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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 January 2022 08:08
To: Licensing (HDC)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: We Out Here - Letter of 27th December 2021

Categories: [REDACTED]

Good morning Sarah

Thank you for contacting me on this matter

Yes I would like my letter to be used as a representation please

To be clear I am not saying the event should be cancelled but strongly feel the noise issue after midnight really needs addressing rather than the usual 'lip service'

Kind Regards

From: Licensing (HDC) <Licensing@huntingdonshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 11 January 2022 09:58
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] December 2021
Importance: High

Dear [REDACTED]

I have today had sight of your letter (attached) sent to our Environmental Health Department.

I would like to clarify with you, if you intended this letter to be a representation against the recent Premises Licence application, for the We Out Here event for 2022.

Whilst the statutory consultation period for this application ended on 7th January, your letter was received on 30th Dec, within the consultation period, and therefore could be accepted.

I would appreciate your timely response.

Kind regards

Sarah Mardon
Licensing Officer

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27th December 2021

Dear Sir

Following on from my complaint last September to your department about the 'We Out Here' event held on the De Ramsey Estate – please see attached copy of my letter

I wish to express my deep concerns about the intolerable noise we will experience again after midnight until 04.00 / 05.00 over several nights during this event

As I have said many times over the years, I defy anybody being able to sleep during these hours

Surely with all this 21st century technology and appropriate baffling the organisers can do much better

Yours faithfully



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9th September 2021

Dear Sir

I wish to make a formal complaint to the Licencing Department regarding the noise emanating from the "We Out Here" festival, held on the De Ramsey Estate this year.

As a long-standing resident of Kings Ripton, I must complain in the strongest possible terms about the incessant and intolerable noise that we suffered over the period 19th to 22nd August 2021.

This "event" has been held for many years under the guise of a family fun party. However, once the main stages close at midnight, the "rave" music starts and continues until 5am the following morning. We are subjected to loud base music, DJs shouting. It is loud, thumping noise, and there is no respite and sleeping was impossible, even with all the windows shut. As a result, [REDACTED] and I were totally exhausted by Monday morning.

I have taken my own recordings from the early hours of Sunday morning and I believe that any reasonable person listening to it, would be concerned at what we are having to endure.

I made three separate phone calls to the "noise hotline" on Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the event. I did not receive a call back from anyone. When I chased it, the person answering suggested that I email them, which I did but again, I did not receive any response. I must therefore conclude that the shmaltzy publication delivered to local residents by the organisation running this event, was a PR exercise only, and that there is no genuine desire to assist residents who are suffering noise disturbance.

I would like to ask the Licensing Department what the precedence was for allowing this type of event to carry on until 5am? The festivals at Glastonbury, Reading and Leeds all finish at the reasonable time of midnight so why has this festival been allowed to carry on till 5.00am?

I understand that the licence is to be reviewed and I would like my complaint to be taken into consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to attend.

Yours faithfully



The Parish Council wish to make representations regarding the notice advertised within the parish of Kings Ripton by We Out Here Limited for an event to be held between 25-28th August 2022.

Public Safety and protection of children from harm

When considering the location of the site, access will be via a rural country road in a similarly rural setting. We request that this continues to remain a safe route for local residents during the event, as well as for those accessing the site who have travelled in from elsewhere.

As it is likely that there may be large groups travelling to and from the location, possible issues regarding travel and personal safety need to be considered; also how this may impact local residents who require usual access in and out of the village for work, commuting and general day to day life.

It is worth noting that the organisers will need to consider the demographic of people in attendance at We Out Here due to the nature of the event i.e loud music, a party environment, large groups of young people and how this might impact the community surrounding Grange farm, as well as local businesses. Issues such as alcohol and drug use need to be carefully considered, especially when assessing the likelihood of paraphernalia being left around the surrounding area, which may be a danger to residents including vulnerable people i.e local children and the elderly due to glass and drug/needle risks. How will residents be kept safe and adequately safeguarded? It was noted at the last event that local fields and public walkways were being used as toilets so to protect members of the public from possible environmental and health concerns, sufficient toilets facilities must be provided as well as adequate bins to negate littering.

Prevention of Public nuisance

Evidence from the last event held by We Out Here raised some concerns which were addressed by the Parish Council at the feedback session.

The reporting lines offered to local residents did not appear to be working satisfactorily, affectively cutting members of the community off from the event organisers. The permitted hours for music to be played were unreasonable and disrespectful, causing some parishioners to move away for the weekend in order to sleep. This also raises concern surrounding crime and burglaries, as some homes are unattended whilst large, unprecedented numbers enter the local area for the event.

The issues surrounding noise levels and timings were raised to the event organisers previously. Communication was not well delivered before the event took place to residents, with feedback only being offered after the event had ended.

Primary concerns are the cut off time allowed for music being 4am on Saturdays and Sundays which is not reasonable for local people, including those with young families and the elderly. This can impact negatively on people's mental wellbeing. Also, suitable security is required, especially if event attendees become regularly inebriated due to the late supply of alcohol at the site. This would require acceptable control measures.

Local residents should be impacted as minimally as possible.

Kind regards,

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Clerk and RFO to Kings Ripton Parish Council

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