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Subject: Application to stage live and recorded music and sell alcohol on Lawson Road fields in July 2016

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To Blackpool Council

Dear Sir/Madam

Application to stage live and recorded music and sell alcohol on Lawson Road fields in July 2016.

We would like to object to this application to hold a "rock concert" on Lawson Road fields. Our objections are based on preventing public nuisance, public safety and the likelihood of crime and disorder. They are detailed as follows:

It is not appropriate to hold such an event in a residential area; particularly an event that will take place over two days.

The noise and disruption will impact on residents of the surrounding area for numerous days as well as having a possible impact on the nearby zoo and hospital.

The air-ambulance frequently uses Lawson's field to land when taking life threatening cases to the Cardiac Unit at the hospital. An event of this nature would make it impossible for air-ambulance to land for at least the days of the event and possibly days either side. Living on Lawson Road I see the air-ambulance landing almost every day and sometimes twice a day.

This land and the adjacent Stanley Park are used by hundreds of families during summer weekends for peaceful pursuits and it is not appropriate to have an event of this type close by selling alcohol to thousands of people because of all the problems relating to crime and disorder that this is likely to produce.

Lawson Road itself has now become one of the busiest and at times congested roads in Blackpool and will struggle to cope with the extra traffic and parking problems that the expected numbers of people will generate.

A similar event took place on 24 May last year for just one day at Blackpool Cricket Club and resulted in numerous complaints to the police and council because of the excessive noise until late at night. We live at the opposite side of the park to the cricket club but the noise impact was so bad that we could hear the music over the television volume and it felt at times as if the house was shaking because the music amplification was so loud.

Lawson Road fields are used for many events throughout the year such as horse shows, dog shows and carnivals that are in keeping with the area but an event like this should be staged in the more mainstream tourist areas of the town. In fact concerts are usually staged on the promenade or one of the headlands that were built for this purpose. I see no reason why this should event should be any different.

We therefore ask you to reject this application.

Mr & Mrs Payne