

### **Representation 1**

Customer Details

Name: REDACTED

Email: REDACTED

Address: REDACTED The Folly Hertford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 28/05/2024 3:04 PM No no no and no! More security to Folly Island not less. Drunken idiots everywhere last year.

### **Representation 2**

From: Vicky Smith

Sent: Monday, May 27, 2024 8:25 PM

To: Oliver Rawlings

Subject: Oktoberfest 2024 comment as ward councillor

I note with concern that the applicant seeks to remove some of the protections that were put in place for last year's event.

Last autumn's Oktoberfest caused significant concern among the local community and it is necessary to maintain, or even improve upon, last year's safeguards to ensure the event passes off with minimal disruption to residents.

I object to the proposed amendments for the following reasons:

The structure of the sessions means that at several points during the day, all attendees leave at the same time, passing through Hartham Common on their way into town or to local transport hubs. Last year, there were issues with attendees urinating and vomiting in the immediate vicinity. This undermines the licensing objectives 'crime and disorder' and 'public nuisance'. In addition, given the close proximity to the children's playground (which was very busy during last year's event), this also undermines the 'protecting children from harm' objective.

It is fundamentally important that attendees are able to leave in an orderly way, as quickly as possible from the environs of the common where children and families are using the facilities. This was particularly an issue in the afternoon changeover time last year. For this reason, it is important that condition 42 remains at 45 minutes to spread the egress of visitors over a wider period, minimising the impact on users of the park. I also strongly oppose the proposed increase in capacity of over 50% for

the same reasons. This is in order to uphold the licensing objectives 'crime and disorder', 'public nuisance', and 'public safety'.

The security point between the Common and Folly Island at Thornton Street was an integral part of the mitigating measures put in place by organisers last year to protect local residents from unruly behaviour, direct attendees towards town/transport hubs, and steer them away from the waterside. I strongly oppose any reduction in the operating times of this as this would increase the possibility of the 'public nuisance' and 'public safety' licensing objective being undermined.

### **Representation 3**

Customer Details

Name: REDACTED

Email: REDACTED

Address: REDACTED Old Hall Street Hertford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 29/05/2024 10:41 PM I object to this application. Thankfully, due to conditions being imposed on the application last year, the event went ahead with few negative issues.

Unfortunately, greed on the part of the applicant means that this year they wish to increase capacity, increase the time they can sell alcohol and reduce security for the nearest residential neighbourhood of Folly Island.

I am very concerned that if the applicant gets their way, this will undermine all four licensing objectives of crime and disorder, public safety, public nuisance and protecting children from harm.

I strongly object to any variations on licensing conditions for this application.

Keep to all the same licencing conditions that were imposed for the event in 2023.

### **Representation 4**

Customer Details

Name: REDACTED

Email: REDACTED

Address: REDACTED Port Hill Hertford

### Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 29/05/2024 12:33 PM Last year we saw a huge increase in anti social behaviour, living just off of the common our road was full of rubbish dumped after the event, along with large groups of drunk people screaming / shouting and even pushing our bins into the road. I strongly feel that Hartham common should not be used for these types of events, it negatively impacts those of us living in the immediate surrounding areas.

### Representation 5

**From:** Nick Kirby

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 22, 2024 3:11 PM

**To:** Housing & Health Services - Community Protection

**Subject:** [External] RE: Variation of a Premises Licence - Hertfordshire Oktoberfest 24/0625/PLV

Good afternoon,

This application was considered by the Council's Planning Sub Committee on 7 May 2024

Please see the representation below

24/0625/PLV	Barbican Events Ltd Hertfordshire Oktoberfest Hartham Common Park	Variation of premises licence  A Change to the floorplan layout. • Amend condition 23 of Annex 2 to read: The maximum capacity for any event at any one time shall be 2000 people, this is to include all staff and artists on site. (Maximum capacity was previously 1300). Amend condition 42, c) of Annex 2 to read: Alcohol sales to stop at least 15 minutes prior to the time the customers are expected to have vacated. (Original condition required alcohol sales to stop 45 minutes prior to
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		<p>the time the customers are expected to have vacated).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove condition 62 of Annex 2: The event is non reserved seating in the general admission area a maximum of 960 guests in that area and have allocated seating for 1060 to ensure there is no overcrowding.</li> <li>• Amend condition 2 of Annex 3 to read: Static security to be provided at Thornton Street, Hertford; Friday 22:00-23:30, Saturday 15:00 - 16:30, Saturday 22:00- 23:30, Sunday 20:00-21:30.</li> </ul> <p>(Original condition read: Static security to be provided at Thornton Street, Hertford; Friday 14:00- 23:30, Saturday 11:00- 23:30 Sunday 12:00-21:30).</p>
<p>Objection: Committee object to the variation of the licence ion the grounds of public nuisance, public safety and protecting children from harm, possibly leading to more antisocial behaviour.</p> <p>The Committee felt that the increase in numbers from 1300 to 2000 would increase issues around public safety.</p> <p>It was felt unwise to increase capacity but reduce security during the daytime.</p> <p>During the daytime there would be concerns about the increased numbers of intoxicated revellers, foul language and antisocial behaviour on an open space near to the children’s play area.</p> <p>Alcohol sales stopping 15 minutes before closing may encourage revellers to finish drinks quickly or take with them when they leave.</p>		

Kind regards

Nick

**Nick Kirby**  
**Civic Administration Manager**



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## **Representation 6**

Customer Details

Name: REDACTED

Email: REDACTED

Address: REDACTED Ware Park Road Hertford

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 28/05/2024 12:07 PM I went last year, it was unsafe as the power kept on going out and pitch black on more than 10 occasions. the band were poor the drinks expensive and it's only similarity with proper events is the name. Just a money making exercises there has there must be substance to these events.

## **Comment 1**: neither objecting to or supporting the Licensing Application

Customer Details

Name: REDACTED

Email: REDACTED

Address: REDACTED North Road HERTFORD

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 28/05/2024 6:08 PM Simply to point out that it seems unwise to increase the capacity of the event and yet at the same time decrease security. Surely there should be a safety first approach. Would suggest that the SAG review.

Personally I think the tent should be located further away from the children's playground.