

Appendix 3 – Representations from Other Persons

Cllr Margot Power

**C/O Winchester City Council, City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester,
Hampshire, SO23 9LJ**

Received 22 October 2019

Subject: Alresford Music festival

Good afternoon. I object to the extension of hours for this festival of the grounds of public nuisance. The residents of Arle Close suffer disproportionately from the noise but the whole of The Dean is now residential, rather than a mixture with light industry as it was when the festival was started. One days nuisance is enough I think.

Margot Power, Councillor for Alresford & The Itchen Valley, [REDACTED]

the representation is on behalf of residents.

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Cllr Jackie Porter

**C/O Winchester City Council, City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester,
Hampshire, SO23 9LJ**

Received 25 October 2019

Subject: Application for Premises Licence Variation - Alresford Music Festival,
Arlebury Park, Alresford, Hampshire

Can I amend my response on the following grounds please?

1. The prevention of crime and disorder- not valid on day 1, but the sale of alcohol on a site which does not usually sell alcohol on a Sunday from 11am could bring disorder to the site.
2. Public Safety- the use of the grounds for recreation and walking. This will prevent the public from using a nearby route for recreation, health and wellbeing: they will be required to use roads to reach other recreational areas for at least two days, not just one.
3. The prevention of public nuisance- noise from the first day already emanates from the site into Arle Close and beyond. A second day will result in even more disturbance in this area which is now mainly residential (a significant change from one year ago)
4. The protection of children from harm- the public open spaces and play areas will be unavailable for the whole Summer weekend: two days without access to this main community recreation area but with potential to alcohol on sale could be harmful to children and young people.

Kind regards,

Cllr Jackie Porter,

County and City Councillor, School Governor, Charity Trustee

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Mr and Mrs R Wragg
12 Arle Close, Alresford, Hampshire, SO24 9BG
Received 5 November 2019

Subject: Alresford Music Festival, Arlebury Park

We refer to the application for an amendment to the License for Live Music and Supply of Alcohol from one day per calendar year to two.

We object to this extension on the basis of nuisance.

Noting the financial contribution made to local organisations we have (reluctantly) tolerated the frequently excessive noise levels from the ONE DAY Music Festival for some years now, but we believe to extend this to two days takes little account of the wishes of local residents. With the increase in residential provision in The Dean, particularly adjacent to Arlebury Park, it becomes more apparent that to hold the Music Festival so close to the middle of town is not appropriate.

We trust the application for a second day will be refused, and we hope the organisers will be motivated to look for a more suitable location for future events.

Mr & Mrs R Wragg
12 Arle Close
SO24 9BG

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Jacquie and John Frampton
13 Arle Close, Alresford, Hampshire, SO24 9BG
Received 8 November 2019

Subject: Objection to the Variation of License for the Alresford

To the Licensing Officer,
Licensing Section
Winchester City Council City Offices
Colebrook Street
Winchester SO23 9LJ

We write to inform you of our concern about the Licensing Application above on the grounds of public nuisance. We are very surprised and concerned that WCC have not made a point of informing local residents by mail in order to seek their views.

The Dean and surrounding roads are a residential area and the infilling on land between the Dean and the Arlebury Park boundary is high-density housing. The music festival is set up along this boundary. Many people in this area either are not sufficiently mobile, or cannot afford, to move away for the weekend to escape this nuisance.

The claim by the festival organisers that directional speakers prevent leakage of sound is a myth. We have been to the festival and found that the music was louder behind the speakers than in front. The noise bounces around off house walls in Arle Close. Sound levels INSIDE the houses in Arle Close are totally unacceptable. Our house is on the boundary of Arlebury Park, and by late afternoon the sound is making our window glass vibrate. To have to spend two days putting up with this is totally unacceptable; we will get no peace all weekend.

Once again this year the Festival contravened its license, this time by playing music for almost two hours on the Friday evening preceding the event. The organisers were NOT testing the speaker system.

The festival should not be allowed to take place in a residential area for even one day, let alone two. We urge you to refuse this variation and also to press for a more suitable venue to be found.

Yours,

Jacquie & John Frampton
13 Arle Close
Alresford
SO24 9BG

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Lynne Atkinson**14 Arle Close, Alresford, Hampshire, SO24 9BG****Received 11 November 2019**Subject: Objection to the Variation of License for the Alresford

To the Licensing Officer
Licensing Section
Winchester City Council City offices
Colebrook Street
Winchester
SO23 9LJ

I write to you to register my grave concern about the licensing application for the Alresford Music Festival, Arlebury Park, Alresford on the grounds of public nuisance.

I am most surprised to see this application, as to my knowledge, as minuted in the New Alresford Town Council minutes of September 27th the Music Festival had ceased and there has been no further discussion minuted with the council for it to be revived that I have been able to find.

