
From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 10:03
To:
Subject: [External] FW: Wilkestock

Sent from my Galaxy

To whom it may concern

My name is Mrs [redacted], Formerly of [redacted], Frogmore Hill. SG14 3 [redacted].

I am writing this email in support of the festivals which take place at the home of the Wilkes family, Waterbridge, SG14 3RR.

For 8 and a half years, myself and my children had the pleasure of living next door to this wonderful venue. My children and myself have been active volunteers at all the festivals that have taken place on the site. The festivals are extremely well organised, always taking into account the local population and surroundings. The festivals are well managed, security is absolutely excellent. The organisers manage these festivals with dedication, love and expertise.

Living in [redacted] cottages which backs on to the venue we never experienced any problems or causes for concerns, this was due to the diligence of the Wilkes family and the experienced team of security that they employ to police the festivals. The noise levels have never been an issue as the team ensure that the levels are monitored regularly, and music is ceased at the designated time, everytime as per their licence. The team have excellent procedures in place to manage these events, this is a great platform for local artists to perform and be enjoyed by the wider communities.

Parking is well organised and safely managed and monitored at all times day and night as is access to the site with train and taxi services being available too.

My son, my daughter and myself have always helped at these festivals, working in the ticket booth and behind the bar area. Working in the ticket booth I had the pleasure of meeting all the guests as they arrived from far and wide and the attendees were fantastic, polite, courteous and respectful, we never experienced any issues.

The festivals were born from a tragedy this family experienced, and whole local area felt this tragedy too, hence the reason that the local community fervently support these events.

The Wilkes family are respected members of the community. They are very active participants in keeping the local area clean and tidy throughout the year not only at the time of the events.

These festivals are in my opinion, well run, well organised, well managed and sympathetic to the location and local community.

I hope my comments above show how myself, my family and many of the locals feels about these events. Even though we no longer live next door we return each year to support these events.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 11 May 2021 11:27
To:
Subject: [External] Wilkestock license.

From , Frogmore Hill, Herts, SG143

I and my family have lived right next door to the festival site for nearly 4 years and we have never had anything but positive experiences. We are in our 50s and 60s, our children in their 20s and we attended each day without see any problems and felt very relaxed. Security was always very visible and people of all ages were enjoying the fantastic atmosphere and great music. When we were sat in our garden there were security and festival personnel constantly visible throughout the day and night. We brought a number of friends along of similar ages to ourselves and children ranging from early to late teens and they were all happy to let their children wander as they pleased. The festival has been very well organised with road closures and a one way system preventing traffic jams with plenty of parking. Many local businesses participate and benefit from the festival and local as well as international artists get to perform. Because the festival is a charity event it creates a great community atmosphere and has allowed us to get to know people we otherwise might never have met. Transport to and from the event for non locals from train stations via taxis is very efficient and provides safe access. First aid accessibility (for a blister, too much dancing for my daughter!) was great. The work done post festival to return the site to normal is exceptional, its an area we walk on and no trace is left! If the festival is cancelled it will be a blow on so many levels for the local community and the charities that receive funding from it. Most especially for us it would be sad to see an event cancelled that we, our children, their friends and many of our friends look forward to all year.

Sent from my iPad

From:
Sent: 07 May 2021 15:00
To:
Subject: [External] 21/0239/PLR | Review - Premises Licence | Not Available | Waterbridge
Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Importance: High

Good Afternoon,

I would like to express my support for the Wilkestock event site, which is a stone's throw away from where I live in
, Aston.

The event means a huge amount to myself and my family. I worked at the festival for the first time in 2011, my grandparents (believe it or not) attended in 2012, we stayed with them and walked to the festival and the family hasn't missed a year since.

Personally, I have had the pleasure in being involved as a trader (catering) and as a visitor, given the amount of live events we attend each year, this is by far one of the most well organised and enjoyable events in our calendar.

In recent years the capacity of the event has clearly increased, the routes into and out of the festival have evolved into what is now a one way system that runs past my house and again the staff are so accommodating, we have security at the end of our road and they are always on hand for any concerns. We see minimum disruption during the event weekends. On occasion I have had to drive to the site when part of the catering team and parked in their site carpark. This is always straightforward and without any hold ups. Generally the villagers walk to and from the site, which is easily accessible via the lanes.

Because its local, there are a large amount of attendees who are from the village or the neighbouring towns, every year we see familiar faces and are always met with a friendly team of volunteers, often working in exchange for a free ticket. I know this is a huge hit with the locals.

The festival has done a great job at maintaining its family feel despite the capacity increases and its always great to see the support it has for the local artists and organisations. This is a really important platform for up and coming artists as well as established ones and really shows off what Hertfordshire has to offer. There is so much there for children and its wonderful to see them dressed up getting involved. The security team are brilliant on site which is so important, there is definitely a strong emphasis on safety and control while the rest of us have a fabulous time.

Given the lack of events this past year, I think it's so important we keep these local events alive and I know myself and my family would throw our support to this event going ahead in a heartbeat.

Kind regards,

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From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 21:32
To:
Subject: [External] Wilkstock, Waterbridge, Frogmore Hill, Watton at Stone, Hertford

I'm writing to support the premises licence for Wilkstock, Hoggsozzle and other events held on-site at Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR.

I have submitted my support through the official channels but their comments section has a very limited character count and does not allow for me to express fully all the ways I feel Wilkstock, the event site and management team work hard to create engaging, well organised and safe events for everyone to enjoy. This is why I have opted to send this email as well.

I have known the licensee, management team, Festival/s and site for 6 years now having been introduced to them when I decided to hire the site back in 2015 for my Festival Wedding 2016.

I, myself have been working in the live events and charity sectors for the past 14 years and have experience in running Music, Arts and Skateboarding Festivals for a charity I used to run, project managing community festivals for local authorities, local charities and for the Bucks Music Trust of whom, I also work for. I have run large scale events in town centres and also at the Royal Albert Hall. I have also volunteered at Wilkstock Festival assisting them with the site and volunteer management. With this experience, I can honestly say that Wilkstock is a very well-run event that puts the safety of its staff and attendees at the forefront of everything they do. The event has been running for a good many year's and I know both from experience and from witnessing how's things are organised at events on-site that the experience the team have gained over those years is invaluable to them and in which they use to run events in a safe and well-planned manner.

In my volunteer role with the organisation in question, I was able to see and be involved in first-hand how staff, attendees and artists access the site, how they are directed to where they need to go to include parking (which is very well organised), camping and how to move around the site safely. This is done most efficiently and safely with the communication being clear and concise for everyone, which is why it works so well. I can also say how good their security team are, in which I have dealt with a good many different security companies over the years and the security team they use in their events are particularly good both at communication with management and the event team as a whole, communicating with attendees in a friendly and supportive manner but I have seen them deal with small incidents which were dealt with in a very professional way which meant things were dealt with safely and without escalation which is extremely important.

In terms of Health and Safety, I have always found the documentation they provide to be well planned, thorough, concise and to the point making it clear to understand what is expected from those working on-site and how we keep staff, performers, traders and attendees safe. I remember also being very impressed with their plans for emergencies, evacuations and access for the emergency services. This is exactly what you want from an event site!

The other point I would like to put to you is in sound management which is always something that comes up as can affect the surrounding environment and community. Mr Wilkes has spent a lot of time and money perfecting how this is managed and managed it is, effectively. This is done using

sound insulating materials to create the stage areas, this material (Straw bales & Tents) works as an excellent insulator and is well maintained by the management team. Sound is also monitored regularly, all sound engineers are briefed on sound limitations and safety, stage times are staggered, and careful consideration is taken on what times music on each stage ends to be the most considerate to neighbours whilst still being able to maintain a good level of event integrity for an event of this type.

In my opinion, it would be a great shame to lose this Festival and event site. A festival that has raised so much money for well-deserving charities which also have a very personal connection to the management team. A festival that supports not only large-scale successful artists but unsigned and local artists too, they do this so well that BBC Introducing has been involved which is a sign of how well thought of this festival is in the industry and how it puts Stevenage on the map! The events on-site not only support artists but also local businesses such as concessions and traders too but also local taxi firms, lighting, sound and staging companies.

The last point I would like to make is this, Mr Wilkes and the management team have worked incredibly hard, spent a lot of their own money to raise money over many years to build an organisation that runs a very successful Charity Music Festival, supports new and upcoming Festivals and events, perfecting how each one is organised to the best possible standard. Not to approve their licence at this stage would be devastating not only to them after all their hard work, but to the music, festival and live events industry which has already taken such a hard hit over the last year and a half, but it would be a massive loss to the local community, charity sector and musicians that rely on events here to grow and develop.

Let them have their licence, work with them in a positive way to ensure events on-site continue to be run effectively, safely and for the enjoyment of the many thousands of people that have been loyal attendees for so long and for those who wish to enjoy the events in the future.

Kind regards,

Management Services
Music Management, Projects & Events

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 19:15
To:
Subject: [External] Wilkestock, Waterbridge license representation

08.05.21

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to show my support for the Waterbridge event site.

I have had the pleasure of both volunteering and attending the site on a number of occasions and events.

Safeguarding and welfare are always at the front of my mind as a teacher and have always felt safe and at ease throughout. Security is always visible and so friendly and accommodating. The environment is so welcoming especially when so many of the locals are there to ensure an enjoyable experience.

My husband volunteers for one of the events and has often commented that the one way road system has really worked well to get people on and off the site efficiently.

I also run the team of volunteers for one of the festivals. My role involves managing all the different jobs and coordinating them on the day. One role involves litter-pickers, which are deployed at peak times alongside the paid litter pickers. Their role involves patrolling both the site and the car park, which supports the litter contractor who also monitor the litter in the surrounding areas outside festival grounds.

Having worked at the front gate of Wilkestock I have been impressed with how SRM Security handled difficult customers, sensitively and with the customers welfare in mind. I have seen them call taxis, and family and friends for customers that required that. Their ability to de-fuse difficult situations is outstanding.

I truly love volunteering for Tom Wilkes. I genuinely think that Tom is a good man, with a superb family, who work tirelessly to raise money and feel honoured to be part of his team.

I would be happy for you to contact me if you wish.

Kind regards,

From:
Sent: 15 May 2021 16:30
To:
Cc:
Subject: [External] 21/0239/PLR | Review - Premises Licence | Waterbridge Frogmore Hill
Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

For the attention of East Herts Council Team,

I am , Managing Director of WaveCo productions LTD. We have been trading for several years, and my personal career has spanned over 15 years in the live events industry. I have personally worked worldwide, at most of the UK's major festivals and at notable events such as the Queen's Jubilee, the Olympics and multiple music tours.

We provide the vast majority of sound, light and video production for all of Tom Wilkes events at Frogmore hill. We have developed a strong working relationship since 2010. Wilkestock is usually the last festival of the season and a staple in our calendar.

Wilkestock provides up to 20 of our staff a weeks work, multiple times a year, and it is essential that the arts and events industry makes a recovery after the devastating effects of the pandemic. We are keen to make sure that events continue here as people's lively hoods are at stake.

Not only do the festivals and events organised at Frogmore provide entertainment for thousands of people, but it's an incredible platform for the talented graduates of Hertfordshire University for which we have a strong connection and find a great stepping stone into the world of events and creative arts.

I have always considered the management of the events on this site to be well organised. and Tom Work constantly throughout the year to make sure all eventualities are considered. They are truly committed to the improvement of the site and the experience of participants.

The festival site and surrounding areas are kept clean, we are usually the first onsite, and we have found everything in great working order with all facilities in place and up to industry safety standards, and we are usually the last to leave where the site is left as we found it.

The Traffic management is well thought out, giving suppliers and vendors separate access to the guests. Traffic wardens provide directions and ensure spaces are used to maximum effect.

