

Blackpool Council Licensing Service				
Representation made by a Responsible Authority				
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Name of Responsible Authority	Licensing Authority			
Name of Officer <i>(please print)</i>	Mark Marshall			
Signature of Officer				
Contact telephone number	01253-478493			
Date representation made	31	03	2016	
Do you consider mediation to be appropriate			YES	NO
Premises Details				
Premises Name	Lawson Show Ground			
Address	Lawson Road			
	Blackpool			
Post Code	FY3 9TD			
Details of your representation (Please refer and attach any supporting documentation)				
<p>On Monday 7th March I spoke with Jason Barr and raised some concerns in relation to the location of the event and the potential for public nuisance especially around the dispersal of customers at the end of the event and the potential impact for residents with regards to parking.</p> <p>I suggested that some of the arrangements for the event should be scrutinised by the Safety Advisory Group . Mr Barr was agreeable to this albeit stated he would be away at the time the next meeting was scheduled which was for the 23rd March 2016. I followed this conversation up with the following e mail which was sent on the 10th March 2016.</p> <p><i>Dear Jason</i></p> <p><i>I write further to our conversation on Monday 7th March 2016 regarding the event due to be held on Lawson Field. As part of my responsibilities as Responsible Authority I discussed the likelihood that I would be submitting an objection to the licence application.</i></p> <p><i>The grounds of which would largely be based on an insufficiency of information, my intention would be to invite you to accept a condition on the licence which would be as follows;</i></p>				

To have the proposed event considered by Blackpool Safety Advisory group and to abide by any reasonable recommendations or requirements and to implement the same into the event premises licence as conditions.

I indicated that the next meeting was on the 23rd March 2016 at 2pm at Bickerstaff House (The new offices next to Sainsbury's), if you or your representative arrive at the reception for no later than 13.50 you will be collected and taken to the meeting room.

The Safety Advisory Group consists of representation from the Ambulance Service, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Services, Police and Council, in essence they will perhaps be looking for finer details around some of your proposals contained within your operating schedule, certainly around First Aid Provision and possibly around dispersal and noise control.

You stated you were away on holiday on this day but Dominic and Martin would deputise on your behalf.

The final point we discussed was the event plan, this is referred to in your application but is not attached, you said there were still some amendments being made and it should be ready by the end of the week (11th March 2016) This document would be useful for the SAG to refer to and it may also assist in filling in some of the insufficiencies on the licence application so I would be grateful for a copy so I can peruse the same and forward it on to the group.

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On Monday 14th March I received the event plan from Martin Robinson, after due consideration of the plan some matters of concern were highlighted, they were;

Page References from the event plan (attached)

Pg 6 (2.6) suggests limited parking will be for event management only.

The impact on the area with no parking facilities for the event will be significant and will no doubt cause distress and nuisance to residents. The numbers anticipated at the event are circa 5000. A pessimistic estimation of vehicle numbers could be at least 1000 and no planning arrangements for customer parking were put forward in the plan.

Pg 8 (2.9) Welfare Facilities appeared inadequate for the size of the event with 25 female toilets and 5 toilets for males plus 4 urinals

These facilities appeared insufficient for the size of the proposed event.

Pg 12 (3.12.2) Steward deployment

The numbers of door staff and stewards were not indicated and their roles were not clearly identified.

SAG Meeting 23rd March 2016

Martin Robinson attended the SAG meeting to discuss arrangements for the event again a number of concerns were raised with a unanimity of opinion that the plan was too vague with far too many unanswered questions.

Concerns raised at the meeting.

Public Safety

Medical Provision- the medical provider was unknown to the specialist representative Dave Rigby and he had concerns that the staff providing the service had the qualifications to discharge patients, this in his view was essential to prevent unnecessary stress on the A & E and ambulance service.

A further concern was raised with regard to a lack of a proper RV or meeting point so paramedic staff could be led to the patient safely and they had some sort of hard standing area to treat casualties if necessary.

The other concern raised was that Lawson's field was a dedicated landing site for the air ambulance; the secondary site was Blackpool airport which added 12 minutes to a journey to get a patient for A&E.

Fire Safety was also raised as a concern with the lack of suitable hard standing being available to base a Fire appliance, the evacuation procedure had not been properly thought through as the emergency route was possibly also going to be the area that emergency vehicles used to assemble.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

Dispersal, Parking and dismantling the equipment were the concerns raised no answer on the parking problems were offered albeit mention of a park and ride service or coaches was given without any meaningful detail.

The representative from Environmental Protection suggested a terminal hour of 21.00hrs rather than 22.00 in order to achieve "site silence " by 2300. The suggestion of an inaudibility condition to be imposed on the licence after 23.00hrs.was accepted by Martin Robinson.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The issues raised here by both myself and the police representative were both the number of stewards and the qualifications.

It was indicated that 25 door staff would be used with 25 stewards, it was suggested that 4 tents would be used each of which had an approximate capacity of 1000.

Again a safe estimate to secure against unlawful entry in these tent areas would be 1 licensed door person for every 100 customers, that equates to at least 10 per tent so 25 door staff would be wholly inadequate.

Stewards cannot engage in licensable activity or manned guarding they can only really sign post or direct foot flow, perhaps they could also record capacity numbers but vetting of customers and guarding against unlawful entry and safeguarding other customers were beyond their scope.

The police representative also raised concern about security against terrorist attack suggesting that no emergency plan was in place to deal with such matters. Searching and handling of drugs and camera footage was again raised with a solution of body cameras to be

worn by door staff but it was felt that this would not be sufficient for the size of the event.

Conclusion

In raising all these matters I raise Paragraph 8.34 of the Section 182 Guidance which states;

Applicants are, in particular, expected to obtain sufficient information to enable them to demonstrate, when setting out the steps they propose to take to promote the licensing objectives, that they understand:

the layout of the local area and physical environment including crime and disorder hotspots, proximity to residential premises and proximity to areas where children may congregate;

any risk posed to the local area by the applicants' proposed licensable activities; and

any local initiatives (for example, local crime reduction initiatives or voluntary schemes including local taxi-marshalling schemes, street pastors and other schemes) which may help to mitigate potential risks.

Both the application and the event management plans leave lots of concerns for numerous authorities and as such I propose that a condition is added to the licence , if the decision is to grant, that the licence holder comply with the following;

To have the proposed event considered by Blackpool Safety Advisory group and to abide by any reasonable recommendations or requirements and to implement the same into the event premises licence as conditions.

All recommendations should be listed in writing and be an addendum to the premises licence.

For New / Variation Applications only.

It is recommended that the licence should only be granted if the application is amended, or if conditions are applied, as detailed below.