse effect upon the licensing objectives for them to be considered. In addition, it is also a requirement that comments must also not be deemed to be frivolous, vexatious or repetitious.

Whilst I do not perceive your comments to be frivolous, vexatious or repetitious, I need to be sure that they link in to the Licensing Objectives to ensure that they are relevant.

Would it be possible for you to expand on your thoughts behind your comments, with regard to the licensing objectives and the licensable activities sought (namely live and recorded music, alcohol sales and late night refreshment)?

However, in answer to some of your concerns we received the following response from the applicant after he held a meeting with Chesterton Parish Council:

*Hi Clare,*

*Thank you for the email and the chance to answer these concerns*

*We have met with Chesterton Parish Council who also had initial concerns similar to these*

*We have laid on a mini bus service to and from Bicester North Railway station to reduce the needs for people to arrive by car*

*We have planned a route map to bypass Chesterton and will place 'No access to Festival Traffic at the access to Chesterton and will also have advanced warning signs posted to alert drivers 48 hours in advance, this is being organised by the AA and they will liaise with Highways regarding this*

*Regarding Noise, this is an absolutely important issue in our planning;*

- *We have professional sound engineers who will adhere to the decibel levels that Rob Lowther will set before the event*
- *We will constantly monitor sound levels around the Chesterton area to ensure noise pollution will not be an issue*
- *All amplified music will be switched off at 11 PM exactly on Friday and Saturday and at 10 PM on Sunday*
- *This is a family event and thus we will run it as such*
- *It will be a professionally run event with our neighbours in mind*
- *We will have Marshals placed on the road approaches from both ends as an additional reminder for traffic*
- *We don't foresee huge crowds coming to this event and thus traffic flows should not be affected*
- *We will post the route maps on our website and social pages a week before the event and keep reminders going out to avoid Chesterton*
- *Our mini bus service and the local taxi firm will be picking people up from site and taking people away*
- *We have a professional security company on site to deal with any possible drunken behavior*
- *Our aim is hold a family event and hope to do so on an annual basis, for us to do that we will ensure our neighbours will not be disturbed*
- *A direct phone number will be placed in Chesterton, on the local notice boards that anyone can call if they feel the music is to high as well as on the website*

*Please advise the objector this is a family event, supporting local musicians and businesses and we really don't expect more than 2,000 over the whole weekend which will, in our opinion, will not cause any excess traffic*

Please can you take a look at the above response and see if it alleviates your concerns or whether you have any further questions that you wish to put to the applicant. Also, please note that an amended application was submitted which stated the correct number of attendees to the festival. The licensing application is no longer for 800 people so there would not be a breach where numbers are concerned.

Kind regards,

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**From:** Mr Michael Ford [<mailto:mandbford@triplemracing.co.uk>]

**Sent:** 24 July 2014 19:03

**To:** Licensing

**Subject:** Fwd: Home Grown Festival Akeman Street Chesterton

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**From:** Mr Michael Ford <[mandbford@triplemracing.co.uk](mailto:mandbford@triplemracing.co.uk)>  
**Subject:** Home Grown Festival Akeman Street Chesterton  
**Date:** 24 July 2014 15:31:38 BST  
**To:** [licencing@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:licencing@cherwell-dc.gov.uk)

Dear Sir

I wish to place an objection to the issuing of a licence to hold a music festival at the above location.

The reasons for my objection are as follows:-

**Traffic and road infrastructure**

In the past the local roads have proved incapable of coping with additional levels of traffic as we witnessed with Bicester Village especially at weekends and constant gridlock was the result. Why should we have to put up with this again even for two weekends a year. The field allocated for the event does appear to be unsuitable for this size of event and bearing in mind we have no village shop so there will be constant vehicle movements back and forward to the local food stores creating more traffic.

**Noise and Antisocial Behaviour**

We will be subjected to noise pollution for 10 hours on the friday, 14 hours on the saturday and 13 hours on the sunday which is totally unacceptable with all the other antisocial behaviour that unfortunately follows this type of event.

Who will be policing the Law & Order situation such as pick pockets, drug dealing, criminal damage etc???

**Compliance with licence regulations**

The application is for up to 800 people, on there website it states that 15000 will be available for sale so who will monitor the compliance of the licences this already indicates a cavalier approach to rules.

I understand Chesterton Parish Council have made an objection to this event and would like mine to be added to that.

Regards  
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