Frogmore is in a great location for all the local communities, making it an accessible and affordable event for the community to participate in. There are buses, trains and taxis available to all the surrounding boroughs and beyond.

My general observations onsite are the security is enforceable of site rules but polite, the safety of the participants has never been in question, and I've never witnessed anything to suggest otherwise. Wilkestock is a favourite amongst our team of freelancers because the festival provides a safe and enjoyable experience, and this is obvious when walking amongst the audience.

We would be happy to provide any further comments or evidence to help this event go ahead this year and beyond.

Thank you

From:
Sent: 10 May 2021 12:32
To:
Subject: [External] Wilkestock Festival

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the review on the Wilkestock premises licence.

I have been involved with Wilkestock for 6 years now. Having first visited Wilkestock as a customer, I fell in love with the atmosphere, the music and the whole experience. The next year I came back to volunteer, and the year after, and the year after that... For me in particular, Wilkestock was the place that made me fall in love with festivals and inspired me to work in the music events industry. Wilkestock facilitated my career by giving me invaluable volunteer experience, which later was a factor that helped me to get my first job in the industry. I have worked all sorts of roles at Wilkestock Festival, ranging from a car park attendant, all the way to managing the main stage. At the heart of everything Wilkestock does and of the utmost importance to us is our community's safety. From the moment people arrive, we do everything we can to ensure public safety - from thorough searches on entrance to crowd control when exiting. There is always a strong presence of security, staff and volunteers on site and in particular near the entrance/exit to facilitate safety where the roads are concerned - I notice every year that particularly great care is taken when customers are leaving the festival - lots of staff on hand to guide and very heavy traffic management, which is also helped by the one way traffic system that is implemented and works incredibly well to keep everybody safe.

Wilkestock may be a grassroots event, but everybody involved is nothing except extremely professional. We have experienced industry professionals running all aspects of the event, from H&S to stage production and everything in between. As someone who works in event production, I am familiar with having to keep up with all health & safety measures in most areas of my work. As the manager of the main stage at Wilkestock, it has always been made very clear to me the importance of all safety regulations and what I need to do to ensure that they are met. This includes checking the DB reader to ensure noise levels are appropriate, regular checks of wind levels, keeping the backstage area clear enough for a fire-truck to turn around in the event of a fire, and many more policies that are too long to list here. It is strictly professional personnel only backstage so that we can assure our performers, crew, and also the public are all safe. Having a job in live production, a lot of my knowledge is centred around health and safety. I am confident that the appropriate H&S measures are implemented not only backstage but also on the site in general. As somebody who regularly works many different festivals and events, I can safely say that Wilkestock is easily the safest one I work every year and one of the best thought-out and organised events.

As no doubt you are aware, the past year and a half have been absolutely devastating to the music industry worldwide. Events like Wilkestock are absolutely integral to the music industry. All the artists that tour worldwide have all started out playing grassroots events just like Wilkestock. Festivals like Wilkestock play an invaluable contribution to the grassroots music scene, providing great experiences for those wanting to break into the industry, from performing artists to people who want to work behind the scenes, and giving customers a weekend that they will never forget. The sheer number of people that we get coming back to the festival every year is testament to what an amazing event Wilkestock is and what a huge part it plays in our community. The event this year is absolutely crucial to help artists, industry people and the local community to get back on their feet after the extremely difficult times that we have faced recently, and all the while raising money for some incredibly great causes. I know there will be a lot of disappointed people if Wilkestock were not to return this year after such a long wait.

Kind regards,

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 21:36
To:
Subject: [External] 21/0239/PLR | Review - Premises Licence

I am writing to advocate premises license renewal at Waterbridge, SG14 3RR. For 8.5 years between the age of 12 and 20, (now 24) I lived next door to the site with an adjoined garden. I volunteered setting up the site and worked on the bar when I turned 18.

The festivals were well planned and ran without a hitch year after year. The organisers have a genuine interest in local stakeholders and go above and beyond to ensure the festivals are operationally and logistically managed to minimise impact. I even remember them investing in excess Heras fencing to enclose our drive so that cars wouldn't park on it. This communal interest was also evident in the lineup and catering scheduling where the events provided a platform for local traders and artists.

The parking facilities were well signposted from all directions with good access for taxis. The opening hours of the entrance gate also allows for a staggered entry of festival goers - minimising traffic.

Furthermore, I was personally involved in building the hay-bail sound reduction walls for all late stages - which living next door - works.

That said, the music volume would be reduced and then turned off as per the aforementioned times (which was pre-agreed with all local residents via an information sheet - personally distributed by the organisers).

The site itself, is well built, spacious and fully enclosed with fencing. There are security posts covering all potential access points ensuring good visibility throughout the stages and camping area. I also assisted in the daily clear-up of the site and surrounding area for litter, which, having attended similar festivals (and credit to the attendees) was always minimal.

To summarise; I have nothing but positive memories; assisting, attending and living next to the festivals and would strongly advise anyone to attend. The atmosphere and seamless organisation of the events are a testament to the hard work and charitable efforts of [redacted] and the Wilkes family.

Best regards,

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 23:47
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 11:47 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Stevenage SG20

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 11:47 PM To whom it may concern.

I am submitting this document supporting the Wilkestock premises to continue trading and delivering these fantastic events. I am a 29-year-old sound and lighting technician and have worked at several the events held at the premises and cannot speak highly enough about them and the team that work so hard to deliver these events to a very high professional standard. These events give a fantastic platform for local bands and artists to showcase their music and have the chance to play on the same stage as some of their idols. Not only is this a fantastic opportunity for local bands but it is also an attraction for members of the public from the local area and families to attend such a safe and friendly event. On the occasions in which I haven't been working on these events I have taken my children myself and they did not stop talking about how much they enjoyed it for weeks after. Wilkestock has been shortlisted in competitions for best small festival which I think speaks for itself.

The event is held at a fantastic location and the ease of access to the site is second to none. The one-way traffic system that is implemented each year is full proof and ran very effectively. The event management team are fantastic and incredibly thorough with all aspects of health and safety and the security team follow this high standard also. The site is incredibly clean, and the attendees are very respectful of the area too.

If these events were to stop happening, I believe this would be such a loss not only to the local community but also to the workforce and local business that these events help to support, and I know for myself it would be such a shame to not be involved in what is one of my favourite events to work each year.

I do hope that my comments are read and taken on board, and I hope to see this site continue to produce fantastic events and continue their growth.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 22:33
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 10:32 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Codicote Hitchin SG48

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 10:32 PM I fully support that the live music events should remain. I have attended every year since the first concert, as I am a friend of the family. Myself & other members of my family have volunteered over the years with car parking duties & ensuring the site is free of litter. The events are extremely well organised & supervised by security personnel, who are trained in first aid. I have never witnessed antisocial behaviour & believe this small scale festival has such a friendly & safe ambience, that it ensures people of all ages want to attend. As it is in a rural location, adequate lighting units are in operation after dark, in public areas such as toilet blocks, campsites, car parks, entrances & food & beverage areas. The opportunity to further a career in music is how some have started after performing at a concert at the site. It also supports local businesses who sell refreshments to festival guests. Furthermore, the charities that benefit after all expenses are paid have always participated with

volunteers giving their time to ensure everyone has a safe & enjoyable time.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 21:29
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 9:28 PM from

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: South Circular Road Dublin D08 E

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 9:28 PM To whom it may concern,

I have enjoyed my time during one of the festivals held at Waterbridge, Frogmore. It was such a positive, friendly atmosphere with a good, interesting crowd.

It seemed to be well organised with a lot of effort made by the happy, helpful staff.

The venue was unique and exciting whilst maintaining a safe and clean environment for attendees.

I am Surprised and disappointed to hear the license is up for review as I felt the whole event was ran well and safely.

I hope future events continue to operate at this site. I would happily come back to attend

events held here in the future.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 21:05
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 9:04 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Newport TF10 7

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 9:04 PM I am a sixty six year old retired secondary school teacher. I have attended the Wilkestock Festival with my family on two occasions. I have also attended several similar outdoor music festivals elsewhere. In my experience Wilkestock has been a thoroughly enjoyable weekend's entertainment in support of worthwhile causes.

Throughout my two visits the car parking arrangements, security, marshalling and catering arrangements have been excellent. The festival site is thoughtfully configured affording good views of the stages whilst also minimising noise from the site e.g. main stage sound system was directed towards the sloping hillside of the site's owner.

The diligent organisation and strong management of Wilkestock Festival does much to help ensure it is a friendly and memorable occasion.

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 20:53
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 8:52 PM from

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: r Enfield En3

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 8:52 PM
I support the events of wilkestock I attend the amazing charity festival every year and support what they do, When I first started going to the festival I only lived down the road, I now live in London and still make sure I attend the charity festival every year it's on, some of my friends also support this festival and help them raise funds by playing and volunteering for the weekend. I'm now 25 and have been going to this site for the last 6-7 years and each year it gets better. I think this charity festival is amazing in many ways one being the fact it's charity based, the fact many local businesses can also operate here with their little stalls and vans to also help build themselves while also helping the charity. I love the fact it's also a platform for artists and helps them go further when spotted on the day/weekend and gives them the support they need. The organisation of the festival is amazing, all the security are well organised and also very helpful! The layout of the charity festival is great the car park is also on site and well organised I.e parking places, parking attendants are very helpful and

everything is very well signed posted, the festival is very clean and tidy and the litter clearance is amazing there are always plenty people going round making sure the site is clean and tidy and generally there to help anyone that has lost anything or just lost in general, it's a great site to get to especially for cars, taxis or even a train ride it's very well organised ! I can say it's my favourite charity event of the year I love everything about this it ! They help so many people and always go above and beyond for everyone!
I always feel safe and know all my belongings and car will be safe for the whole weekend the security are always there watching and keeping an eye out for everyone, I also love the fact there are many activities for the children as well as adults! I love Wilkestock and fully suppo

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 20:48
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 8:48 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Stevenage Sg2 7

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 8:48 PM I fully support the festival to keep going. It is a place full of many happy memories for my wife and I. Also my god children when it is family day on a Sunday. The event is a great opportunity for new artist to showcase themselves and to also bring like minded people together to enjoy the music.
The security is spot on and the commitment from all parties that go into making the festival run smoothly and without issues is amazing. Year on year they ensure it is a safe environment, ensuring there is no trouble. On the Sunday children are allowed to attend and the experience for them cannot be imagined but experienced which is a beautiful thing. The effort that goes onto this little festival year on year is just amazing.
We have been going for many years and wish for this to continue

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 20:34
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 8:34 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: , Benington Stevenage, Hertfordshire SG2 7

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 8:34 PM Dear Sir or Madam

I write in support of granting a license for Wilkestock and other events at Waterbridge, run by Tom Wilkes. I hope that you will grant the license because I have taken my family to Wilkestock for many years, and it is something that we as a family have enjoyed immensely. It is a family friendly event, and feels safe and extremely well run. The Wilkestock event raises a lot of money for charity, and in so doing gives musicians and bands a stage to play on, and gives the local families and music lovers a lot of pleasure in attending.

Having been for many years to Wilkestock I am very impressed by the manner in which it is run. The stewards and workers at the event are very helpful, they run the parking and entrance very efficiently, and the site is always clear of rubbish and tidy. I know that the fields where the parking and camping take place are cleared of any rubbish efficiently and the

farmers are happy to put their horses and cows back into those fields soon after the event for grazing.

