

## Pickup, Jade

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**To:** Licensing  
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**Subject:** Temporary Event Notice (16/07-18/07/2021) at St Ambrose Playing Fields, Hale Road, Hale Barns, WA15 0HF

**Categories:** Licensing Act 2003 - TENS

Dear Licensing Team,

Further to your consultation of the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 in respect of the above Temporary Event Notice (TEN), I wish to raise an objection to the acceptance of this TEN on the basis of the proposed activities potentially not being consistent with the licensing objective for prevention of public nuisance.

The proposal is for a community festival with an outdoor stage on the playing fields/associated car parks and live music from 12:00 – 22:00 hrs on the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021 for 499 people. The application description refers to the event as 'community festival with free entry in the day and family friendly evening concerts which are ticketed for fundraising'. The plan associated with the application presents the layout of the stage, bars, markets, tents and stalls. There are however some areas which are not clearly visible and it is therefore unclear what is being proposed in these areas (e.g. areas highlighted in green, pink and yellow).

I am aware of a number of noise complaints being received by the Pollution team in July 2019 about the playing of loud music at a similar event. Residents complained of loud live music noise throughout the day until late at night.

I would have concerns about the possibility of undue disturbance from an outdoor event since the need to provide satisfactory sound coverage for the audience combined with the lack of any sound containment can result in excessive noise being easily propagated to receptors who are located in close proximity to the site. This being also subject to variabilities such as weather conditions and wind direction. The complaints received regarding the 2019 event provide evidence that music noise from the event was propagated further afield from residential areas in close proximity to the application site.

Low frequency noise in particular can travel surprising distances and may reflect around buildings, leading to additional difficulty in the control of this aspect of the sound. The provision of outdoor entertainment through the quietest period of the evening and into the night time is not acceptable given the proximity of residents, the inherent problems in sound control indicated above and also considering the historical impact of a similar event.



The TEN supporting documentation does not specify a detailed plan for any noise control and mitigation measures. The documentation includes no reference to any undertaking for the monitoring and control of sound levels or to give residents prior notification of the event. The application is therefore not considered to be sufficient for the local authority to assess the environmental impact of these events and as such it would not be unreasonable for this Service to raise an objection in this matter.

For information, the Council has a duty to investigate complaints of noise nuisance and should any statutory nuisance be witnessed, is obliged to serve a Noise Abatement Notice on the person responsible, and potentially on the owner and/or occupier of the premises in addition.

I would therefore object to the Temporary Event Notice.

Kind Regards

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