

**EAST HERTS LICENSING AUTHORITY**  
**Licensing Act 2003**

**REPRESENTATION FORM FROM RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES**

**Responsible Authority** (please delete as applicable):

Police / Fire / Environmental Protection / Health and Safety / Child Protection / Weights and Measures / Planning Authority

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| <b>Your Name</b>                | Nathan Howson                      |
| <b>Job Title</b>                | Community Safety Sergeant          |
| <b>Postal and email address</b> | Police Office, Hale Road, Hertford |
| <b>Contact telephone number</b> |                                    |

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| <b>Name of the premises you are making a representation about</b>    | Dog and Whistle Festival   |
| <b>Address of the premises you are making a representation about</b> | Hillside Farm, Hillside Lane, Great Amwell, Hertfordshire SG12 9RZ |

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| <b>Which of the four licensing Objectives does your representation relate to?</b> | Yes<br>Or<br>No | <b>Please detail the evidence supporting your representation. Or the reason for your representation. Please use separate sheets if necessary</b> |
| Crime and Disorder<br>Public Safety   | Yes             | Please see attached documentation headed Dog and Whistle Festival TENS:<br>24/0978<br>24/0979<br>24/0780<br>24/0981<br>24/0982                   |

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| <b>Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account. Please use separate sheets where necessary and refer to checklist.</b> | Please see attached proposed conditions |
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Signed: Sgt Howson

Date: 4/7/2024

Please return this form along with any additional sheets to: East Herts Licensing Authority, Wallfields, Pegs Lane, Hertford, Herts SG13 8EQ or email to [community.protection@eastherts.gov.uk](mailto:community.protection@eastherts.gov.uk)

**This form must be returned within the Statutory Period. For more details please check with the Community Protection Section Unit on 01279 655261**

## **DOG AND WHISTLE FESTIVAL REPRESENTATION**

**TENS 24/0978, 24/0979, 24/0780, 24/0981 AND 24/0982**

The governing principles of the Licensing Act are the four Licensing Objectives. All organisations and individuals involved in the running of Licensed Premises must do so with a view to promoting these Objectives:

- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- Public Safety
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance
- Protection of Children from Harm

This objection is carried out in regard to the **Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety**.

### **1 The Application and the Premise**

The application for five temporary event notices were received on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024, these were received from Tim Robson and Ricky Harding. These Temporary event notices have been requested for a field at Hillside Farm, Hillside Lane, Great Amwell, Hertfordshire, SG12 9RZ

There is a premises license currently on the field 22/0576/PL this license allows for off and on sales although this application for a temporary event notice it is not linked to the premise licence or designated premise supervisor.

The premises license has a capacity of 4999 including staff and volunteers and is located in between the B181 and Hillside Lane, Stansted Abbots. This is an open field close to the proximity to a residential area.

Police have been aware of the event for some months and a premise licence was discussed at a different location/site. The premises license was for a capacity of 2000 persons and although communication with the organiser was moving forward successfully, it is police understanding the agreement to use land was not contracted and permission by the landowner was withdrawn.

This has resulted in a short time scale resulting in there being insufficient time to organise this and apply for a premises license which would have been the correct way of managing this event, the temporary event notice means that 5 separate applications have been made

in adjacent areas of the field. The limit of each area is 499 including staff and volunteers and it is unclear what has been put in place by the organiser to restrict the movement of persons.

Police have public safety concerns about the correct management of crowd movement and there is insufficient information available to assess how crowd surges towards the main stage when main acts are on will be prevented.

The event management plan that has been created and the documents accompanying them have no legal standpoint and does not legally bind the applicant into implementing any actions that may have been agreed.

As such police are opposing this application, with a view of implementing the following conditions located on the premises license that is live and valid on the location.

## **Proposed Conditions - Annex 2**

1. All operations will be carried out in conjunction with a comprehensive Management Plan, attached to the applications concerned all aspects and elements of the Event's activities both licensable and other.
2. All staff and workers operating on the site are recruited for their specialist skill-sets, or sourced from a suitable, credible agency or provider specialising in that area, and are briefed and receive site-specific training prior to any works.
3. A Risk Assessment is produced for the Event, the crowd management of its attendees and each individual activity by workers, employees or contractors within the premises and other spaces utilised to support the licensable activities taking place. All Control Measures determined by this Risk Assessment are incorporated into an Action Plan which is fully implemented by the Management Team.
4. A minimum of 4 Personal Licence Holders will supervise staff providing sale of alcohol during all licensable times to ensure sufficient enforcement of Responsible Sale of Alcohol Policies and Mandatory Licensing conditions.
5. A suitably sized team of SIA Licenced Security Personnel are deployed within the premises to always maintain a safe environment.
6. A strict search procedure is maintained and applied to all persons accessing the site ensuring that no prohibited items including but not limited to weapons, drugs or other items which could cause harm can be brought into the premises.
7. Body Worn CCTV is used 24/7 throughout the licensed period by the Security Team to deter crime and disorder and capture evidence of any persons involved in undesirable activities. At any one time, a minimum of 8 Body Worn Cameras will be deployed.
8. An external Traffic Management Plan must be submitted prior to the event and to be completed to the satisfaction of Hertfordshire Highways and Hertfordshire Constabulary, prior to implementation.
9. The premises License holder shall have procedures in place to:

a) Manage the occupancy levels within areas to enable a safe and quick evacuation in the event of an emergency; and

b) Allow the swift access for emergency vehicles.

10. There shall be an area within the licensable area dedicated to dealing with vulnerable children and adults this includes those who are vulnerable through drink and drugs. There shall always be on duty at this location a person nominated as in charge who has been subject to an enhanced DBS check. Staff working in this area shall have access to a radio connecting with the event management.
11. Only 100% polycarbonate to be used by the public on site, no glass to be permitted in areas open to the public. The bar will have visible signage (challenge 25/ free water/ weights and measures act/ drinks and price list including abv's).
12. All stewards and Security Industry Authority staff shall wear high visibility jackets so that they are easily identifiable except those working in a covert capacity.
13. No staff member while on duty and / or in uniform will consume alcohol or drugs on site or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs at any time whilst working.
14. The Licence holder will be responsible for producing a policy for the inspection of the structures built on his site. This will include a maintenance and inspection programme with his methodology of testing. The Licence holder will consult with relevant persons with expertise e.g. a suitable Building Control body, or other similar organisation to agree the structural integrity of the bales. This will be presented to the relevant authorities not less than three weeks prior to an event.
15. A competent Medical Contractor has been appointed by the Applicant and will be present throughout all licensable activities to provide medical attention via clinically trained professionals to any persons requiring medical attention.
16. A "Challenge 25" policy will be operated both by staff involved in the sale of alcohol and by the SIA Licenced Security Personnel throughout the site to prevent persons under the age of 18 from consuming alcohol whether purchased directly or by proxy.