It is an event that many locals enjoy, it is one of the nicest music events around, and is so good for the local and further afield musicians, for the local food and drink providers, and for many local businesses. It is a well placed event and is enjoyed by everyone, so I hope that you grant the license for these events to continue. Thank you for your time. Best wishes.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 19:50
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 7:50 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 9

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 7:50 PM We would like to say how much fun attending this festival is! On the whole attendees are very friendly & well behaved & just out to enjoy themselves. Signage as you approach the site is very good & the one way system onto & off of the site although seemingly lengthy, does seem to work well & to be much safer on the country roads. We have always been pleased to see a very visible security presence & when we have spoken to security personnel they have been polite & helpful. We have witnessed what seems to be well-being staff who are there to help if people need it & other staff who trouble shoot in a quick, professional & considerate manner. At the end of the evening all staff appear to join forces to ensure a quick, effective & safe exit from the site. We feel entirely at ease at Wilkestock festival & having had to miss it last year, we cannot wait for it to happen later this year!

NEED the help from Organisations such as Wilkestock and the Volunteers that help give their time and energy to make a difference. From a stage management point the music appeals to a verity of ages and encourages a mixture of people the sound levels are adhered to and safety in and around are paramount. There is always something new to learn in every situation and improvements to make. Meetings are held amongst us all, allowing recommendations for improvements to be made. Long may Wilkestock continue!!! Many of us would be lost without it .

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 18:25
To: Housing & Health Services - Community Protection
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 6:24 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Aston Stevenage SG2 7

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 6:24 PM I would like to register my support for Wilkstock festivals to continue. I am a local resident in my 50's and have helped out each year ever since the festivals have been running. My son also works for the Festival which is a much needed income for him as a university student. These are very well and safely organised events. They create a community wide connection and help local businesses to continue and for some thrive. Many Aston residents help out with the organisation of the festivals knowing the benefits of these events help worthwhile charities. There are plenty of helpers available to help with car Parking of which there is plenty, directing traffic, surveying the area for any assistance if required and monitoring the well-being of festival goers. My whole family attend as they feel very safe due to the organisation and we have never witness any disruption or negativity, it's such a friendly atmosphere enjoyed by many and it would be a terrible loss if they had to be cancelled. Obviously during the pandemic, the right choice was to cancel all events nationwide and the one thing, we as a village, missed the most was the gathering to organise and helping out at

Wilkestock. Please register my support for the festivals to continue.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 18:25
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 6:24 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Benington Stevenage SG2 7

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 6:24 PM I am writing in support of Wilkstock Charity music festival. I own farm land adjacent to the site and have two let cottages and a let farm house bordering the site. None of my tenants have ever complained of disturbance, inconvenience or litter during the whole time that the festival has been run. I let Mr Wilks use a meadow for camping with out payment because the festival is for charity and it is always immaculate after the festival has finished as are all the surrounding areas. It would be a terrible shame if Wilkstock did not go ahead because it is a well loved and well run family festival which has raised nearly £100,000 for charity and has never caused any problems for those who live closest to it.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 18:23
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 6:22 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Radwinter Road Ashdon cb10 2lz

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 6:22 PM I support this application for the following reasons.
The event is over one weekend and has steadily grown over the years with a very loyal following. Many people including myself go year after year due to the excellent value and enjoyment it provides.
I am sure that there is an element of excessive noise for the few nearby residents, but when you balance the charitable contributions generated by the event, I don't think that this is significant enough an issue to refuse this application. Refusing this application will remove the viability of the event and the good achieved for the various charities, all of whom will have suffered over the last year or so.
I understand concern has been raised about pedestrian safety; the provision of a camp site shows that the event organisers have already considered this and provided a reasonable control measure as far as they are able to do so. The car parks are well organised and controlled by clearly identifiable marshals. Individuals can also arrange vehicular transport

away from the site.

Individuals must take some responsibility for themselves and plan around such hazards. Common sense tells any individual that walking along an unlit, narrow country lane without a torch is hazardous and indeed foolhardy. There is no way to prevent pedestrians choosing to walk along these routes, whether they are ramblers, walkers or festival attendees.
Many thanks

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 18:05
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 6:04 PM from .

Application Summary

Address:	Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR
Proposal:	Review - Premises Licence
Case Officer:	Brad Wheeler

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Customer Details

Name:	Mr William Chappell
Email:	
Address:	Great Sampford CB10 2

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 6:04 PM I am writing in full support of events at Frogmore Hill. I have worked at the site for 3 summers. The events that are put on at the site provide me with paid seasonal work, allowing me to be financially stable at University. I have volunteered Wilkestock every year since 2015. The festival is responsible for many of my fondest memories growing up. Many of my family members attend the festival each year. The event is truly able to cater to all age groups and is incredibly family-friendly. The festival is beneficial to the community. Situated with brilliant train links, and taxi access to the site, the festival draws people from around the country, and the World! It provides local food vendors with a prosperous weekend. Charities such as 'Anthony Nolan' have been able to set up stalls, leading to a big uplift in donations. In 2019 I signed up to become a stem cell donor with Anthony Nolan, at Wilkestock! The festival also provides up-and-coming artists with a platform to gain exposure. Personally, at Wilkestock I have purchased albums following the festival on a number of occasions. Wilkestock also caters to artists who are just starting

off, giving them the confidence they need.

The festival itself is a Charity music festival with 100% of profits going to charity, benefitting wider society. Notably, the festival donates to Keswick Mountain Rescue, Bloodwise, and NAMT.

I have never experienced a case where safety could have been improved. Since working at the site, I have truly seen the lengths that are gone to ensure the safety of everyone at the festival.

The festival weekend is run incredibly well. One thing that struck me when I first began volunteering is the level of communication across the site. For inexperienced volunteers, there is always someone on hand to answer questions. This extends to fantastic parking facilities; easy access to the site; security; high-quality clean-up. Please don't shut it down!

Kind regards

From: publicaccess@eastherts.gov.uk
Sent: 14 May 2021 18:01
To: Housing & Health Services - Community Protection
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 6:00 PM from Miss .

Application Summary

Address:

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: BALDOCK SG7 6

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 6:00 PM I have attended and volunteered at Wilkestock for many, many years. I first became involved when friends in the local community bought tickets, and I joined. The community spirit was evident throughout the weekend, so much so that I offered to volunteer the next year. Over the years, the Wilkestock family grew and it became a community event that more and more people looked forward to each year. I have met countless people who became friends, and have witnessed local people, both new and old to the area, form bonds with their neighbours through volunteering and attending events. Events are always well organised, providing a safe and comfortable place for local people to get together and meet others. Losing this site would be a huge loss to the local community. It has moved from strength to strength, only becoming more professional each year. There is a huge sense of achievement and pride from all I know that have worked these events. There has also been a great focus on personal and professional development, with Wilkestock giving opportunity to those who

are studying to work in the event industry to build on their skills in a supportive environment.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 17:58
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 5:57 PM from

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Stevenage SG2 8

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 5:57 PM Great site,
Well organised
Safe.
Needs to. Keep as is.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 17:44
To: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 5:44 PM from .

Application Summary

Address:	Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR
Proposal:	Review - Premises Licence
Case Officer:	

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: High elms lane Watton-at-stone SG14 3

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 5:44 PM I enjoyed Wilkestock's festival since I arrived in watton-at-stone 6 years ago.

I've been a part of the events supporting the cause as a participant and always felt safe .

During day times it happens that I went in the company of kids (between 3 and 6 years old) and they loved it! Music and its related events is a part of my culture so I can't see the risk of crime in a festival more than in London streets.

Coming from a walking distance in daylight with buggies and families like at nights with friends was absolutely no trouble to reach home safely.

I also salute the management of the temporary car park as it's been impressively well organised (I've been on driving duty a couple of times, not drinking and bringing friends home) my car never been vandalised, damaged or even scratched like it will happen more

easily on supermarket's ones!!

Not once I find myself annoyed buy any uncomfortable or risky situations.

Wilkestone is a great festival that show an amazing security control; very respectable and professional. During the weekend you can witness their hard work to keep the wellbeing at his best on each levels;

to get in,

to stay in

and to get out!!

Bags search controls, surveillance to prevent improper or lewd acts...it's a summer festival , friendly and charitable,I had great memories of the it and I hope to be able to make even more.

NB

A festival is not a crime, crimes are individual's responsibility , please don't punish large groups of people who just want to enjoy a break, or can't afford bank holiday weekends away just for few unfair and unkind complains .

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 16:43
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 4:42 PM from

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Chatel 74390

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 4:42 PM I am a friend of the family & have volunteered at 3 events over the last 2 years of Wilkestock and Hogsozzle. I worked behind the main stage bar and helped with the set up and pack down of the events. Wilkestock has become a hugely popular family friendly event, with a mixture of ages attending to enjoy the 3 days of music provided by a mix of local & outside artists. It supports 2 charities, Bloodwise & Keswick Mountain Rescue, with all proceeds from the event being donated to the 2 organisations. The venue and events help promote small businesses & support the local & wider community, by offering a range of food & beverage services, artistic & creative outlets & hygiene facilities. The premise is in close proximity to outside businesses including accommodation, restaurants & taxi links. The site is well maintained & preserved, & managed with extreme care & respect for both those that attend, & those that live within close proximity. It's located well, with easy access to the local train station and taxi links. Car Parking is managed efficiently & safely & the team of security does a wonderful job of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all involved. The Wilkes family

has a passion for caring for the environment, with a large amount of thought and planning going into sourcing environmentally friendly products & managing waste efficiently. A huge number of volunteers come together each year to assist with the smooth running of these events. The venue & organised events provide many people with reliable seasonal work, a sense of purpose and something meaningful to be a part of. I have been continually impressed by the professionalism, planning & deep thought that goes into making the events run as smoothly, & safely as possible. The Wilkes family work tirelessly on the projects tied to their venue, & have a wealth of experience managing events. I would not hesitate to support them in all their endeavours.

Kind regards

From:

Sent:

14 May 2021 15:20

To:

Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 3:19 PM from Mr

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Radwinter Road Ashdon CB10 2

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 3:19 PM Wilkestock is a not for profit event that exists to raise funds for charity. This is a small scale festival that is well supported by locals and non-locals alike. I have attended the Wilkestock event on 3 occasions in the past 4 years and have always found that the staff take public safety and security very seriously.

In my experience the organisers actively encourage participants to camp over night and thus avoid travel at night-time.

The site is located in a field in a rural isolated location almost 2 miles outside of Stevenage. There are very few residential neighbours in the surrounding proximity to suffer from disturbance.

I recognise the concern over highway safety but this is a risk incurred from the behaviour of

private individuals contrary to the reasonable efforts from the organisers of Wilkestock to ensure public safety. There may be further steps that can be taken in consultation with the Hertfordshire Constabulary, and I would encourage such a pragmatic approach to be taken. I implore the Licensing committee to approve the renewal of a premises license.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 14:28
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 2:27 PM from

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: ML126

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 2:27 PM Ross MacEwan 30 years old sports coach
To whom it may concern.
I am writing in support of Wilksteock charity festival maintaining its license. I have worked at Wilkestock and seen firsthand the fantastic organisation and effort behind this festival.

Everything is clearly well organised from the moment you arrive. Parking is simple and easy. The ticketing and security check on entry was thorough and slick. The site itself is well maintained with great stages and bars.

The music is fantastic as is the general atmosphere. I am very surprised to hear that the license for a charitable music festival could be at risk.

When I attended wilkestock I gave my time for free and happily would again. The cause is

worthy. Everything was well run and therefore stress and hassle free. At no point did I feel unsafe. I enjoyed every moment.

