John Myali

From:

rodney

Sent:

31 March 2010 14:29

To:

Licensing

Subject: MatterleyBowl pop music events

To the Licensing Section, Winchester City Council

Overnight Noise from the Matterley Bowl Pop Music Events

Although we live in Cheriton, several miles from Matterley Bowl, we have been significantly disturbed over recent years from undue noise after 2300 hrs from pop music events held there. The particular type of noise which permeates our house even through closed, double-glazed windows, is the rhythmic, base thumping which seems to be continuous.

We understand that the Council issues licences for these events, licences which carry clear conditions, which appear not to have been effectively enforced in the past. The relevant licences are:

"PREM 500" Licensing Act 2003 - application for review of Premises Licence number

PREM 500 held by

Mr Peveril Bruce for Matterley Bowl

and

"PREM 548" Licensing Act 2003 - application for review of Premises Licence number PREM

548 held by

G Events Ltd for Matterley Bowl

We urge you, when considering these applications, to take full account of the danger of illegal intrusion of noise to local residents and, after setting appropriately stringent conditions for such licences in accordance with the WCC Licensing Policy and published guidelines to prevent disturbance, to strenuously police and enforce those conditions.

We have no wish to curtail proper enjoyment of those attending these events. We fail to understand, however, why such enjoyment should necessarily involve a level of noise which invades the reasonable privacy of people living miles from the events, especially after 11 p.m.

Marie and Rodney Ashman Colstons, Cheriton. SO24 0QG

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From:

Robin Bartholomew

Sent:

30 March 2010 17:48

To:

Licensing

Subject: Matterly Bowl. Licence PREM 500: and PREM 548

Dear Sirs,

I write to object to the grant of these two licences.

As a Beauworth resident for many years the noise from the festival over the last few years has been clearly heard in my house: Beauworth Cottage. Both my wife and myself have resorted to wearing ear plugs in order to sleep: the sound of base noise is not however wholly excluded. Surely it is not acceptable to entertain some people at the discomfort of others. The volume of sound varies of course with the direction of the wind. It is more disturbing however to listen to increasing and fading volumes than to a constant noise. The noise is heard with all windows closed.

The permission to allow the noise must ignore the Noise Council's code of practice about environmental noise at such events. Moreover Winchester City Council's policy is I think that noise should be inaudible in private houses. How can it be, then, that these licences were granted?

Yours faithfully,

R. Bartholomew Beauworth Cottage Beauworth SO24 0PA

4 Hockley Cottages Cheriton Nr Alresford SO24 0NU

31 March 2010

Licensing Section
Winchester City Council
City Offices
Colebrook Street
Winchester SO23 9LJ

BY EMAIL TO licensing@winchester.gov.uk

Dear Sirs

Licensing Act 2003 – Application for review of Premises Licence number PREM 500 held by Mr Peveril Bruce for Matterley Bowl.

Licensing Act 2003 – Application for review of Premises Licence number PREM 548 held by G Events Ltd for Matterley Bowl.

We are writing with reference to the above two licences and with particular reference to the recently advertised Glade concert to be held at Matterley Bowl from 15 to 18 July 2010.

We do not expect Winchester City Council to permit a repeat of the events of the 2009 Glade Festival when we experienced the worst noise levels since a music festival was first permitted at this site.

It was particularly infuriating, as most people were trying to sleep in preparation for the start of the working week on the Monday morning, to have to listen to extremely audible music throughout the hours from Sunday night through to dawn on the Monday morning. The event was held in July, as it is proposed to be again this year, and we believe we should be able to open our bedroom window for ventilation without being disturbed in such a manner. We were under the impression that Winchester City Council officers would be monitoring noise levels at these events and could not understand how such noise levels were permitted.

Changes in atmospheric conditions can always provide a useful excuse but, in our view, that is not acceptable. Our cottages may be some 2+ miles from the Matterley Bowl by road but, geographically our cottages are much closer and therefore noise pollution must always be a potential problem. In such circumstances, we would expect Winchester City Council to give priority to our needs over and above those of a promoter. Should these licences be issued again this year, and we sincerely hope that will not be the case, then it is our contention that Winchester City Council officials have to be empowered to immediately effect changes to noise levels when it is found either that noise regulations are being contravened or that complaints are being received from residential properties.

It is our view that, as council tax payers, we have a human right to enjoy our homes in peace and quiet, and this should be given priority over and above the rights of festival-goers and money-making organisations. We notice that this year the timing of the proposed festival has shifted to a Thursday start. G Events should be reminded that many people still need to

work on Friday and, therefore, excessive noise is no more appropriate in the early hours of Friday morning than a Monday morning.

In the event that these licences are renewed, we would ask you to set out, and publish in the Hampshire Chronicle, stringent penalties for contravention of noise regulations. However, w would ask, should licence PREM 500 be renewed, that licence PREM 548 be withdrawn and that all music will therefore cease at 0400 each day.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email by return.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours faithfully

Martyn and Rosslyn Curwen- Bryant

From:

Carl Dore

Sent:

19 March 2010 15:41

To:

Licensing

Cc:

Frank Barker

Subject: Matterley Bowl Pop Music Events

Dear Sirs,

Ref.:licences "PREM 500 & PREM 548"

I write with reference to noise levels at the above events, covered by the above licences, concerning which complaints have been made to the City Council. I can confirm that, within my house at Willowfield, Ladycroft Alresford, SO24 0QS, with normal summer ventilation, the sounds, particularly the bass beat, was clearly heard between the hours of 23:00 and 06:00. This was particularly noticeable last summer, and was in breach of the licence condition, which states "noise...should be controlled to such a level that the noise will be inaudible at all times inside all noise sensitive properties in the vicinity of the licensed premises".