My garden, along with that of others, backs on to Arlebury Park. The Dean and the surrounding area is residential, with an increasing number of residential properties being built on what were previously industrial units, these are primarily occupied by older residents and include a McCarthy and Stone residence for the over 70's. The housing is high density. The Music Festival is set up along the boundary of the Park and those who live along the boundary and in the surrounding area have no option but to listen to the hours of music being played. The 'directional speakers', which are supposed to reduce the sound behind the stages, clearly do not work as the music is usually louder in Arle Close and on The Dean than actually on the festival site due to the sound ricocheting around the walls of the properties, with the noise beginning mid-morning and going on until midnight. Personally I find the level of noise so distressing that I go away from home for the weekend, I feel that my home is not my haven as I cannot get away from the noise, even indoors the level drowns out conversation and even the TV! I cannot imagine how I and other residents will cope with this level of noise for yet another day. It does not matter what type of music is played; the endless noise is unbelievably wearing when it is forced upon you.

Also of concern is that the Festival takes place in the peak GCSE and A level exam period, suggesting two days of disruption and lack of sleep due to the noise is unacceptable for the many young people who will be taking their exams in the summer of 2020 and live in this area.

One of the new developments on the boundary with the park is a veterinary surgery, which has accommodation for sick animals, they will surely find this very distressing and unsettling.

Arlebury Park is not a suitable venue for this type of Festival, it is in the centre of an increasingly residential area and as such it is not appropriate. I would ask that you

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refuse this licence in total, but most certainly do not allow any extensions to it and encourage the organisers to look for a better site away from densely packed housing.

Yours Sincerely

Lynne Atkinson,

14 Arle Close, Alresford, SO24 9BG

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Gary Smith**14 Arle Close, Alresford, Hampshire, SO24 9BG****Received 12 November 2019**

Subject: Objection to Alresford Music Festival application for Premises Licence for Arlebury Park

To:

Licensing Section

Winchester City Council

City Offices

Colebrook Street

Winchester

SO23 9LJ

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to register my objection to the Alresford Music Festival application for Premises Licence for Arlebury Park being extended from 1 day to 2 days on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance. I am not really sure how this has come about given the note 19/143 (iii) in the New Alresford Town Council meeting minutes of 17 September 2019 that the AMF had ceased.

The level of noise and the extended period for which it prevails, from the outdoor music festival means I cannot have "reasonably" peaceful enjoyment of my garden and house when it is on. Normal levels of conversation and personal entertainment cannot compete! This does become very wearing with sound bouncing around off the various buildings etc whatever efforts are made at directional control. While regarding this as a "Nuisance" and taking the option to go out for the day I have chosen not to complain thus far on a live and let live basis, noting however that it does not seem altogether right that one should feel obliged to do this and that my partner finds it all so distressing that she goes away for the whole weekend - heaven knows how she would feel to return at 6pm on a Sunday evening and find live music still permitted. The prospect of this happening on both days of a summer weekend is really too much though and I ask that the application for an extension to two days is refused.

I would further point out that since the original licence was granted the whole nature of the properties close to Arlebury Park is changing under the Local Plan with industrial units along The Dean being replaced by a large nursing home, a veterinary clinic with accommodation for sick animals and residential properties with many more of the latter to come. This means that many more people will be affected by the noise and while it may be tolerable to some there will also inevitably be more people like my partner who find it distressing and will not necessarily be in the position to

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escape the situation. Another important group affected are students who are at the peak of exam period when the Music Festival takes place and for whom the level of noise will make it difficult to concentrate properly on revision.

This changing nature of the neighbourhood next to Arlebury Park ie becoming completely residential means that effectively, as was the case when it was held at Perins School, the venue is no longer really appropriate for a full on music festival, even if just for 1 day, and therefore I request that that the Winchester City Council refuse this application and encourage the organisers to seek a venue appropriate to their ambitions.

Yours sincerely,

Gary Smith
14 Arle Close
Alresford
SO24 9BG

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Mr Eric Hale**7 Arle Close, Alresford, Hampshire, SO24 9BG****Received 12 November 2019**Subject: Alresford music festival application

Hi I was hoping to put in an objection against this application on the grounds of noise and nuisance from the drinking and music . This event is held a few hundred yards from my house and effects the whole of Saturday from 10am through till midnight. Unless I stay away for the whole of Saturday at my own expense I can't get away from it . Two whole days of this will be almost unbearable as the music rattles through the house. I am hoping that this can be passed to the proper people so my objections can be logged against this .

As requested my name and address are as follows

Mr Eric Hale

7 Arle Close

Alresford Hants

SO24 9BG

As I said to your colleague yesterday I only came across this application by chance due to it position . I would not normally walk through the park so would have not known about the plans to make this a 2 day event . As I said in my last email this would be unbearable for 2 days and feel that the organisation should be advised to find a less disruptive venue for this event away from a built up area.