Festivals like this provide great support to staff and musicians alike. Along with well thought out camping (hot showers & loads of bathrooms facilities) and security procedures I hope that wilkestock will be able to continue to operate and grow.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 14:25
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 2:25 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Great Sampford Saffron Walden CB10

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 2:25 PM I would like to offer my support to the above license. I have attended this event several times, not only with friends, but also family and children. I have always found it to be a wonderfully safe and inclusive environment for all age groups. My son has worked at this event, firstly as a volunteer and latterly as paid crew. I first brought my daughter when she was 15, and I was confident that she was in a safe, well managed environment. It really is a family friendly event, the likes of which I haven't experienced before. The security and all round management is second to none, and I have never witnessed any disorder or risk to safety. Additionally there is always a crew member in close proximity to assist with any queries or problems. The campsite is well lit, safe and comfortable, with security guards on hand all the time. The cat park is large and well managed, making it easy and accessible. The site is kept clean and tidy by an army of volunteers and workers, and the food village offers a variety of reasonably

priced food.

Wilkestock is a fantastic platform for new and up and coming artists, as well as established and well known bands and DJs.

Lastly, and in my opinion, most importantly, this event is a non-profit charity event. over the last decade and more, Wilkestock has raised many tens of thousands of pounds for worthy charities. It would be an absolute travesty for the license to this well organised, safe, friendly, fund raising event to not be granted.

Yours sincerely

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 14:15
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 2:14 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Stevenage Sg20

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 2:14 PM I have attended this event a few times now it is run very professionally and I can't fault the security on site. I have horses nearby on livery and have found that there is no disturbance at all to the horses you can't even here the live music. This is an excellent family event for both young and old and it would be very sad if this didn't continue to go ahead as previous years. I see no valid reason for this not to be granted.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 14:06
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 2:05 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Stevenage Sg2 0

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 2:05 PM Fantastic family event that is conducted very professionally. I have kept my horse in the fields next door for many years and there has never been any issues - the security of the festival is amazing. It is a very safe festival that I have been to as a child and will continue to go to as an adult, and it's always a great experience and runs smoothly.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 13:57
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 1:56 PM from

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: , Kingsground, London SE9 5

Comments Details

Commenter
Type: Petition

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for
comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 1:56 PM Hi,

I would like to support the events.

I have been playing at the Wilkestock festival with my band mates for several past years. I always had great times with the event and the local people.

Every time it has a friendly and welcoming atmosphere and never seen a trouble. There are families, kids, elderly, young people and music players like us enjoying the nature and music together. I see the local people are really having a good time and seems like looking forward to enjoy it every year.

I do not bring my supplies as I would love to buy foods and drinks at the event site or local shops. I also use a taxi from Stevenage station as I have no car.

I always feel safe at the event and leave with peaceful mind.

Please keep this lovely festival.

Thank you.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 13:38
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 1:38 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Rectory Lane, Watton At Stone, Hertford, Hertfordshire SG14 3

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 1:38 PM I am a resident of Watton at Stone and have been attending the Wilkestock Festival since it begun. This festival is very well organised and has grown from humble beginnings, it is an event I have taken my children to since they were young and they always look forward to it. I understand the disruption of traffic etc is a nuisance for the local residents at the time, but this is occasional, any event in any area causes the same disruption! I was stuck in traffic queues on the A1m for 3 hours when Robbie Williams had his concert at Knebworth. The few events held at the Wilkestock site every summer are of great support to the local businesses, bands, DJ's etc. I sincerely hope to be attending Wilkestock 2021!

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 12:35
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 12:34 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: High Street Watton At Stone Hertford SG143S

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 12:34 PM My name is , I'm 20 and I have been volunteering at Wilkestock for roughly 7 years now. Starting with my mum bringing me down, I was able to get involved with the art and design side of the festival with paintings and dressing the stages. As a young queer child, this was one escape and outlet where my creativity was supported by peers and adults where in other aspects of the community I wasn't. Through being able to nurture my creativity over the years whilst volunteering at the festival, I have been able to progress to Art Director, an opportunity which boosted my University Application and secured me a place at my first choice University. This valuable support and experience has shaped the student and creative I am, and year on year builds me as an individual. I have created so many happy memories at this site with my friends since we have been attending from such a young age and it has become a celebration every year, of ourselves and our diverse local community. My friends and I camp every year, being a group of girls they are always cautious of their surroundings and can be apprehensive, these feelings leave

when on the site. They introduce themselves to the security to familiarise themselves and the security team always reassures them, allowing them to feel safe and secure so that they can have fun. Due to us camping, we all tend to use the taxi links that the festival provide to get to and from the festival, an easy and reputable route.

I can only speak highly of this festival, from both a volunteers and a member of the public's perspective who attends. I feel comfortable to have a good time and that shows in all the memories created.

Many Thanks

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 12:32
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 12:31 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Brook Court Whitchurch Road Bristol BS13 7

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 12:31 PM To whom it may concern

I am writing to express my support for continued events at the Wilkestock event site.

I volunteered at Wilkestock in 2019, assisting with the front of house. This involved various activities such as assisting with the car park, registering acts, litter picking, co-ordinating taxi pick ups for egress and general problem solving!

As a member of front of house, I had a radio with a direct link to Tom Wilkes and who would always be on hand to ensure the event ran smoothly and safely, and any issues were addressed promptly. Security staff were also very helpful and attentive. I never felt unsafe both as a volunteer and as a member of the audience, even when working at the gate late into the night.

The Wilkestock management are very pragmatic and safety conscious, and so procedures were always in place to ensure a safe environment. I personally worked as a car park attendant, ensuring that cars were parked safely and orderly, and marshalling the the taxi rank at closing time to ensure that customers were safe and were able to get transport home.

In my experience Wilkestock is a very safe and well run family event which I am proud to be involved in. The hardworking team of staff and volunteers do their utmost to foster a fun and friendly environment which is safe and welcoming to all.

In light of this past year, local family events such as Wilkestock will be even more important and I look forward to being involved in the future.

Kind regards

Lawyer (FCILEx)

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 12:09
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 12:09 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: London Road Headington Oxford OX3 9

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 12:09 PM I was responsible for Crowd Management on the site until 2017, covering the main events of Hogsozzle and Wilkestock. I am qualified to Level 4 in Spectator Safety for Safety Officers, along with numerous other qualifications and most importantly, experience of 20 years in the outdoor events industry and sports stadia.

Every event I have been a part of at Waterbridge has been well managed, well planned and extremely well executed. The events provide paid seasonal work for an industry that has been hit extremely hard by COVID restrictions. We have always endeavoured to use the correct security and stewarding provider to reflect the events, and crime / anti social behaviour has always been an extremely rare occurrence.

I have worked and overseen the crowd management and safety aspects of festivals, concerts and sports events much bigger than those held at Waterbridge in my career, and would

suggest that the events held on this site are just as safe, if not safer, than many larger scale events I see around the UK, week in, week out.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 11:47
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 11:47 AM from

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Chequers Lane, Preston NR. HITCHIN SG4 7

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 11:47 AM My wife and I lived in Aston for a number of years and have kept in touch with many "Astonites" and continue to attend numerous social events.

Wilkestock was started many years ago to raise funds for a Lake District mountain rescue charity following a tragic family accident. It began in a small way but has grown over the years and is wholeheartedly supported by Aston folks .. volunteering their help over many months .. and particularly over the weekend.

This is a very well organised event with good security arrangements and it seems nothing is left to chance.

A very suitable location which also encourages new talent in the music industry and hosts other worthwhile charitable events.

I strongly support this application

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 11:01
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 11:00 AM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Watton at Stone SH14 3

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Councillor

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 11:00 AM Wilkstock has become part of the local calendar and we agree that for those immediately adjacent to the event location it does constitute a nuisance in terms of disturbance and access. That being said the Watton at Stone Parish Council has never minuted a complaint or objection. Therefore the Parish Council has no objection to the lawful staging of this event. Personally, given the exceptional circumstances we have endured because of Covid, any event that can be staged safely should be encouraged.

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 10:23
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 10:23 AM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Orchard Aston, Stevenage SG27

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 10:23 AM Firstly, having to write this email brings a lot of confusion and disbelief in to what I am hearing.

Wilkestock has been part of the community and village for over 10 years, loved by everyone as it's a time to sit back a celebrate good music and even better people. At 22 I have been attending Wilkestock and the site since I was 10 years old.

I have known the Wilkes family my whole life and they are the most genuine & kind people, who are always making voluntary efforts and sacrifices to help and contribute towards the community.

The fact that Wilkestock is a Non-Profit festival, with all funds raised going towards charities very close to their hearts, makes it horrible to hear that the the festivals license is being

removed.

Wilkestock has been run and organised professionally for the last 12 years and is continuing to grow. This is also similar to BackOfBeyond festival which is hosted during prime summer in July. These two festivals brings communities together for only 6/365 days of the year and are celebrated by locals and the public from surrounding areas who have been attending for years.

These two festivals create opportunities for people to work and volunteer during the summer seasons, which promotes incomes for families and individuals in Hertfordshire. Not only this, there's opportunities for music artists to perform and grow their careers at these events, which is as extremely rare platform for people wanting to pursue a career in music.

The site couldn't be placed in a better area. There are huge benefits due to its accessibility to public transport, taxi links etc. The site offers a huge car parking area which is run smoothly by organisers and volunteers of the event. Security have always been very professional from start to finish and make life easier for attendees of the festival. This festival has always been safe for adults and children, the site has been well managed for over 10 years.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 10:05
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 10:05 AM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Ware SG127

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 10:05 AM I have been attending festivals at the above mentioned site for nearly 10 yrs now.
The event is organised in an extremely well thought out and considerate way. Organisers are always visible and available to answer questions.
The security is excellent, although in all the yrs I have been going I've seen very few incidents requiring their assistance. Far less then a normal pub.
The location is remote and a good distance from large residential areas. When leaving I have never noticed any excessive noise.
There is plenty of parking which is managed, the roads surrounding the event are well marshalled and clearly signposted. The taxi rank makes it easy to leave safely for attendees.
Overall a very safe and well organised event.
And raising money for a great cause.

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 08:45
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 8:44 AM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: HATFIELD AL10 9

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 8:44 AM I have attended Wilkestock Festival for the past 8 years, it has always been a great weekend and I have always felt very safe visiting. I have also volunteered on a few occasions and the production staff are lovely and very well organised. Considering access to the site is via a small country lane, I've never experienced traffic to be an issue, even when getting a taxi. They have a one way system which seems to run well. It's been great to see the festival thrive and grow over the years and is always the highlight of my summer!

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 08:31
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 8:31 AM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Broxbourne EN10 6

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 8:31 AM I have been attending this event for year and also DJ and its one of my favourite events that I look forward to every year. The community is great and security are amazing, I have never seen any trouble.

Always lots of parking and never overcrowded.

The system of event is very well planned out it would be devastating if this was cancelled after the year we all have had.

Kind regards

Sent: 14 May 2021 08:27
To: Housing & Health Services - Community Protection
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 8:27 AM from

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: ., Newcastle BT33

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 8:27 AM Hi,
I would like to add my comments as I have been involved in Wilkestock since day one. Just a little bit of history. It was set up on the back of a climbing accident in the lakes to support the mountain rescue team who tried their best to save the injured climbed. These rescue teams are volunteers who work off donations. The Wilkes family who's son was killed in the accident set this weekend up so all proceeds would go towards mountain rescue and another charity which affected them. The event is run by volunteers. I have been going to the festival for the last 12 years and it is always a highlight of my year and have always had an involvement in the running and am also a family friend. I have only ever had positive experience as well and getting a positive vibes from all attending. The Wilkes do their best to have security at the event and keep the crowd under control. I have never seen an violence at the event, the anti-social behavior is at minimum for such a large event and the clear up after is excellent.
I would encourage those who want to take this license away from Wilkestock to take with the

family and people that attend the event. The benefits that this festival bring to people who attend massively outweigh the negatives (whatever they are). I struggle to understand these people stance who are against some so positive for so many people especially in such a touch time when these events are so good for people mental health.
Regards

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 08:27
To: Housing & Health Services - Community Protection
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 8:26 AM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: The Street Detling, Maidstone, Kent ME14

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 8:26 AM I am a long term friend of the family after attending university with Matt who's tragic death was part of what prompted the development of Wilkestock. I have participated in almost all of these festivals in the years since it started as both a volunteer and an attendee.

