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**Application for the review of / Representation in respect of a
Premises licence or Club Premises certificate
under the Licensing Act 2003**

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Before completing this form, please refer to FPP 07001 (Licensing (Licensing Act 2003))

I PC 2903 Brian Swallow, on behalf of the Chief Officer of Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary,

(Insert name of applicant)

Apply for the review of a premises licence.

Apply for the review of a club premises certificate.

(Select as applicable)

Make a representation about a premises licence/club premises certificate

Premises or Club Premises details

Postal address of premises:	Boomtown Matterley Bowl Alresford Road Winchester Hampshire
Postcode (if known):	

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) Boomtown Festival UK Limited
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Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known) Prem 773
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Details of responsible authority applicant

Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Other title / Rank: PC
Surname: Swallow First Names: Brian
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Postcode: SO32 1DS
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Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary is a responsible authority and the applicant has the delegated authority of the Chief Officer of Police in respect of his responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003

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This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)

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| | <i>Select one or more
boxes</i> |
| 1) The prevention of crime and disorder | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) Public safety | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) The prevention of public nuisance | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) The protection of children from harm | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please state the grounds for review which must be based on one or more of the licensing objectives together with supporting information:

The Chief Officer of Police is seeking a review of the premises licence for Boomtown Fair following the death of a 22 year old male at this year's event of a suspected overdose of unlawful drugs.

This is not the first death that has occurred at Boomtown Fair and not the first from an overdose of unlawful drugs.

A recent event de-brief involving all partner agencies and the event organisers also revealed some other shocking statistics. There were 29 reported fractured bones from this 5 day event which would have clearly over run the already stretched facilities at the local hospital. When it came to this statistic they were, in the words of the police licensing officer, in attendance at the de-brief, PC Phil Dennett "glossed over".

The current premises licence has specific conditions in relation to drugs; CD3 and specifically 3d which states:

The Crime & Drugs management Plan (CDMP) in so far as it relates to drugs shall address how the PLH will seek to minimise the use, consumption and supply of illegal drugs and banned psychoactive substances and in particular will address the following matters:

- b. The ejection of all persons found attempting to enter the event in possession of illegal drugs or banned psychoactive substances;
- c. How the PLH will deal with persons found in possession of illegal drugs and banned psychoactive substances within the licensed premises

However, section 3.3 of their CDMP (last updated 28/5/24) states that:

People found in possession of suspected illegal substances on entry to the site will be taken to the Gate Eviction staff who will deliver the appropriate sanction after consultation with the gate FDE.

The minimum sanction to be delivered will be the issuing of a Drug possession warning notice. These will be recorded electronically at the gates, and through the paper booklets for mobile teams, and maintained by the Crime & Drugs desk in Event Control. All security within the festival site will be briefed to check the names of any person stopped for overt drug taking against the notices log through the Security Control desk. A second such infringement at the festival will result in that person being evicted.

It also states:

Any person suspected of supplying illegal substances will be taken to Evictions for assessment by a Festival Drug Expert. If assessed as meeting the criteria for passing to the Police, the Festival Drug Expert and Eviction Manager will be responsible for handing over to the Police with an accompanying and previously agreed, evidence handover pack.



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What their CDMP does not say is "all persons attempting to enter the event in possession of illegal drugs will be refused entry". It also does not say that "any person found taking unlawful drugs at the event will be ejected"

This event is a licensed premises. It operates upon the same premises licence as any other venue permitted to do so by Winchester City Council. It must uphold the same 4 licensing objectives and it must adhere to the same mandatory conditions. Yet, unlike any other venue in Winchester, or any other festival in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, it permits persons who, have been searched upon entry and found to be in possession of unlawful drugs, into their event.. This is unacceptable.

The Chief Officer of Police is mindful that not all unlawful drugs will or could be prevented from entering this event or any event or venue for that matter and that there has to be some element of personal responsibility taken by those attending . However, the operators do not and have not done enough. They have failed to uphold the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety, the result of this is that a young man has died.

In 2017, the Chief Officer of Police made representations against the grant of a new premises licence for Boomtown fair siting the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety. In essence it was an application to supersede the existing licence, to increase the capacity to 80,000 and to make slight variations to some of the existing conditions. Within this document, the main reason for making the representation was the unacceptable level of drugs and people dying. Nothing has changed.

This event cannot continue operating in the same manner, if it does, people will get unnecessarily injured, people will suffer from life changing experiences and more young lives will be cut short. To mitigate this, additional conditions are sought that read:

- 1. Any person entering the event and found to be in possession of unlawful drugs, shall be refused entry.
2. Any person in the event found in possession of unlawful drugs, shall be ejected (unless there is an immediate medical reason not to).

Due to the sensitive nature of the details within this report and the on-going coroners enquiry, it is requested that any hearing be held in private with the press and public excluded.

Have you made an application for review relating to these premises before: []Yes | [X]No

If yes please state the date of that application: / / Day Month Year

If you have made representations before relating to this premises please state what they were

Representation 2017 against an increase in capacity citing unacceptable levels of drugs

Please tick

- [X] I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate
[X] I have sent a copy of this representation to the principal licensing officer of Winchester Council



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It is an offence, liable on conviction to a fine up to level 5 on the standard scale, under Section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003 to make a false statement in or in connection with this application

Signature of Officer Completing

Name	<u>Brian Swallow</u>	Collar Number:	<u>2903</u>
Signature:	<u>B. Swallow</u>	Date:	<u>02/10/2024</u>

Signature of Authorising Officer

Name	<u>Stuart Jackson</u>	Collar Number:	<u>3354</u>
Signature:	<u>S.Jackson</u>	Date:	<u>02/10/2024</u>