

Response 1 - (Hertford Town Council)

Thank you for sending through the agreed conditions.

I have circulated these to Councillors, and I have received one comment back with some further concerns (which I believe has also been sent to you):

“These documents make reference to the event organisers escorting people safely off site. I am pleased to see specific reference made to people being ‘actively discouraged’ from dispersing through Folly Island. And that security must ‘manage the dispersal of people from Hartham Common’. Yet there is very little information on how people will be safely directed to bus services or either of the local train stations once they have left the immediate vicinity of the event. Bearing in mind many attendees will be using public transport, what thought has been given to providing safe, clearly marked, marshalled routes to transport hubs? The responsibility for attendees cannot end as soon as they have left the immediate area of the Common. Attendees taking the train home from Hertford North will have to pass through the residential area of Port Vale / Millmead Way to get to their destination. And those taking trains from Hertford East will have to navigate a route through Folly Island / Town Centre.

How will littering and antisocial behaviour be monitored along these routes at each point in the weekend when there is a large egress of patrons from the site?”

Additional conditions to address these concerns would therefore be very helpful.

Kind regards

Response 2 – Local Resident (Author of representation 5)

Thank you for sharing this information.

It does not mitigate my concerns as a local resident. I have seen nothing to allay my fears for the anti-social behaviour and litter nuisance that will occur as a result of this inappropriate event. I notice Folly Island is barely mentioned in the mitigations. Will we be expected to clear up the mess that revellers leave as they walk through Folly Island into the town centre to continue their drinking?

The Police struggle to deal with the current high level of visitors to the town during weekend evenings. How will they ensure public safety with over 1,000 extra revellers wanting to continue their evenings?

Furthermore, I have seen plans for a temporary taxi rank for this event on the grass which seems totally inappropriate for Hartham in October. While I understand EHC will earn £12,500 from this event, what will it cost them in clean-up costs when this event has left Hartham?

In summary, I remain concerned that EHC is more interested in making money from this inappropriate event than it is for the welfare and safety of local residents.

I am happy to discuss my concerns further.

I trust you will refuse this highly inappropriate licensing application.

Regards

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Response 3 – Hertford Town Councillor (Author of representation 6)

Thank you for sharing this. Unfortunately it doesn't address my concerns for the following reasons:

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Best wishes