I have always been so impressed with the smooth running of the event, the effort the family and team go to contain everything over the weekend and minimise the negative impact on the surrounding area and residents. In fact, as a volunteer I have been part of this - with assisting in parking management and cleaning up in the days after the festival, it is always a priority. At the same time, the weekend offers great benefit to the local community with many attendees who I have spoken to over the years (including myself and the group of friends I go with every year) buying supplies, meals and using accommodation in the area.

I have witnessed as a volunteer the maintenance of security and the effort put in by the management team to ensure as much as possible is anticipated, then any issues or potential problems expertly managed and dealt with professionally and smoothly, I really couldn't commend this side of things highly enough.

I have always found Wilkestock to be such a friendly, community-spirited, family-appropriate event. I loved taking my son last time it ran and have always loved to see families enjoying themselves together, the opportunity for children to experience the artists, camping and performances in a safe and accessible environment...I just don't know where else you could find all that so accessible for families. I am excited for my son to form some really special childhood memories of annual attendance to Wilkestock.

I look forward to continuing to enjoy Wilkestock with my family, my sister's family, the close friends I usually attend with, the Wilkes family and the friends I expect to meet there, for many years to come.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 07:55
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 7:55 AM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: baldock sg7

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 7:55 AM fAs a frequent patron of events held at the Wilkes Farm site in Stevenage I was deeply saddened to hear that the local authority are contemplating revoking the licence for future events planned at the venue.

As someone who loves live music and festivals it is absolutely ideal for those of us that cannot afford the time away from home (I have 3 small children, 1 with special needs) and the extortionate ticket prices to attend the bigger festivals. As the site is much smaller, it also feels incredibly safe, and doesn't induce the anxiety that attending a larger event can. I have always felt incredibly safe, with staff and security always being close by and visible. I have even taken my children along on the family days and they have had a fabulous time. Also being slightly older than the usual festival going crowd I have felt totally at home there, the events attract a real mixed, laid back clientele and I have even met other people there that I have stayed in contact with and developed real friendships.

The events support local musicians as well as local businesses and provide work to the many people involved in putting on an event of this nature. Given the pandemic and the effect it has had on the events industry pulling the plug on events like this is really not conducive to supporting these people that have been so devastatingly affected, and just seems to be an unnecessary further slap in the face to them. Surely as a community we should be supporting those locally that have been worst hit by the last year?

Although the site is slightly off the beaten track, I've always been able to get taxi's to and from the event with no fuss, I've never had to queue to get in and have never seen any violence or inappropriate behaviour which is more than can be said for a night out in Stevenage usually!! The crowd that these events attract seem to be really chilled, with everyone of the same mindset.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 01:44
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 1:44 AM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Sheering Lower Road Sawbridgeworth CM21

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 1:44 AM I am a wholetime firefighter within Essex and I have previously attended events held here on a non professional basis.
During my visits I have always been impressed with how the fire risks on site are managed. Within my role as a firefighter we study previous unfortunate events and what we should look out for to limit the same events from happening again, so I have a good understanding how things can escalate quickly and what can be done to mitigate these. As part of my role I also inspect businesses on fire safety.
I have seen fire marshal's patrolling which adds reassurance that if the unfortunate happened it would be acted upon quickly and professionally. I have also seen firefighting media onsite which seems of a good standard for an event of this size.
One thing which pleasingly caught my eye was the path access around the site which is large enough for a fire engine to get within an acceptable distance to most parts of the site. In my opinion this usually seems to be overlooked a fair bit at other sites and events.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my previous visits knowing that it's safe and seems to be extremely well managed and I will be attending future events expecting the same level of detail in regards to fire safety and safety in general.

Kind Regards

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 00:12
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 12:11 AM from

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Dane End SG12 0

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 12:11 AM My name is , 27 years old I am a sales representative that has attended back of beyond and wilstock and I am against the license for frogmore fields being taken away. Not only is the venue great for local businesses and young up and coming artists and promoters. Events like back of beyond are opening up Hertfordshire to more business in hotels, taxis and local bars.

Furthermore to the above the events are well organised, have easy access to and from the sight with safety at the for front of the event. To remove the license would be a great shame

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 14 May 2021 00:09
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 14/05/2021 12:09 AM from Mr .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Frogmore Hill Watton at Stone SG14 3

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 14/05/2021 12:09 AM We have lived on Frogmore Hill for 4 years and are happy for 3 events annually to be allowed.
We have had some niggles with the event and Tom Wilkes has worked with us to address the issues. The last event in September 2019 caused us no concern and had a security guard placed on our road (provided by event) and sound levels being acceptable and cut at a reasonable time.
The only recommendation I have is that the imposed one way system be managed (restricted by police or security), to stop drivers who believe the one system does not apply to them so can drive past the no entry sign - Tom Wilkes offered to add the control as part of the security.
Tom is now working with us to advise on any new developments.
I work as a senior manager in chemical industry which requires high safety standards and required to do frequent inspections- I have not seen any EHS concerns when visiting the

event.
I do not see a valid reason to stop the event which has been run for many years with any serious incidents.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 22:47
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 10:47 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: STANSTED Cm24

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 10:47 PM Wilkestock music festival industry not only fosters artistic talent, provides opportunities for people to gain experience in a range of roles, and creates a much-needed sense of wellbeing for those that attend, it also makes significant contributions to charities, both locally and nationally.

I have attended and volunteered at the festival since it started. It has been a friendly and welcoming local festival. Since having children I have also taken them along to enjoy the family friendly festival. They have enjoyed hearing the local acts and experiencing the local community enjoying themselves. They have also seen mummy volunteering which has given them experience in doing something good for others.

As a volunteer I get to see first hand the organization and standards that surround this festival. Tom and his team work to the highest standards. All volunteer staff have a form of

training for their roles and commit to working alongside the strict festival guidelines. The safety at the site is paramount. There are a paid professional security team working throughout the weekend to ensure the strict guidelines are adhered too. They support the volunteers and also maintain the highest safety and security. It is due to this that the site is friendly, Welcoming and safe for both adults and families alike

The local artists, local community and organizers would be devastated if wilkestock's license was revoked. The festival gives people in the local community something to finally look forward to again and is remote so it's hard to see why this would happen!

I can not praise the wilkestock team highly enough for their approach to safety, Security and the welcoming ethos of the festival.

I strongly feel this should be allowed to continue and for the great works it does and also the benefit to both the local community and the music industry. Please save wilkestock!

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 21:58
To:

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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 9:58 PM from t.

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Oval Road London NW1 7

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 9:58 PM I have had the pleasure of working with the Wilkestock crew and sponsored some of the past events. It is a safe and inclusive environment, welcoming to all and a champion of emerging talent in the UK. In these difficult times that the live music industry, artists and fans have faced, we need to continue to support festivals, especially ones like Wilkestock and all the charitable good that they do. Giving back to the community, the industry, the artists and essential charities, it is imperative that it goes ahead.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 21:45
To: Housing & Health Services - Community Protection
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 9:45 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Hertfordshire En8 0

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Petition

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 9:45 PM Hello my name is , I am 21 and I've been connected with the site since 2018 when I attended the festival, there is so many positives when it became 2019, the access was really good traffic was well managed, I had no problems with car parking and some festivals I always struggle with parking, they were super friendly and overall the whole place was very well managed .. you can tell it's a very good business and it's managed very well .

I felt really safe there wasn't a moment I felt like something was wrong , everyone was organised and it just again was very well managed not a single person complained.

Overall it's just a great festival that's run by people who are good at what they do and are very organised, not a single bad word I have to say about that place it's the safest place I have felt!

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 21:44
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 9:44 PM from Mr .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Heathfield Road Hitchin SG51

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for
comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 9:44 PM One of the best little festivals going-absolutely no trouble at all and I've been going since it's inception-superb traffic links too-wish every festival was like this !!

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 21:31
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 9:31 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Cresselly Kilgetty SA68 0

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 9:31 PM I am writing to advocate premises license renewal at SG14 3RR. For 8.5 years between the age of 12 and 20, (now 24) I lived next door to the site with an adjoined garden. I volunteered setting up the site and worked on the bar when I turned 18. The festivals were well planned and ran without a hitch year after year. The organisers have a genuine interest in local stakeholders and go above and beyond to ensure the festivals are operationally and logistically managed to minimise impact. I even remember them investing in excess Heras fencing to enclose our drive so that cars wouldn't park on it. This communal interest was also evident in the lineup and catering scheduling where the events provided a platform for local traders and artists. The parking facilities were well signposted from all directions with good access for taxis. The opening hours of the entrance gate also allows for a staggered entry of festival goers - minimising traffic. Furthermore, I was personally involved in building the hay-bail sound reduction walls for all

late stages - which living next door - works.

That said, the music volume would be reduced and then turned off as per the aforementioned times (which was pre-agreed with all local residents via an information sheet - personally distributed by the organisers).

The site itself, is well built, spacious and fully enclosed with fencing. There are security posts covering all potential access points ensuring good visibility throughout the stages and camping area. I also assisted in the daily clear-up of the site and surrounding area for litter, which, having attended similar festivals (and credit to attendees) was always minimal.

In summary; I have fond memories; assisting, attending and living next to the festivals and would strongly advise anyone to attend. The atmosphere and seamless organisation of the events are a testament to the hard work and charitable efforts of .

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 21:15
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 9:14 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Pirton Hitchin SG5 3

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 9:14 PM I have been attending and volunteering at Wilkestock since it began and I am absolutely shocked that Herts Police are asking for their license to be reviewed. In all the years I have been there, it has been excellently and expertly run. The festival has grown over the years, but that has only meant the management of the site, staff and members of the public has improved.

This festival is not run by a big organisation, it is a locally based, charity and family festival that raises thousands of pounds for such good causes, as well providing an important platform for new artists to perform and make a living. It's cancellation last year due to Covid was devastating for those who love attending, and I can only imagine how devastating it was for all those who spend hours of their own time and money organising it each year. It is something everyone looks forward to. It would be a huge detriment to the community not to allow the festival to go ahead.

As a volunteer, I see first hand the work and organisation that goes into managing the site to

ensure safety as the absolute priority and to ensure all licensing rules are adhered to. The website promotes taxi services and pick up/drop off points and these are clearly available to all who attend. The access arrangements are really well managed, as is the car park, which is large enough to accommodate all visitors. Security are present at all times, manning all exits and entrances, as well as areas within the site itself. These are security staff from reputable security companies who are brought in and paid to do that job, not volunteers. They are strict, as they should be, in ensuring the site rules are adhered to and that people can enjoy the festival safely.

The site is relatively remote, and the festival is on for 3 evenings of the year, so I would struggle to see how the noise impacts can be that significant to warrant a license review. I hope you will see sense.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 21:09
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 9:09 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name: r

Email:

Address: Wilton way Hertford Sg13

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 9:09 PM The organisation of every festival I have attended at Frogmore has been incredible. Car park access and foot is easy and managed well. I always feel safe with security and staff being aware and known.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 20:47
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 8:46 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: St. Albans AL2 2

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 8:46 PM Good Evening,
I would like to share a few words with you, in support of Wilkestock Festival. Working within Live Nation as a music professional, as part of a Venue Management Team, i feel i would recognise a bad event when i saw one. Wilkestock is certainly not one of those. This festival is not like your run of the mill music event. Every year- Sunday is known as the family day, meaning customers can join us from all walks of life. This alone, brings me to the level of public safety. With such a day being held, the event organisers always seem to go above and beyond- wherever you are on the site (throughout the weekend), you can always see security, wandering and static. These again, are not your every day security guards and instead of being intimidating, just add to the welcome vibe, and the feeling of being well looked after.
Along with this, i have quite often seen medics wandering the site- and have always noticed that the medical area is well sign posted- as are the water points!

