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Licensing Act 2003 Application for a Premises Licence Riverside Field, Keighley Road, Silsden

This Service recommends refusal of this application as there is no evidence offered with it to show how noise, which will arise from the event, will be controlled to prevent a public nuisance. I also have concerns about noise from festival goers travelling to and from the event and the impact that they will have on the occupiers of residential properties nearby.

The fields are located in an area in close proximity to residential properties and a dual carriageway. It is also worthwhile noting that a Premises Licence already exists for the fields in question and that the existing premises licence restricts the number of events to one per calendar year to prevent public nuisance.

The application gives the standard times as 13:00 hours to 22:00 hours (9 hours) and that there will be DJ's in each of three tents playing recorded music which will be amplified. It also states the PA System will be processed and regulated so as not to breach noise restrictions and there will be live singers performing vocals over recorded music tracks.

I note from the website advertising and selling tickets to the event that it states there will be 3 Arenas, 2,500 party people over 20 DJs and live PA's, fairground rides plus more.

The applicant has stated under the 'Prevention of Public Nuisance' that *'a suitable noise management plan has been drawn up to control and minimise this becoming a nuisance'*.

However, the next paragraph states that an independent acoustic consultant will be appointed to look at the noise management plan for the 2017 event. It then states *'in addition to the preparation of the noise management plan, the company will also be carrying out onsite monitoring of stage production and resident complaint management'*.

It is unclear whether a noise management plan has been created or is due to be prepared once an acoustic consultant has been appointed.



If the applicant wishes to pursue this application he should employ a noise consultant and submit to the Council a noise report to show how he will adequately control the noise from the festival.

The noise report shall include a survey to determine the background noise levels (as defined by the Code of Practice on Environmental Noise Control at Concerts) at locations around the venue representative of the noise sensitive premises likely to experience the largest increase in noise as a result of the concert/events. These locations should be agreed in advance with this Service.

If the Authority is minded to grant this application it is recommended that the following conditions should be imposed:

(i) For events held between 09:00 and 23:00 hours the Music Noise Levels (MNL) as defined in the Code of Practice on Environmental Noise Control at Concerts, shall not exceed 75 dB(A) over a 15 minute period when measured 1 metre from the façade of the nearest noise sensitive premises if there are one to three concert days per calendar year.

The Premises Licence Holder shall ensure that staff monitor, on a regular basis, noise emanating from the site from regulated entertainment to ensure that any neighbouring residents are not disturbed.

The Premises Licence Holder shall ensure that the site is kept clear of litter and refuse.

Notices shall be displayed in prominent positions near exits reminding patrons to leave in a quiet and orderly manner.

The current application, if granted, is likely to result in complaints of noise being made to this Department. This Service is not satisfied that the noise can be adequately controlled and would therefore recommend refusal.

Regards

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