Yours faithfully,

Mr. & Mrs. C.N.Dore

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29 Mar 10

References: PREM 500 PREM 548

Dear Sir

I understand that the above licences are being reviewed and that discussions are underway about the Glade Festival to be held in July 2010.

These festivals music Matterley at Bowl disruption in the Valley and considerable nuisance and disturbance to residents. Each year we are assured that noise levels are monitored and that the decibel level is reduced after 11 pm. Each year we find that the noise is intrusive, even with windows closed, and there is no noticeable lessening of the noise of the bass beat or the vibrations from it. In fact the bass beat appears to increase at about 5 am on the Sunday morning and this has happened on several occasions.

There is a need to produce a better balance between the requirement of the organisers to provide an entertainment for their customers with loud music and the rights of the local residents. At present the attitude seems to be that, as it is only for two days, the residents can put up with it as long as the customers are happy.

yours sincerely



John Myali

From:

Peter Kilmister

Sent:

09 March 2010 16:53

To:

Licensina

Subject: Licensing Act 2003 - application for review of Premises Licence number PREM 548 held by G

Events Ltd for Matterley Bowl.

My Name is Peter Kilmister. I live at Donkey Field, Tichborne, Alresford, SO24 ONA. My telephone number is

Regarding the application for review of Premises Licence number PREM 548, I have a serious issue with musical events held at Matterley Bowl. The playing of loud music between 23:00 and 07:00 causes a public nuisance. If limits were to be placed on these musical events then we would not suffer the public nuisance of sleep loss.

Matterley Bowl and Tichborne village are, in a straight line, 3 miles (5 kilometers) apart. For the music sound levels to be so high 3 miles from the source that it is impossible to sleep brings into question how bad the nuisance must be closer to the event.

Southampton Eastliegh Airport has strict limits on flying times. If similar limits were placed on events at Matterley Bowl then the public nuisance would be minimised.

look forward to hearing the result of the review.

Yours faithfully

Peter Kilmister

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Lake House Avington Winchester Hampshire SO21 1DE

Mr John Myall
Licensing and Registration Manager
Winchester City Council,
Colebrook Street,
Winchester,
Hampshire SO 23 9LJ.



26 March 2010

Dear Sir,

Review of Premises Licences PREM 500 and PREM 548 Matterley Farm Alresford Road, Winchester

I support the application for a review of the above premises licences.

Many events have been held on this farm in the past and they cause considerable disruption to the people living locally. They cause a large amount of noise long into the night and considerable additional traffic on minor as well as major roads. Last year the thumping of the bass was clearly audible here in Avington and it was difficult to sleep.

Noise and traffic constitute a public nuisance and represent valid grounds for a review of the licence.

Yours faithfully,

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Licensing Section
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14.03.2010

from Mr Ernest Piper
5 Sun Hill Crescent
Alresford
Hants
SO24 9NJ

Re Licensing Act 2003

Application for review of Premises Licences:

- (a) number 500 held by Mr Peveril Bruce for Matterley Bowl
- (b) number 548 held by G Events Ltd for Matterley Bowl

I write to express my concern, based on previous experiences of Matterley Bowl festivals, regarding the granting of this licence. My house is just over 4 miles from the festival site. Last year I was unable to enjoy the BBC broadcast of the Promenade Concert because, even with all the double-glazed windows and doors closed on a summer evening, the noise from the festival was quite audible inside the house. I suppose that one could justifiably claim that my personal inconvenience in this instance is relatively unimportant. However, with my double-glazed windows firmly closed, the noise after midnight was just as intrusive, although as I understand it, the noise level should have been lowered after 2300 hrs. When I called on the published telephone helpline I was told that 'someone was looking into the problem', but the noise level remained the same. Suggestions that the weather/wind conditions were making things worse were not helpful. It is generally the case that prevailing westerly winds would carry such noise from the Matterley Bowl to Alresford.

If the noise levels last year and in previous years were unacceptable at a distance of 4 miles from the source, what hope do I have that things will be any better this year? What about the unfortunate people who live closer to the festival site than I do?

I refer to Winchester City Licensing Objectives, Section C9

'In all cases the Council will expect the applicant to propose practical steps as to how disturbance to local residents will be prevented.'

Since in previous years the Matterley Bowl Festival has caused disturbance in Alresford one must assume that Section C9 is not being taken seriously. The noise levels appear to be either set too high or are not being adhered to. The only bodies responsible for this are Licensing Authority and the festival organiser. Despite a history of unhappiness expressed in previous years by people who are affected by the noise from the festival, nothing seems to have been effectively done to lower the noise level. Indeed, I wonder whether anyone has taken meaningful practical steps to prevent disturbance to 'local' residents.

I know of people in Alresford who now go away for the weekend of the festival to avoid the stress of having to put up with the intrusive, persistent and long-lasting noise. There are numerous people in Alresford who grumble about the noise from the festival. Most of them, feeling that it is futile for an ordinary citizen to make an objection against a licence application backed up by powerful commercial interests, resign themselves to the situation.

It is neither acceptable nor just that so many people are adversely affected by the festival upon which the practical control of the stipulations regarding the volume of sound seems to be ineffectual.

I have no objection to there being a pop-festival at Matterley Bowl but I do not consider it unreasonable to ask why the Licensing Authority cannot ensure that I do not have to hear it in Alresford over a week end.

Green Pastures Alresford Road Winchester SO21 1HL 31 March 2010

To: Winchester City Council

I write to make a representation as an interested party, in respect of the applications for review of Premises Licenses numbers PREM 548 and 500 held respectively by G Events Ltd and Mr Peveril Bruce for Matterley Bowl.

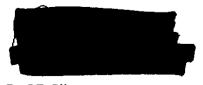
My representation is under the heading of public nuisance. My wife and I live in the Alresford Road, just under a mile from Matterley Bowl, as the crow flies. We are thus affected by two issues, relating to noise and to traffic.