From the moment I step on site on the Friday, to when i leave at the end of Sunday, i have never once questioned my safety. To delve further into that, some festivals i attend always seem to me, a bit loud. However, at Wilkestock there are always staff walking round the various stage areas with a DB meter (I stopped one to ask, one year) to ensure no noise levels are exceeded. This made me feel like we were more than just money on the gate to the organisers, but genuinely cared for as humans. Furthermore, when attending festivals, you expect to be a victim of, or hear of, theft on site. I have never once heard of such a thing at Wilkestock, nor have i ever been a victim of while on site.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 20:11
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 8:10 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: High Street WATTON-AT-STONE Herts SG14 3

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 8:10 PM I support the WILKSTOCK event which is held every September. I am local to the area and both my sons attend every year. A lot of hard work goes into this event and a lot of money is raised for worthwhile charities. Volunteers offer their services as they know it is a great event for families and adults. Parking and access is well organised. There is no disruption to the local area - would be great to see everyone having a good time especially after the past year. Gives local acts an opportunity to showcase their talent.

THOROUGHLY SUPPORT THIS EVENT

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 20:05
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 8:04 PM from

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: long ridge aston stevenage sg27

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 8:04 PM I am in the nearby village and love Wilkestock. we have never had a problem with this event/ or related to this event. The opposite, its a real community experience, many people from the village and locally join in as support/helpers and many including myself attend and enjoy it. i am in my 50's and have taken my sister, her children when they were younger, my mum and local friends over the years. security is always excellent and appropriate. we hear very little noise from our house, some years not at all and it has never been intrusive or gone on too late. there is always plenty of space, lots of places to sit or chill out. plenty of clean loos. it is well planned to avoid choke points and overcrowding. its probably the best run music festival i have been to. parking is nearby and plentiful. the 1 way systems avoid road problems and the camping site looks well organised and spacious. the site is always properly cleared up afterwards regarding the infrastructure and litter etc. we like to come together for a small, local, family run festival dedicated to raising money for charity and honouring in a positive way, a young life cut short.

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 20:02
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 8:02 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Acorn Hill Stannington Sheffield S6 6A

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 8:02 PM I am writing in support of The Wilkestock festival and other events held at this unique venue. Having grown up in the local area I have been to Wilkestock several times. It is a brilliantly organised family friendly festival. It has always felt safe and well managed, I think the venue is a great asset to the local area. There has always been plenty of parking and it has been safe to leave vehicles overnight. There has always appeared to be a lot of security around the site. I have enjoyed being at the festival with my friends and parents, and I hope to be able to go to future events at this venue with my young daughter.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 19:43
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 7:43 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Broadmeads Ware Sg12

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 7:43 PM I have been djing locally for over 10 years now and have been playing for the Dog and Whistle for many of them. I have attended and played at all back of beyond events. I have also played many times at the frogmore site and it all it's events have always been very unique and brings a great place for local communities to get together and enjoy music.

I am very saddened to hear that the site may have it's licence taken away as this would be such a disappointment for our local community . There are not many places like this around.

Every event I have been to there has been very well organised with plenty of security and staff who are well informed and make sure everyone is having a good time safely. I have never witnessed any trouble at the site and there are always good clear routes in and out for the events. Also plenty of cabs throughout the duration and nice sized well organised car parking areas.

This site closure would not only be a blow for the local community but also to local businesses that work with in the festivals and local artists who use this site as a platform to reach like minded people.

Please please do not take away opportunity for local businesses and artists especially at a time when we need help the most!

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 19:25
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 7:25 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Munden Road Dane End Ware SG12

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 7:25 PM I am 23 and have been working for Dog and Whistle pub and events venue for 7 years between studies and this has included the Back of Beyond festival in 2018 and 2019. This festival is a great achievement and was greatly enjoyed by all who attended and were involved in the running of it. It is a great platform for smaller and upcoming artists and benefits the local and wider community greatly, giving local people an exciting event and business opportunities and bringing new people into our area. There were a few issues during the first year such as the lighting in the carpark leaving it less safe than it could have been and the lack of taxis. However, these issues were addressed and improved upon in the following year with increased access to taxis and well managed parking and vehicle access. Security was sufficient and clearance of litter at the end of the event minimised the environmental impact of the event and any potential damage to the local environment. There are many local people who would be disappointed to see this event leave the

community so I support this premises license.

Regards,

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 19:14
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 7:13 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Colney Heath Lane St Albans Herts

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 7:13 PM Wilkestock Festival is possibly the best run small festival that I've been involved with and an event that takes its public responsibility extremely seriously. It has a special community feel and has become an important event in the local area, particularly for local musicians.

I work in the music industry and Wilkestock was an important part of my professional development. As a volunteer in 2017, it was the first time I'd worked at a festival, before moving up to manage a stage and then running Artist Liaison for the Main Stage more recently. This experience helped me to build a career within music and I now work for an independent record label as a Campaign Manager, running release campaigns and signing artists.

Over the years, Wilkestock has had exceptional line-ups with a combination of reputable

national artists, alongside exciting local acts. The experience for emerging local artists to perform on the same stages as headliners such as The Fratellis, Razorlight or Slaves is an invaluable experience for them. It helps them to develop their craft and learn how professional artists operate. In addition, the networking opportunities for artists just being around pro-level teams is incredible for them.

Finally, the festival has always taken its legal and license responsibilities extremely seriously. Noise levels were continuously monitored to ensure the festival was not being disruptive to the local area. In the same way, the noise curfew restrictions were always adhered to. From personal experience, we regularly shortened the lengths of artist sets if they were running late to make sure that we would end on time with good contingency on top. Additionally, on-site security were always present and professional, ensuring that people were safe and following rules

Overall, the festival has a positive impact on the local community, always adheres to regulations and is fully deserving of the renewal of their license

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 18:22
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 6:21 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Joslyn Close Enfield London EN3 6

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for
comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 6:21 PM Hi, i am 24 and a DJ/Artist. I attended both BOB festivals in 2018 & 2019.

I am in support of the licence as its a great platform for young artists, local talent & local businesses.

The safety of the festivals was superior to anything i have seen and the management was on it with litter clearance and made everything easy to access for the customers.

Overall my experience was great and i am fully in support.

Kind Regards,

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 17:50
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 5:49 PM from

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Sherwoods Road Watford WD19

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 5:49 PM Dear Sirs/Madams,

My name is _____ and I Support the events held at Frogmore Hill SG14 3RR.

I have known the organiser for several years and am currently a seasonal employee . I have witnessed first hand, the dedication and efforts put in to ensure the events run safely, efficiently and are entertaining.

There are multiple reasons why I support the events:

- Wilkestock is a charitable festival for a great cause.

- Venue is aiming towards becoming carbon neutral.

- Events held provide a platform for up and coming artists to showcase their talent.
- Supports local communities and business' via food / drink / clothing vendors / transport
- Events are an occasion for people of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy themselves for better wellbeing
- Events and preparation Provides people like myself with employment

After being on employment benefits due to Covid and Brexit, The events provided me with a job and an opportunity to be part of something that is beneficial to the communities, and the charities that it aids.

While working on site, I have observed the safety measures that are already in place such as accessibility, fire safety equipment, and more fire exits/meeting points. Security has also been set in place to ensure the safety of the visitors by installing security cameras, safety barriers, visible signage, portaloos, drinking water and one way road systems. Staff, neighbours and members of the local community all join in the effort to create a positive, safe environment for events to be held.

There are continuous steps made to maintain and improve site safety and site security. I believe Wilkestock and other events held here have an overall positive effect to the local and greater community. It would be such a loss not to continue the events held at such a unique and exciting venue.

many thanks,

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 17:02
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 5:02 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name: Mr

Email: Not specified

Address: Chantrey Road Brixton SW9 9

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 5:02 PM I have been going to and playing at Frogmore hill for 8 years to both Hogsozzle and now Wilkestock. It is the only festival that I still go to as the vibe and culture there cannot be matched. It is small, intimate, well run and responsibly managed.

In all the years I have been I have never once seen an issue with noise/rubbish/policing/stewarding. The atmosphere is always calm and polite.

it is a wonderful experience that I encourage everybody to enjoy if they have the opportunity and a great tragedy to be cancelled

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 16:51
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 4:50 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Waterdell Lane St Ippolyts SG4 7

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 4:50 PM Wilkestock is a great festival where I've always enjoyed going with friends and family, mostly in part due to the small and safe environment which is always well organised, and let secure and family friendly. It is a great local event that everyone looks forward to every single year, and supports local musicians and artists for a good charitable cause. Camping, parking, access to the site and other amenities are always well organised and tidy. Access to the bar is professional, I've attended for multiple years in a row and never seen any issues around safety with the bar or alcohol related violence etc. this event is a really great place for everyone in the community, and supports local culture.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 15:56
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 3:56 PM from Mrs Claire Willis.

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: , Grange Road Widmer End High Wycombe HP15 6

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 3:56 PM I've known the licensee, management team, Festival/s and site for 6 years and been working in the live events and charity sectors for 14 years. I've experience in running Festivals for a charity I used to run, project managing community festivals for local authorities, local charities and for the Bucks Music Trust of whom I also work for. I have run large scale events in town centres and also at the Royal Albert Hall. I have volunteered at Wilkstock Festival assisting them with the site and volunteer management. With this experience, I can honestly say that Wilkestock is a very well-run event that puts the safety of its staff and attendees at the forefront of everything they do. Here I was able to see and be involved in first-hand how staff, attendees and artists access the site, how they are directed to where they need to go to include parking (which is very well organised), camping and how to move around the site safely. This is done most efficiently and safely with the communication being clear and concise for everyone, which is why it works so well. Their security team are particularly good both at communication the event team and with attendees in a friendly and

supportive manner, I have seen them deal with small incidents in a very professional way, safely and without escalation which is extremely important. Mr Wilkes has worked incredibly hard, spent a lot of his own money over many years to build an successful Chairtable organisation supporting new and upcoming Festivals and events, perfecting how each one is organised to the best possible standard. Not to approve their licence at this stage would be devastating not only to them after all their hard work, but to the music, festival and live events industry which has already taken such a hard hit over the last year and a half, but it would be a massive loss to the local community, charity sector and musicians that rely on events here to grow and develop.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 15:40
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 3:39 PM from

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Skipton Close Stevenage SG2 8T

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 3:39 PM I have been to this Charity Festival on several occasions and have always felt extremely safe and secure to say the least with the security measures in place. I have never seen any trouble there in any way whatsoever. Children are catered for very well indeed and it has been a wonderful event to attend in every way which is great for the local community and local bands. I have never seen any traffic jams on my way there and with all profits going to charity, cannot be faulted and is always a positive thing. It has been getting better and better every year and I was looking forward to attending it again. This event and the huge support of community and music in this area was even strong enough to help me make an easy decision to move to Stevenage from Potters Bar a few years ago. It was the best decision I ever made and hope this does not make me change my view on that decision! I'm in utter shock still at this even being a possibility?!?!? Please East Herts don't make me want to go back to Hertsmere.....

