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Dear Mr Myall,

**New Premises License for Matterley Bowl, Alesford Road, Winchester**

Thank you for notifying the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) of the application by Boomtown Festival UK Limited for a new premises licence for Matterley Bowl. Considerations are limited to the four licensing objectives of:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

The SDNPA is aware of an application for the review of the existing license (PREM 500) and of registered contraventions of the conditions of the existing license. It would therefore appear premature to be considering a substantial increase in capacity (an additional 20,000 persons on an enlarged site) before it can be established that the organisers are capable of complying fully with license conditions. We recognise that this is an issue for Winchester City Council (WCC) to determine as Licensing Authority.

As I am sure WCC are aware, as a public (licensing) authority it is subject to Section 62(2) of the Environment Act (1995). The purposes of national park designation should therefore be taken into account when considering an application for a new premises licence. For your information, the national park purposes are: "to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area; and to promote opportunities for understanding and enjoyment by the public of the area's special qualities". One of those special qualities of the SDNP is tranquil and unspoilt places and the SDNPA would question whether a significantly expanded amplified music event at Matterley Bowl promotes that quality.

The holding of events at this site may, individually, or cumulatively in combination with other activities, require planning consent. Whilst we are aware that licensing and planning issues are subject to separate consent regimes, and the consideration of the two cannot be enforced to be held together, the SDNPA would consider it ideal if planning and licensing issues could be considered concurrently, and we are making efforts to ensure closer working in the future. In the meantime, should a revised license be issued, the SDNPA would suggest an informative note be attached to advise the applicant of the potential need for planning consent.

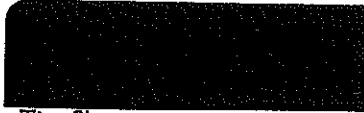
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The site is crossed by public rights of way, including the route of the South Downs Way National Trail. The SDNPA would strongly urge that discussions take place with both the County Council (as local highway authority) and the South Downs Way National Trail Officer prior to each event in order to discuss the planned temporary closures of this route. Ideally the SDNPA would wish this to be included within the Event Management Plan (it does not appear in the draft 2014 EMP submitted with this application), but it would appear that this can only be advised as an informative.

Yours sincerely,



Tim Slaney  
Director of Planning  
**South Downs National Park Authority**