At the start of last year's Glade Festival the noise was not excessive, but the nuisance became progressively worse as the event continued, and by the weekend we found we could not sleep at night unless we closed all our windows to shut out as much noise as possible, and that this then obliged us to run an electric fan all night to keep cool. To be fair, during some previous events at Matterley Bowl the noise nuisance had been even greater, and on one occasion we phoned the council hotline and were visited by officials at 4 a.m.; they measured the festival noise from inside our house and declared that it was unacceptably high, but they seemed unable to achieve any reasonable lasting reduction in the volume in spite of a phone call to the event organisers. It seems clear that the impact of the noise on neighbours of these events is highly dependent on the strength and direction of the wind, and during the 2009 event we were lucky to be essentially upwind of the source of the noise for at least some of the time. But surely we should not have to depend on a wind-direction lottery to determine where, on a scale from unpleasant to unbearable, the noisenuisance lies? The sound levels at all times, but most especially at night when people want to sleep, should be set much, much lower; and indeed this correspondent is at a loss to understand why any noise at all should be allowed after 11 p.m.

On the issue of traffic, since we live at the western end of a three-and-a-half mile stretch of dual carriageway between two roundabouts, we rely on a gap in the central reservation to make our journey to Winchester no more than three miles; when all the gaps are closed for a festival, the three mile journey is increased by seven and becomes ten miles. Given sufficient warning one can put up with this nuisance for a short while, but for last year's Glade Festival the gaps were all closed for longer than on any previous occasion, for five days, from the Thursday through to the Monday. Now I understand that the gaps need to be closed at the start of the event when traffic is heavy, and again at the end, but in between there are long periods when traffic is no heavier than on a normal day, and to have to make this seven mile detour then, for no good reason, is a great nuisance, in terms of the waste of both time and fuel. Surely one or two strategically chosen gaps could be reopened during quieter periods during these events? (I am assuming here that we shall never again have to suffer being unable to exit from our property due to the excessive number of improperly parked vehicles on the verge, or the several hours of gridlock, or the closure of the road due to mud brought onto the carriageway by homeward bound vehicles from the event?)

I hope you will take these concerns into account when you review these licences.

Yours faithfully,



Dr J R Silvester

From:

Barry Turberfield |

Sent:

01 April 2010 16:24

To:

John Myall

Subject: RE: PREM 548 and PREM 500

Dear Mr Myall,

My address is Park View Cottage, Main Road, Itchen Abbas SO21 1BQ.

Regards

Barry Turberfield

----Original Message----

From: Barry Turberfield [mailto:bkturberfield@hotmail.com]

Sent: 31 March 2010 16:51

To: Licensing

Subject: PREM 548 and PREM 500

Dear Sir,

I wish to comment on the above two reviews with reference to public nusiance.

Firstly, regarding the fluctuation of volume in noise levels - it appears that no technical means of maintaining sound levels within the agreed limits of the licence are employed. Despite monitoring by Council officials and some efforts by the organisers to contain the problem, the fluctuation between live bands and pre-recorded music and the use of multistages results in continual noise problems.

Secondly, the predominance of the sound system towards the base level results in a highly intrusive noise both day and night regardless of whether the volumes are measured within the limits according to the licence.

Finally, since the events at Matterley Bowl started, the hours and days of the events have continually increased. To have sleep interrupted for several consecutive days because of excessive noise levels which can last up to 6am in the morning is unreasonable. No noise should come from the site after 11 pm on any night. Modern electronic solutions exist for the music to be contained within the tents, and these should be a requirement of the licence especially after 11pm

In conclusion, the above contribute towards an unacceptable intrusion on the lives of individuals within a radius of some miles. I should be able to enjoy the peace and quiet in my garden particularly at the weekend and to have a good night's sleep.

Yours faithfully,

Barry Turberfield. SO21 1BQ

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Avington
Winchester
Hampshire SO21 1DE

-26th March 2010

The Licensing Department, Winchester City Council, Colebrook Street, Winchester, SO23 9LJ.

Dear Sirs

Reviews of Premises Licences 500 and 548 relating to Matterley Bowl, Hampshire

The Society, on behalf of its members in the Itchen Valley, supports the applications for reviews of the above premises licences on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance.

Past experience has shown that events on this site involve large numbers of people and inevitably result in unacceptable nuisance to the general public in terms of noise, light pollution, litter and traffic often late at night. There is still one Glade sign up at the Avington junction.

Outdoor music festivals have been held at Matterley Bowl for some years. During that time it has always been an accepted principle of noise management that the outdoor stages will not be used after 23.00 hours. We believed that this was intended to ensure that those within earshot of the site could get a reasonable night's sleep bearing in mind that the events are normally held in the summer when people may want to open their bedroom windows.

It is always difficult to say which areas/villages will be affected by the noise in any one year as this very much depends on the wind direction. For example last year residents of the Itchen Valley villages were badly affected by noise from the Glade Festival during the night. The bass noise was particularly intrusive.

We are aware of the recent variation of the licence but, as we said in our representation then, do not believe that it is reasonable to allow any use of outdoor stages after 23.00 and ask that consideration be given to the reasonable expectation of residents that their local council will not allow events which adversely affect their night's sleep. This is particularly important when events take place on Sundays, ie immediately before the start of the working week.

On behalf of its members the Society asks that the licences be reviewed to incorporate conditions strictly limiting noise between the hours of 11pm and 9am.

Yours faithfully,

Alison Matthews Chairman. . |

5 Windermere Gardens Airesford Hampshire 5024 9NL

Licensing Section Winchester City Council City Offices Colebrook Street Winchester SO23 9L1

15th March 2010



Dear Sir or Madam

Licensing Act 2003 - application for review of Premises Licence number PREM 500 held by Mr Peveril Bruce for Matterley Bowl.