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 14:59
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 2:59 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Lingfield Stevenage Sg15

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for
comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 2:59 PM Great festival and site and all for a great cause, I've never seen any trouble and is run well with plenty of security. Good for the community to have live music.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 12:36
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 12:36 PM from

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: five acres Harlow Essex CM18 6

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 12:36 PM I have been going to the charity festival for many years. It is one of the best small family festivals around. we always feel safe and secure at the festival, there's plenty of security, I don't see any trouble, kids are catered amazingly and unlike Standon Calling I have not seen drug use or people mindlessly drunk. It is a great festival for local bands and the community, you've never seen traffic jams when going there, the profits go to charity. This is how Glastonbury started and the same with the Isle of Wight. DO NOT REVOKE THEIR LICENCE.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 12:22
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 12:22 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name: Mr

Email:

Address: Blenheim Way Bragbury End Stevenage SG2 8

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 12:22 PM Cultural events such as music and live acts have suffered enough throughout Brexit and the Pandemic, and these venues both outdoors and indoors are a necessity for not only social interaction but for mental health reasons too.

I a member of the public and a business owner is in keen support of festivals, living near the Wilkestock and the Knebworth events, and have NEVER had any problems with getting around the roads when the event is taking place. The sound is also at a level that is not a distraction nor an annoyance. The festival also brings in money to the local area, an area, I may add, that has also suffered from the aforementioned factors financially.

The overspill of festival-goers, into the local towns such as Stevenage and Hertford, has also a bump in takings financially on the days these are held. And that comes from experience as a shop owner of a retail business for over 15 years.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 11:59
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 11:59 AM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Bushby Avenue Broxbourne EN10 6

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 11:59 AM To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for the continuation of the license at the aforementioned site.

I attended the Back of Beyond festival in 2018 and 2019 and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience on both occasions. This is a unique event to Hertfordshire which always manages to attract a high calibre lineup as well as providing a platform for local artists . On my first visit there were some issues with access to the site and difficulty booking taxi's but this was soon forgotten once inside. On my second visit you could really see how the organisers had made improvements and resolved the teething problems from year one.

On both occasions I have found the event to have a safe friendly atmosphere and have

always been impressed by the cleanliness of the site. I look forward to attending future festivals and to see how it has developed.

After an incredibly tough year for our hospitality and events sector I would hope to see my local council supporting this type of event and the positive impact it has for our local community.

Of course should you wish to contact me directly with further queries please do not hesitate to do so

Kind Regards

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 10:24
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 10:23 AM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Meadow Gardens Widford sg12 8

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 10:23 AM I'm a 47 year old man and have been attending multiple festivals at this site, including Wilkestock for many years and Back of Beyond (on the two years they have ran it). I am shocked to hear this licence is up for review?

I found all the festivals to be very well managed and organised from start to finish. The site itself was fantastic, litter free and lots of friendly marshalls and security.

The traffic management was great. But my only gripe was taxis being a little hard to get at the end of the eve, but with a little patience we managed to get one in the end.

In short, this site brings a much needed place for artists to perform and gives people like myself (and friends) local events to look forward to every year and I cannot see what the issues are to warrant a review?

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 09:32
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 9:32 AM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Hooks Cross Stevenage SG14 3

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 9:32 AM I would like to express my support of the premises licence for the Wilkestock festival site. As the neighbouring land owner, I have never experienced any negative effect from any Wilkestock-related events. The road management means the impact on the neighbouring properties is minimised. The events appear to be professionally managed with on-site security managing admission and behaviour - we've never experienced any anti-social behaviour from the events held at the site. My land is immediately adjacent to the festival site and fortunately I've never experienced any littering or debris from the site; the management and clear up appears to be thorough and quick. To date, it hasn't affected the running or management of the farm at all, with any additional traffic from attendees causing very minimal disruption to everyday farm activities.
In addition to the farm, we also run an on-site equestrian and livery business and none of the events have appeared to disturb or affect the horses at all. From our perspective, it's a professional and well-run event and we fully support and encourage it for the funds it raises

for charity.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 00:56
To: Housing & Health Services - Community Protection
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 13/05/2021 12:55 AM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Yardley, Letchworth SG6 2

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 13/05/2021 12:55 AM I've been going to Wilkestock Music Festival for over 10 years. I've never had trouble parking or witnessed any traffic jams, the event has always been safe and secure, lots of security and stewards, no bad attitude that i've ever seen. I've been with friends with their kids as well, we go most years!

It's such a shame that this would be happening with a well loved and 10+ years old festival? The festival has evolved and has gotten better and better over the years. This is a charity event as well and gives back to the community, i've seen so many local bands playing here alongside the big touring (famous bands) which is a huge incentive for local up and coming musicians.

From:
Sent: 12 May 2021 22:16
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 12/05/2021 10:16 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Harvey gardens Loughton IG10 2

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 12/05/2021 10:16 PM My name is
I have attended the Frogmore hill site on two occasions in 2018 and 2019 both times were for the festival Back Of Beyond.
On both occasions I was quite surprised at just how well the festival was run. I felt very safe on site with plenty of security visible at all times, getting too and from the festival was no trouble at all and well sign posted. I would just like to point out also on passing through the local town just how bustling it looked and I'm sure the local business benefit a great deal with all the extra trade, whether it be the local super market or cafe of which I popped into myself. I also noticed no rubbish littered around the surrounding area which I thought must be down to how well the back of beyond organisers brief their staff in making sure everybody respects not only the festival site but the green spaces surrounding it.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 12 May 2021 19:34
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 12/05/2021 7:34 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Aston End Road Aston Stevenage SG2 7

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 12/05/2021 7:34 PM My Name is , I am a resident of Aston and have supported this incredible music Festival since it first began.

I have both performed on the stage and have volunteered as a helper for the last few years.

Having performed I can conform that it is a wonderful opportunity for local and national music artists to showcase their talents.

In my experience it has always been a lovely family festival that has always felt like a very safe environment.

Having worked on the gate I was always so impressed with the amount of families with young children that were not only welcomed but encouraged to attend by the family ticket

policy.

I have never experienced any bad behavior at the festival, in fact the atmosphere is so positive.

The parking is always well organised and so well managed. For those travelling by train the taxi system works brilliantly and undoubtedly generates incremental income for the local taxi firms.

From my experience of helping on the gate I was always so impressed with the overall management of the event and also the security firm used were incredibly professional, friendly but so effective too.

The opportunity, not only for up and coming artists to perform but also for all the independent food and drink companies that are only able to exist because of these kinds of events is incredible.

Overall, Wilkstok is a very well run and incredibly highly regarded local music festival. It is highly regarded by both the festival goers and the villages a lot of whom fall into both camps.

Clearly the fact that all the profits go to charity is also a major positive in it's favour and these charities would undoubtedly be worse off if the event were not to take place.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 12 May 2021 17:54
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 12/05/2021 5:53 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: long ridge Aston Stevenage sg2

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 12/05/2021 5:53 PM I am 75 years old and have attended Wilkstock regularly over the last 5 years. It is a very well organised event bringing the village and wider community together. It always feels safe and never overcrowded. The food, toilet and entertainment areas are clearly marked and more than adequate. Security is always present. It brings a lot of pleasure to all age groups in the community. The local vendors get work and publicity, many bands both established and new get a live audience and a chance to perform on stage. This is so important after a shutdown year. I am retired but help regularly on the gate checking tickets as well as attending performances in the arena. The attendees are well behaved and security is always present. I am really looking forward to the event this year. The plan is that there will be no covid restrictions during this event and we really need to get out in the fresh air and meet people again. The community needs this event especially this year.

From:
Sent: 12 May 2021 16:15
To: Housing & Health Services - Community Protection
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 12/05/2021 4:15 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address:

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 12/05/2021 4:15 PM This festival provides a great platform for local musicians, an opportunity for a family friendly festival and raises money and awareness for good causes. In my time attending I have always found they've been courteous to mitigate any effects on local traffic, noise pollution etc.
It would be a great shame to see them lose their license to put on events here.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 12 May 2021 15:05
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 12/05/2021 3:04 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: fore street hertford SG14 1

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 12/05/2021 3:04 PM My name is , owner of The Dog and Whistle Pub and Back of Beyond Festival, age 40.

I have a long standing relationship with Tom Wilkes and the Frogmore Fields Site for the past 6/7 years.

I attended Back Of Beyond in 2018 & 2019 where we held my Festival and I have also attended Wilstocke.

Benefits/What they do well on the festival site
- it offers a great platform for local up and coming DJ's, food vendors, promoters, entertainers, merch sales

- the management and organization of the site is top quality with great access to sight, lots of parking which is also well managed, easy access and great taxi links, easy access to train stations in Hertford and Stevenage.
- Security presence is great on the site and top quality on game days
- litter clearance is a high priority with the site cleaned and cleared as it was found after a festival.

Any Further points you would like to go over with me don't hesitate to give me a call

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 11 May 2021 21:54
To: Housing & Health Services - Community Protection
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 11/05/2021 9:54 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Terminus Road Eastbourne BN21 3

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Petition

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 11/05/2021 9:54 PM Although I am not a local resident, I have had the pleasure to be invited to DJ at five previous Wilketsock festivals at this site. It has always been a great experience due to the high level of professionalism of the festival organisers. Security staff have always been organised, polite and friendly. The car parking and camping have always been organised and safe, and probably the cleanest and most well-maintained toilet and shower facilities I've experienced at any festival. The actual festival has always been family-friendly, and enjoyed by all age groups (I'm a 56 year old dj). There's always a fun & friendly atmosphere, a superb selection of live acts and dj's... providing many local artists their first festival exposure. The bars are always professionally staffed, serving ales, and lower-alcohol content level beers, served in recyclable beakers, which customers are encouraged to use multiple times (or swap at the bar for a clean one)... details which are proof of organisers that care. An environmentally-aware festival, supportive of local talent, and one that donates so much to carefully selected

charities should be a source of pride to the local area.
It is for all these reasons that I am fully supportive of the granting of this licence, and could only recommend that it is granted.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 11 May 2021 21:00
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 11/05/2021 9:00 PM from

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Station Road Watton at Stone Hertford SG14 3

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 11/05/2021 9:00 PM We're writing in support of the premises license for the Wilkestock charity festival site. Having lived in Watton since the festival started, we can vouch for the professional set up of the event. Whilst we now live in Watton village, prior to this we lived for a number of years in High Elms Lane, less than a mile from the site, and never experienced any negative effects from either Wilkestock or other events taking place on the site, aside from some perfectly acceptable background music during the allowed hours. There has never been any problem with traffic; the road management around the area ensures the site is safely accessed with off-road parking ensuring no inconvenience to the neighbouring area. The security on site is extensive and professional - well connected, responsive and quick to disperse any challenges (of which we've personally seen next to none, aside from the occasional hay bale climber). The site is always well managed - in the approach to the events there is always careful consideration of the set up both in and around the festival site, and post-event the clear up operation is swift and poses no impact on the neighbours (my parents

still live in High Elms Lane so we speak from personal experience). I actually work on the neighbouring farm) and therefore observe the event set up and running from a professional standpoint as well; there has never been any impact on the running of the farm and you should see from other supporting correspondence that the land owner is in full support as well.

Aside from the positive practical and professional aspects of these events, it would be a great shame, given the current climate, to deprive the charities that benefit from the vital funding they receive, given how well managed the events are.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 11 May 2021 20:02
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 11/05/2021 8:01 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Town Lane Benington SG2

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for
comment:

Comments: 11/05/2021 8:01 PM The event is safe. Parking available. Security making sure people are behaving. Never had an issue every year I have been

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 11 May 2021 19:35
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 11/05/2021 7:34 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Runcie Close St Albans AL4

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 11/05/2021 7:34 PM , 36 years old, Assistant Head Teacher, Hertfordshire.

I began volunteering at the festival events on this site in 2018. The festivals are well organised, friendly and foster a sense of community pride by bringing people together. As a volunteer there is rigorous training on how the festival site works and the laws and procedures in place that must be abided by. The festivals provide advertising for local businesses and give opportunities to have stalls at these events. They also give local artists a platform to promote their music.

Logistically, the site is extremely well managed and organised by Tom Wilkes, from the ease of access on arrival to the taxi links available to travel safely to the nearest station. There is directional signage on the festival site and on the local roads. Neighbours are consulted and able to give feedback with any issues they may foresee. Feedback is taken seriously and changes are made when necessary, in order to ensure the safest possible event. Following

the festival, the land and local roads are meticulously cleared of any litter. Tom Wilkes oversees every festival with care and diligence and is always available to respond to any issues that may occur on site during the event. He works closely with local police, as well as implementing bespoke on site security measures, including extensive CCTV coverage and a wide physical presence of qualified, well briefed security. His personable, supportive management and oversight of the festival means that I always feel safe. Some of the events operate on a not for profit, charitable basis and as a volunteer, I speak to many festival attendees, who comment that they are glad to participate and contribute. It is clear that time and care has been taken to plan for every eventuality, should it occur. I love volunteering, as the events celebrate and promote the local community positively, and I fully support the premises licence.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 11 May 2021 19:25
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 11/05/2021 7:24 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email: Not specified

Address: High Street Bildeston IP77

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 11/05/2021 7:24 PM Wilkstock is an amazing charity music festival that involves the local community as either spectators, performers or helpers. It allows local artists, like my sons band to have a platform alongside great artists like Chas and Dave! The parking, camping facilities and rubbish collection are second to none. We have recently moved to Suffolk but are looking forward to attending this event for years to come, tent at the ready, please don't let this wonderful event end!

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 11 May 2021 11:20
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 11/05/2021 11:20 AM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Aston End Road, Aston, Stevenage, Hertfordshire SG2 7

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 11/05/2021 11:20 AM My wife and I have known the Wilkes family socially since we moved to the Aston 26 years ago.

Tragedy struck when their eldest son Matt was killed while climbing in the lake district, and the family sought fitting ways to mark his life. Andy, the father, ran many sponsored marathons, raising funds for Penrith Mountain Rescue, and cancer charities, and the boys had the idea of putting on a concert featuring the amateur bands to raise money too. I even helped out building that first stage from old tyres and plywood. Thus Wilkestock began. I have lent a hand every year since.

From those faltering beginnings (with some early misjudgements), Tom Wilkes, with the backing of the family and dozens of friends and supporters, has built the knowledge, skills and professionalism to run an impressively organised, well managed and popular event. A

staggering amount of time, effort and financial commitment is required to stage Wilkestock and the other activities. I know the economics of outdoor events must be fragile, and I believe the other dates are critical in offsetting the financial risk.

As an event, Wilkestock has matured with the age of those both running it and those attending, At the start I witnessed the difficulties in containing teenage excess, but many of those 'kids' are now bringing their own children along. It is currently a very multi generational event, and definitely fun for all. It also provides an opportunity for local talent and revenue for local business.

I know Tom has gone out of his way to address the concerns of local residents. The noise is controlled, traffic diverted, transport facilitated and security professionally managed. I find it hard to believe there can have been any reasonable grounds for complaint in recent years. I'm sure Wilkestock still enjoys the support of the whole village.

Of course the charities have good reason to hope the events continue too.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 11 May 2021 11:19
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 11/05/2021 11:19 AM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone SG143

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 11/05/2021 11:19 AM I and my family have lived right next door to the festival site for nearly 4 years and we have never had anything but positive experiences. We are in our 50s and 60s, our children in their 20s and we attended each day without see any problems and felt very relaxed. Security was always very visible and people of all ages were enjoying the fantastic atmosphere and great music. When we were sat in our garden there were security and festival personnel constantly visible throughout the day and night. We brought a number of friends along of similar ages to ourselves and children ranging from early to late teens and they were all happy to let their children wander as they pleased. The festival has been very well organised with road closures and a one way system preventing traffic jams with plenty of parking. Many local businesses participate and benefit from the festival and local as well as international artists get to perform. Because the festival is a charity event it creates a great community atmosphere and has allowed us to get to know people we otherwise might never have met. Transport to and from the event for non locals from train stations via taxis is very

efficient and provides safe access. First aid accessibility (for a blister, too much dancing for my daughter!) was great. The work done post festival to return the site to normal is exceptional, its an area we walk on and no trace is left! If the festival is cancelled it will be a blow on so many levels for the local community and the charities that receive funding from it. Most especially for us it would be sad to see an event cancelled that we, our children, their friends and many of our friends look forward to all year. Please allow the event to continue.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 10 May 2021 12:15
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 10/05/2021 12:15 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: route de la villaz st jean d'aulps, France 744

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 10/05/2021 12:15 PM I support Wilkestock Charity Music Festival, I run 2 stages (Homegrown & VIP) at the festival and manage around 40 DJs each year for the last 4 years. I am 40 years old and originally from the UK but I travel from France where I now live each year to volunteer my services to the amazing Wilkes family plus support their heartfelt charity initiative. Not only do ALL Profits go to charity but so many people give up their time to support this and make the festival happen each year. On my stages I have a 50/50 lineup male to females to change the gender imbalance of the music industry, not many festivals can say the same which is why it is so important to keep the license for Wilkestock. I also provide a platform for up-and-coming DJs to empower their music careers. Most of my lineup are local artists plus ones who have played for me year in year out giving up their time for free, including established headliners. In addition to this, it also provides Jobs all year round to locals. Each year the security has

been upgraded and the full focus of the event management team is the safety of the attendees.

All rubbish is also recycled and you can see the team doing this in person every night and morning of the festival.

For attendees/artists/staff, there is a clear travel map of how to arrive at the festival to ease any traffic issues for the locals plus allocated parking with easy access to the campsite or festival entrance. Taxis are also available with a taxi rank giving the day ticket goers a safe ride home.

For Security, I have never worked with a better security offering. They are friendly and 100% professional.

Every year this festival provides a great outlet for local artists and is loved by many as a great little festival suitable for the whole family. If you came to Wilkestock this year you would return every year after and understand why it's important to get behind them and support the festival moving forwards.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 08 May 2021 18:50
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/05/2021 6:49 PM from .

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: , Benington Road, Walkern, Hertfordshire SG2 7

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 08/05/2021 6:49 PM Also forgot to add I live on walkern road and there is no difference in traffic when the event is on at all

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 07 May 2021 23:53
To:
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application 21/0239/PLR

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 07/05/2021 11:52 PM from

Application Summary

Address: Waterbridge Frogmore Hill Watton At Stone Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 3RR

Proposal: Review - Premises Licence

Case Officer:

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Customer Details

Name:

Email:

Address: School Lane Aston Nr Stevenage SG2 7

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 07/05/2021 11:52 PM For years our family has been involved with many festivals within the grounds at water bridge Frogmore Hill. We live locally and have found the festivals are run with huge attention to detail and care for not only the attendees but also to the local community.A substantial amount of meticulous forward planning by Tom Wilkes and his family in all areas such as security, ticketing, timelines, site maps, sound levels, customer flow etc., ensures the festivals run smoothly so that all concerned have an enjoyable and relaxed experience with minimum disruption to the local area. In addition the annual Wilkestock charity family friendly festival selflessly raises significant funds for charity-.Along with many other locals ,we also enjoy regularly supporting by volunteering at some of these events. Whereby our day jobs as teacher and a local government education manager ,are exchanged for that of box office administrators, car park attendants and litter pickers! Our daughters and their friends have also enjoyed attending events here over many years.

From:
Sent: 07 May 2021 10:14
To:
Subject: [External] Wilkestock

Dear East Herts

This letter is in support of Tom Wilkes's music events. I own Farm which is on the western side of Benington Parish. The farm adjoins the meadow at Farm where the events are held. I also live in Benington.

These events cause very little disruption or disturbance to the quiet enjoyment of my farm or house.

Furthermore they have been run for the last 12 years with minimal trouble.

They are much enjoyed by many people in the area. Including my late teenage and early 20's children. Its not my idea of fun but I do derive pleasure from seeing them all enjoy themselves.

I understand in excess of £70,000 has been raised for Keswick mountain rescue over the years.

I appreciate that some local householders would rather these events did not take place. However, I do feel that given the crowded nature of Hertfordshire it would be impossible to find a site in the county for an event of this nature that did not upset someone. Given that it is only one or two weekends a year I do not consider these festivals to be an intolerable burden.

From:
Sent: 12 May 2021 09:54
To: Housing & Health Services - Community Protection
Subject: [External] Wilkestock festival

Dear sirs,

As gen. sec. of the Association of festival organisers I monitor the work of our members on a regular basis.

WILKESTOCK organised by Tom Wilkes is one of our members and has had several years of successful festivals , raising considerable sums

for local and national charities through the staging of the festival.

The event I believe has a fine record of Health and safety for it's staff and customers and provides paid work for both local and national companies.

In turn it brings finance into the local economy as well as it's charitable profits.

The festival movement in the UK is strong and resilient and although has suffered like most industries in the pandemic the festival

Organisers are making every effort to get back to winning ways for everyone's benefit. Clearly 2021 will be a tough year but Tom is prepared to play his part in helping the local

Businesses get back up and running.

Festivals will always attract a very few people who don't always see the bigger picture, but of course have the right to complain.

What our industry needs are people like Tom Wilkes to stage events that have the wider community at heart and provide not only entertainment but

Culture, socio-economic benefit and an escape from daily life.

WILKESTOCK is just that and I would hope the Licensing authority will provide the appropriate permissions without too many restrictions.

Should the reader need further info please do not hesitate to contact me as below.

Yours sincerely

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From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 11:02
To:
Subject: [External] Wilkestock Charity Music Festival
Attachments: IMG_0768.jpg; ATT00001.txt

Please find the attached letter.
Regards

[redacted], Aston, Nr Stevenage. Hertfordshire SG2 7 [redacted]
Tel: [redacted]

30th April 2021

To whom it may concern

Music Festivals at Aston

We have lived at [redacted] for over 50 years. We have known the Wilkes family since they moved to Aston and have fully supported their festivals, especially given the circumstances that started them off. The festival is a fantastic way to remember a young man whose life was taken too soon.

We had no concerns about the festival expanding and becoming a commercial interest. For an event that has happened a few times per year we have seen no disturbance from increased traffic or pedestrians walking to and from the festival. We have around 20 businesses and have received no complaints from our tenants.

The organisers have supplied litter pickers, so any little dropped is quickly picked up. Occasionally we do have festival goers walk past the farm but these have not been a problem.

Where we are situated we can hear music from Knebworth house events (3 miles away), so the noise we hear from the festival is minimal compared to this.

The events that have taken place are well organised, good natured and safe. The family keep us informed with everything that is happening.

We feel this event has many positives for the local community and we encourage our children and grandchildren to attend this great family event.

We fully support the festivals continuing a few times per year and look forward to 2022, especially as so many wonderful events have had to be cancelled due to Covid-19.

If you would like to speak to us about our experiences please call us on [redacted]
[redacted]

Yours faithfully

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From:
Sent: 13 May 2021 10:32
To:
Subject: [External]

hi

I worked many times as a DJ at this venue and its by far my favourite.

I've djd all over the world and I can hand on heart tell you this place is one of the best. The back of beyond parties are so we run, friendly and well organised and I've never ever seen any trouble.

Not only do I work as paid artist I've also worked at the charity events and they are amazing. These events are for all ages and theirs such a mix people. It's a real community party.

It just makes no sense to not let them keep their licence.

I hope the right decision is made.