Licensing Act 2003 - application for review of Premises Licence number PREM 548 held by G Events Ltd for Matterley Bowl.

With regard to the above applications, I wish to make a number of points.

Committee to the second second In granting the licence PREM 500 in its current form to Mr Peveril Bruce, the Licensing Sub-Committee were not acting in line either with Council Policy or Noise Council Recommendations.

The same applies to the granting of licence PREM 548.

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The noise levels allowed by the licence are too loud -.unnecessarily.loud for an event of this size. In particular the base level is unbearably loud and here I quote Mr Ingram of Winchester City Council's Environment Division: "base noise travels more efficiently over distance than high frequency so it subjectively appears to be more intrusive and therefore more likely to cause 'annoyance". This base level is not reduced at 23:00 hours and continues thumping through the night until 6 o'clock in the morning.

On one occasion in the past, following a telephone call made after midnight, I was visited by Council officers. They stated that they were very surprised to hear, as far away as Alresford, not only the thumping base noise but also the instrumentals and vocals. They said: "We may have to rethink the noise levels for next year". The following year the levels remained unchanged. Is it any wonder that most people no longer bother to complain?

At the meeting in the Cheriton Village Hall in September last year with Mr Bruce, Glade representatives and Council Officers, there was much anger expressed about the noise levels - one resident spoke of the "distressing" effect of the noise, another of the futility of complaining.

Telephone calls to the special hotline set up by Glade were met with the standard answer: "It must by the wind conditions" - followed by no action being taken clearly a means of simply absorbing and then ignoring the complaints.

The noise levels are disturbing, intrusive and, after even just a few hours, distressing - there is simply no escape from it from midday right through to 6 o'clock the next morning - with 6 brief hours before it all starts up again.

The noise is such that, even on the east side of Airesford, it can be heard indoors, above the television, with double glazed windows closed. The Glade representative

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at the Cheriton meeting expressed his surprise at this – and said that he would like to "work a bit closer with the community". What has happened – precisely nothing.

The sound levels set by the Council were breached on one occasion last year. What action was taken against the licence holder or the organisers? Precisely none. No sanctions were imposed. Instead Council officers have stated: "It is our approach that we want to foster a cooperative working relationship with the organisers to ensure compliance." Surely sanctions should have been automatic, significant and embedded in the licence conditions.

As above, maintaining "good will" from the community does not seem to be high on the Glade agenda, despite their statements to the contrary.

This event is clearly a <u>public nuisance</u> and the amount of <u>noise pollution</u> across the countryside is unreasonable in a place designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and which is situated in the new South Downs National Park, which has, as its Ambition number 3: "A tranquil landscape".

The Licensing Sub-Committee, in setting the noise levels for this event, shows a complete disregard for the residents affected. The only way to escape the noise is to go away – but why should I be driven out of my home to escape the distressing effect on my wellbeing caused by this continuous, intolerable onslaught of noise?

Yours sincerely



Janet E M Barker

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REPLY BY

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Mr & Mrs P R Sims Fairdene, 9 Markali Close Cheriton Hants, SO24 0QF

The Chairman Winchester City Council Colebrook Street Winchester SO23 0LJ

23 March 2010

Dear Sir

Re: Matterley Bowl / The Glade - license review.

It has come to my attention that the license for Mr Bruce's Matterley Bowl is up for review – specifically concerning this year's annual 'music event' – which I understand might once again be The Glade.

I am not and never will be a Festival goer – but I would like to voice an opinion as a long term resident in both Alresford and Cheriton.

I have never in the years that events have been running at the Bowl – had any problems whatsoever with noise – or traffic – or behavioural issues.

We live about 5 fields away from the site- and I have to say I am always a little disappointed each year to find that we can hear – almost nothing of this live music event. We suffer to a much greater extent with live music at the Cheriton Flower Pots Pub! but have no objection to this as we accept it as part of the 'fun' of annual summertime entertainment for all and regard it as a privilege to live in this area.

We have never had a problem with local access to our property or access into Winchester and have found that the management of such has always been immaculate.

I have seen local business in Alresford increase – especially in the Co-op as a result of increased 'passing trade'.

The winding up and winding down of the event has always been exceptionally impressive – with the field scrutinised for rubbish and cleared very quickly after the event and returned to it's full natural state in a matter of weeks.

The only thing I might say is an objection to any 'hard landscaping' ie installation of 'permanent roads' etc – which might spoil the public view of this serene site.

I hope that the review will therefore go favourably towards Mr Bruce and the live events at Matterley Bowl.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Brenda J Sims

24th, March 2010

New House
Fobdown Farm
Old Alresford
Hants
SO24 9TD

REF: PREM500.

Dear Sirs,

I have just found out that Winchester City Council are now having Matterley Bowl license under review. Once again Winchester City Council seems to be on a 'witch hunt' at the Matterley Estate.

I have lived locally for 50 years and over the years have noticed many events at Matterley Bowl, none of which in any way have disturbed or bothered me. I omit the music festivals are not my cup of tea, but my teenage daughter and friends have been and enjoyed it, but more importantly have felt safe. I cannot see any reason why only 2 letters of complain should stop enjoyment for thousands.

In general I think all the event at Matterley are good for the local area and I would ask the licensing board to be positive on these licenses.

Yours truly,

James Sanderson

Ian Mackintosh 9 Grange Road Alresford Hants S024 9HB



26th March 2010

To Head of Legal Services Winchester City Council

Matterley Bowl

Dear Sir,

I understand that you may be conducting a review of the licensing arrangements for the music festivals at Matterley Bowl near Cheesefoot Head. I know I speak for the majority of local citizens in and around Alresford in expressing my strong support for these events for a number of reasons.

The festival provides entertainment and enjoyment for young and not so young people and their visitors from other areas. In stringent economic times people especially the young are finding life difficult and it is good to see, and of course also hear, the enthusiasm and joy with which the Matterley festivals are anticipated and attended. Hampshire must indeed be proud to host these splendid entrepreneurial events which now enrich our countryside traditions.

The advantages to local traders and service providers are also considerable and the local economy benefits substantially from the festivals which employ a number of young jobseekers. Members of my own and other local families have often worked at Matterley and have gained useful work experience in the process.

Sadly in an increasingly urbanised rural England we have become accustomed to the persistent and depressing noise pollution of traffic and construction. The occasional drum beat that we now also hear once a year or so from the Matterley festivities constitutes a refreshing change from the roar and drone of traffic and is a heartening signal that people are having a good time in our neighbourhood in a splendid natural amphitheatre.

I urge your organisation to do your utmost to allow these happy events to prosper and continue.

Yours sincerely

Ian Mackintosh

From:

steve modonnell

Sent:

26 March 2010 14:32

To:

John Myall

Subject: Matterley Bowl concert

Dear Sir

We have heard that the existence of the Matterley Bowl annual concert is under review. As locals, we would like to put on record that we have never been disturbed or bothered by any noise, and furthermore that we think the good it does to the local economy and local employment fully merits its continuation.

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Yours

Philippa and Stephen McDonnell

Bramfield, Cliff Way, Compton, Winchester SO21 2AP

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From:

Cedar Veterinary Group

Sent:

01 April 2010 14:18

To:

John Myall

Subject: Re: Fwd: Matterley/Glade Licence review.

In answer to your question, my address is 10 Orchard Close, Alresford, Hants SO24 9PY.

Regards,

Gordon Matthews.

----Original Message----

From: Sam |

Sent: 27 March 2010 20:00

To: Howard Bone

Cc: p

Subject: Re: Fwd: Matterley/Glade Licence review.

I understand there is a new application in respect of future concerts in the Matterley Bowl. I have to say that the impact on Alresford can only be regarded as a positive one. It puts us on the map of the modern scene!..... The impact of the number of people involved is minimal. The traffic is well controlled and there are always ways to get around it for one day of the year. Noise is not intrusive to local residents, I live on the outskirts of Alresford and have never been bothered by the music. I must support this application because although I may not want to attend the event there are many younger people who do, locally and from further afield.

Gordon Matthews......Alresford Resident.

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John Myall

From:

Debbie Holliday

Sent:

01 April 2010 17:42

To:

John Myall

Subject: Re: matterley bowl

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. My address is 9 Mitford Road, Alresford, SO24 9HT. I've lived here for about a year and prior to that I lived in Watercress Meadow in Alresford so I have been within earshot, so to speak, since the festivals began.

Yours sincerely Debbie Markwick

----Original Message----

From: Debbie Holliday
Sent: 31 March 2010 19:03

To: John Myall

Subject: matterley bowl

I have heard that the licence for the matterley bowl is under review and understand that some people are not happy about it continuing. I would like to put my point of view for this case.

The festivals held there are very popular, both with locals and outsiders attending. It is extremely well organised and run. I first thought that it might be a bit noisy but it can only be heard slightly if the wind is blowing in a particular direction. I have been to some of the festivals and have never seen any unwanted behaviour from young and old alike. The age range was at least up to people in their 50's if not older. It is great that there is something local for all ages as Alresford has a wide variety of age groups and there is hardly anything for them to do. It is great to see such a wide age range mixing together. I have 2 teenage girls myself and although they aren't old enough to go yet, they have said that they'd like to go when they are old enough. I know that people look forward to the festivals, if they can get tickets, because it is local. I feel that we are lucky to have these festivals on our doorstep which enables us to see up and coming bands as well as established ones without the cost of travel or having to stay in a hotel.

I also feel that it is good for the local economy as outside money is being spent in the nearby towns which help to sustain local businesses. I find it increasingly annoying that complaints of festivals that last for 3 days of the year are taken so seriously when we live next to 2 local sports grounds and we live with the noise from them most weekends and also evenings on a regular basis without any complaint because it's part of life and people enjoying themselves.

If you wish to speak to me further you can contact me on debbie@holliday34.plus.com

Local Alresford resident Debbie Markwick

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From:

Theo Mezger |

Sent:

29 March 2010 15:24

To:

John Myall

Subject:

RE: [Spam] RE: Matterley Bowel

Dear Mr. Myall

My address is: The Farmyard, Easton, Winchester, SO21 1EQ. Until recently my address was The Green Barn, Easton, Winchester, SO21 1EG. My postcodes indicate that I am situated in the very centre of Easton. My representation must fall under the heading 'Public Nuisance'.

I hope this additional information is sufficient for your purposes, if not please do not hesitate to contact me.

Theo Mezger

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----Original Message----

From: Theo Mezger

Sent: 29 March 2010 13:45

To: John Mvall

Subject: Matterley Bowel

Dear Sir

I am told that you will be reconsidering later this week the licence allowing pop concerts and the like at Matterley Bowel.

I am a 60 year old, a retired, 'old fart' and a long term resident of Easton. I write to inform you that I and my wife have never had a problem with the events organised there over the years. They have always been well organised, the alternative traffic arrangements are actually very good. The noise from the events can be heard very occasionally, only when the wind is in a southerly direction but the disturbance, at worst, is absolutely minimal. We have never been troubled by anyone attending an event, they seem to be self-sufficient and self-contained.

I believe I speak positively for the silent majority in Easton, many of whom have attended the events. I have heard a few mumblings from residents of Avington, which I find quite unbelievable; they are more distant form the Bowl than Easton, they are sheltered by more hills and many more trees. They are killjoys talking poppycock.

I like to see enterprising farmers organising such events and I think that holding them in the area actually improves the rather stodgy image of the our part of the world, particularly that of Winchester City Council. They help 'put us on the map' and many local businesses benefit (not mine).

Generally, the pop events held at Matterley are good news. I completely fail to understand those with any other view and believe they can only be motivated by emotional issues such as jealousy, not real ones.

I urge you to extend the licence and if you wish me to come and present this view to anyone I am happy to so.

Best regards

Theo Mezger

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From:

Sent:

SU March 2010 19:31

To:

John Myall

Subject:

Matterley Bowl licence.

Dear Mr Myall,

My address is: 1 New Cottages, Lane End, Longwood, Winchester. SO21 1JX. I do not mind my my details appearing on the public document or the Council website.

I have heard that The Matterley Bowl licence is under review and I would like my comments to be taken into consideration. I live to the South of the Bowl and have been to festivals there, so feel that my views are very valid. We have never had any problems with the noise from the festivals, it can be heard occasionally but has certainly not caused us any problems whatsoever. When travelling to and from Alresford during the festival, again, there has not been any problems with the roads or delays, the organisation seems to be very good. My family, and many other people that I know are pleased that these festivals are bringing in work for many local people, it is good to bring money into the area especially in the present economic climate. When shopping in Winchester while the festivals are on we have not seen any more crime or disorder than usual. We have been to many of the festivals over the years and have had a fantastic time. The atmosphere is wonderful, people from all walks of life seem to enjoy each others company and enjoy the same music. It is such a friendly, relaxed atmosphere with very professional staff, the security seems to be thoroughly professional. I ask you again to take my views into account, it would be a terrible shame for many thousands of people including local people if for any reason these events were not being held at The Matterley Bowl in the future.

Thank you for your time.

Sarah Lawson (Mrs)

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From:

Chris Lillywhite

Sent:

27 March 2010 15:37

To:

John Myall

Subject: Matterley Bowl Festival licence

Dear Sir

It has come to my attention that the Matterley Bowl licence has been called in for review and I am writing to support the continuance of the festival

I am an Alresford resident in my 50's and have 4 children 3 of whom over the years have attended the festival and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. Through ignorance I initially, when it first started, was concerned for their welfare but am happy to say that my worries were completely unfounded and they report to me it is a happy friendly atmosphere with no concerns about crime.

Although there is obviously a lot of traffic associated with the festival I think the traffic management works really well and is not a problem for one weekend a year.

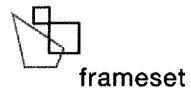
I live on the South side of Alresford probably as close as you can live to the festival while still in Alresford and have never had any problems with noise. I have on 2 occasions been just able to hear it but it needed me to go out on my south facing balcony at night and if the wind is in the right direction I can just detect that there is a music festival, hardly a nuisance. I would say that you have to make a special effort to actually hear it!

This festival is attended by many young people including locals and I would be sorry to see a very small minority stop the enjoyment from being enjoyed once a year by so many young people.

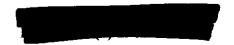
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John Myali

From:

Samt: 20.14

Sent:

30 March 2010 10:17

To:

John Myall

Subject: Matterley Bowl license review

Dear Mr Myail

We understand the license for the festival at Matterley Bowl has come up for review and as nearby residents and parents of two children who have regularly attended the current festival and the predecessor festivals we would like to make one or two comments.

We have lived in Bishops Sutton, near Alresford, for more than 27 years and are within the range that might be affected by any unwelcome sound from the festival. As far as we are aware the level of noise has always been perfectly tolerable and can only be heard when the prevailing wind is from the south west. In the years when the wind has been in other directions we do not believe we have been aware of any sound at all.

It also seems to me that the organisers and the police have handled the traffic congestion well resulting in a minimum of disruption to local residents who use the A31 past Matterley Bowl. We do not believe their are any reasonable grounds for objecting to the festival on account of inconvenience to local residents or disruption to nearby traffic.

As parents we were concerned that our children would be exposed to unwelcome offer of drugs and similar substances. To the credit of the organisers and the police, our children were never subjected to such abuse and this danger seemed to be well controlled. As a result we had no qualms about allowing our children to attend the festival.

I do hope these brief comments will be taken into account in reviewing the Matterley Bowl licence.

Yours sincerely

Martin and Margaret Henderson

The Mill House Bishops Sutton Alresford SO24 OAA

From:

Sent:

31 March 2010 19:47

To:

John Myall

Subject: Music Festival

Dear Mr Myall

Thank you for your comprehensive response, and my apologies for the delay in my further communication, but I have now read the relevant documents at the link you provided. I am struck by the degree to which this event meets the aims of the Department for Culture Media and Sport, namely:

"....to improve the quality of life for all through culturalactivities, support the pursuit of excellence, and champion the tourism, creative and leisure industries."

I can see that every effort has been made by the organisers in the past to ensure that the 4 licensing objectives are met and I remain a strong supporter of the event.

My address is Brandy Mount Cottage, Alresford, SO24 9EG

Yours sincerely

Frazer Budd

Dear Sir

I understand that you have been asked to conduct a review of the festival held at Cheesefoot Head near Winchester. I suspect that this has been prompted by some malcontent resident. I therefore wish to register that it would be a great shame if you were to conclude that such an occasion could not continue in the future. As a resident of Alresford, I am a strong supporter of this vibrant and entertaining occasion. It is particularly well located at some distance from residential property (one can hear only the most distant of sound with the wind in the right direction, and nothing at all otherwise, especially if one closes the window), but close enough to communication capacity to cope with the interest it generates. The A31 is an ideal route in, and is well managed by the police causing absolutely minimal disruption to traffic.

It is a local amenity, good for business, and represents a real and intelligent diversification for the landowner.

Frazer Budd

From:

CLIVE BURGESS

Sent:

27 March 2010 23:08

To:

John Myall

Cc:

peveril bruce; Clive Burgess

Subject: Review of premises licence - Matterley Bowl PREM500 07/00486/LAPRMN

For the attention of John Myall, WCC

Dear Mr Myall,

Review of premises licence - Matterley Bowl - PREM500 07/00486/LAPRMN

I understand that the above licence is to be reviewed. Please find attached my application (pdf) supporting the licence in which I have stated that.....

In their application for a review of premises licence dated 3rd March 2010, Michael Beer (a resident of Cheriton) and Frank Barker (a resident of Alresford) expressed their concerns about the level of noise created by the 2009 Glade Festival held at Matterley in July 2009. They quoted Section 5 of WCC's Licensing Policy (January 2008)..."noise associated with regulated entertainment...should be controlled to such a level that the noise is inaudible at all times inside all noise sensitive properties in the vicinity of the licensed premises". They stressed the words AT ALL TIMES.

As another resident of Alresford (i.e. living in a noise sensitive property in the vicinity of the licensed premises), I wish to place on record that - apart from some occasions when the prevailing wind was from the west, I was not disturbed at night by noise emanating from the festival site, i.e. noise was NOT audible in my house at ALL TIMES.

When I did hear the noise, it caused me limited disturbance and seemed a small price to pay when set against the many benefits of staging of such a festival. These include:

- 1. raising the regional and national profile of Winchester as a city of festivals;
- 2. offering a unique and beautiful rural site for festivals right on the city's doorstep
- 3. providing a rare opportunity for young people from Winchester and further afield to meet, relax and enjoy themselves in a safe, well managed environment;
- 4. generating economic gain to the city and the wider community.

Yours sincerely,

Clive Burgess 1 The Old Bakery 21a Broad Street Alresford SO24 9AR

John Myali

From:

Howard Bone

Sent:

01 April 2010 16:42

To: Subject: 'Alastair Bruce' RE: Matterley Bowl

Thank you for your email which has been passed to the Licensing Team for consideration.

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----Original Message-_--

From: Alastair Bruce

Sent: 31 March 2010 21:11

To: Howard Bone

Subject: Matterley Bowl

Dear Mr Bone,

I write in complete support of the application for a new licence by Matterley Bowl. The site has held and managed a number of excellent events that have upheld the environment, stayed well within the understandable noise limit and brought a vibrant cultural aspect to the area.

I live within the near environ and am one of the closest residents. I fully support the application.

Alastair Bruce Rodfield Cottage SO24 OHS

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The Head of Legal Services Winchester City Council

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Dear Sirs

I understand that the licences at Matterley Bowl are under review, in the light of some local agitation. In the time that I have been Rector of The Arle Valley Benefice, it has been my privilege to attend some events at Matterley Bowl, particularly "Homelands" (two years running) and "HiFi South". Aged in my late fifties, I was probably one of the oldest people in attendance!

The parking arrangements (and indeed driving to and from the event) was well-organised, and without a hitch. Ticket Touts were little in evidence, and there were clear notices warning people against them. Security / drugs / "weaponry" checks at the gates and beyond was thorough. I can say with complete honesty how safe I felt at these events even though, for much of the time, I was on my own.

The atmosphere at each event I attended was excellent. When the events drew to a close there was a lot of camaraderie amongst those who had attended, and at no time, before, during or afterwards, did I feel anxious for my safety.

Similarly, there has never been any disturbance from those who have attended, either in Alresford or the surrounding villages, which I understand is not the experience of communities elsewhere near to other festival sites.

Matterley Bowl, by virtue of its shape and position, proves itself to be the perfect venue for such occasions. Only if the wind is in the "wrong" direction can we become conscious of its use, and some obviously feel this to be a nuisance. However, during the year, the use of Matterley Bowl is minimal, and these few occasions are enjoyed by many in the local community and beyond.

I feel sure that the whole success of these events is due to the good offices and vigilance of the Licence Holder and the Events Organisers, in co-operation with the Police and Winchester City Council. I would like to support these licences, and ask that the licensing board look favourably on them.

Yours faithfully

The Revd. P.H.N.Collins, Rector of the Arle Valley and Rural Dean of Alresford.

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25 March 2010

Dear Sirs

We are aware that the licences at Matterley Bowl (PREM 500 & PREM 548) are under review.

We live approx 2.2 miles south-east of the Matterley Bowl and have done for 23 years. We have been aware of all the events held in the Bowl over the years and not been remotely disturbed by them. Very occasionally events can be heard in the distance, often the base sound, but nothing that could be described as intrusive or bothersome. Certainly less than we occasionally hear from the Longwood Shooting Lodge or immediate neighbours.

Before the events started many years ago we were anxious about public order and the possibility of an increase in local crime. These fears have proved to be groundless as the events have been extremely well managed.

Consequently, these events at the Matterley Bowl have provided very welcome local entertainment for our children, their friends and many other young people from the local area and further afield providing a very welcome contribution to the local economy. In the case of our own children, we have felt them to have been as safe as they would be anywhere else at the times of day and night they have attended the recent events.

Although we obviously can't speak for our neighbours, concern about these events has never been a subject of conversation here on the Longwood Estate.

We would therefore like to record our support for these licences and request that the licensing board look favourably on them in the forthcoming reviews.

Yours faithfully

Richard and Jane White

Richard and Jane White

From:

Dominic Hubble

Sent:

27 March 2010 12:14

To:

John Myall

Subject: Matterley Bowl Licence

Dear Sir/Madam

I recently heard that the Matterly Bowl licence may be under review

May I say how much I have enjoyed attending festivals there and how well organised and law abidding they always appeared to be.

As a local resident I feel that the negative impact of events on my family and I, has always been neglible, and I am very aware of the benefit they bring to the local area, both for employment and an activity for young people.

I very much hope that my children (14 and under) will soon be able to start attending festivals at Matterley and that they will continue to be licenced and supported for the forseeable future.

Yours

Dominic Hubble Arle House Ladywell Lane Alresford Hants SO24 9DF

From: Simon Curtis

Sent:

01 April 2010 15:25

To:

John Myall

Subject: RE: Matterley Bowl

Good Afternoon Mr Myall My address is: 14 Oak Hill Alresford Hampshire SO24 9LB Kind regards Sara Curtis (Mrs)

----Original Message----

From: Simon Curtis

Sent: 31 March 2010 21:51

To: John Myall

Subject: Matterley Bowl **Importance:** High Dear Sir/Madam

I understand the license for Matterley Bowl is due for renewal and it is under threat of being

refused.

In my opinion this would be a great loss to the local area; it is fantastic that such an event is held near to us. People travel from afar to attend the festival bringing money to local businesses and it also gives our local community the chance to see established bands without the need to travel up to London etc.

After all this festival lasts all of 3 days; what is the problem with it? You may be able to hear it faintly, but that depends on which way the wind blows – it's not the end of the world is it? I'm sure there's the odd person who complains; it's so frustrating, soon we won't be able to do anything to have fun.....they'll have us all rambling!! How exciting!!

Please let people continue to enjoy the things they like to do

Kind regards
Sara Curtis

Alresford Resident

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From: Ned Densham

Sent: 29 March 2010 10:13

To: John Myall

Subject: Matterley Bowl licence

I am concerned to hear that the licence for events to be held at the Matterley Bowl make be revoked.

The annual festivals held at the Bowl are important events which allow local residents a chance to celebrate and enjoy high quality entertainment in a stunning natural arena. There are very few local events of this quality or scale for young people (if any) and the friendly environment is a marked contrast with other well known national festivals.

The disruption is not major and only minimal noise may be heard in the surrounding villages due to the natural landscape and then only if the wind is in that direction. A broader acknowledgement of the benefits Matterley festivals bring and the fact that it is only an annual event should be recognised.

I have no commercial interest in the event (although many local businesses enjoy much needed economic benefits) and have enjoyed past events and look forward to attending future festivals with my family and would be happy for my support to be registered.

Ned Densham Cowper Cottage Bramdean Alresford Hampshire SO24 0JL

John Myali

From:

n: 20 March 2010 10:13

Sent:

29 March 2010 19:13

To:

John Myall

Subject: Matterley Bowl licence

Dear Sir.

I have heard that the Matterley Bowl licence is under review and I would like to make the following comments regarding this.

I have lived in Monkwood (Ropley) since 1993 and when festivals have been held we have only heard the music faintly in the distance and consider it not to be a nuisance.

I have been to several of the festivals myself with two of my sons and have been impressed with the high standard of security both inside and out of the site. No alcohol or drugs are allowed in and I have seen for myself alcohol being seized at the entrances by anyone who chooses to challenge the rules.

In my opinion as a parent, safety is of the utmost importance and I allow my sons to attend, happy in the knowledge that the standard of organisation is excellent. The events held are a great opportunity for the young to be together and have fun and the parents know they can have that freedom without having to worry. It would be a great pity for all the young people who like to attend events such as those held at the Matterley Bowl, as they look forward to it and talk about it for months before it even happens and as there are very few events held these days to such a high standard, it would be very sad indeed for them to lose out on such fun. Please would you be kind enough to take my views into consideration.

Yours sincerely,

James Foot

Maybank Farm, Petersfield Road, Monkwood, Near Alresford, Hants SO24 0HB

From:

Howard Bone

Sent:

31 March 2010 12:15

To:

'STEPHANIE HANCOCK'

Subject: RE: Matterley Bowl Licence

Thank you for your email which will be passed to the Licensing Team for consideration

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----Original Message----

From: STEPHANIE HANCOCK

Sent: 30 March 2010 21:12

To: Howard Bone

Subject: Matterley Bowl Licence

Dear Sir

As a local resident, I am writing to support the continuation of an annual licence for a music festival at the Matterley Bowl. Over the years, this festival has brought much pleasure to the many young people who attend, including my own children and which in my view, more than compensates for the low level of noise pollution experienced by locals including myself.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Hancock Springfield Cottage Ovington Alresford SO240RB

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25 March 2010

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Dear Sir/Madam

Licensing Act 2003 - application for review of Premises Licence number PREM 548 held by G Events Ltd for Matterley Bowl.

As a local resident whose home is almost directly opposite the site where Mr Peveril Bruce holds his annual event I have read that there are matters being raised in relation to a review of his licence.

Firstly I wish to confirm that I am in full support of any activities that Mr Peveril Bruce carries out on his land with regards to the above.

The reason for my support is he creates employment and benefit to the local community and as we live directly opposite the site we suffer minor traffic problems but the benefits to the community far outweigh this.

Mr Bruce should be praised for creating a large number of jobs during the difficult times we are all suffering.

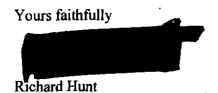
I can state that not only was the noise during lasts years' event of no concern at all, there were no traffic problems, security problems or any other problems that would cause any concern.

Indeed the whole event as far as we close neighbours are concerned went off without a hitch and I and my friends and family visited the event over the period.

Like all events throughout the country there were those who had perhaps taken too much alcohol and also some who were taking some drugs but nothing occurred that would cause any offence to anyone and the whole scene was well behaved and enjoyable.

Instead of trying to cause problems for an entrepreneur such as Mr Bruce we should welcome the funds generated into the community and the people instead of being so negative.

I hope that those of us who are close to the event also have their positive voices heard.





PREM 500 and PREM 548 Premises licences for Matterley Bowl

Representations in support of application for review

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Key:

Matterley Bowl: Licensed area

