

APPENDIX E

Representations objecting to Premises Licence Application - 25/1695/PL

1) Submitted 05/11/2025 9:32 AM

"I strongly object to the proposed licence. The approach roads in Tewin are narrow and have blind corners. In particular the bridge that this excessive traffic would cross is a notorious blind spot and would be very dangerous for people who are unfamiliar with its layout. Of course there would be noise problems . However the main objection is the danger to all road users."

It is pertinent to note that the member of public who provided this objection refused to mediate with the applicant stating:

"No I do not wish to pass on my contact details."

2) Submitted 05/11/2025 11:58 AM

"We live next to the proposed festival site and we object on the grounds that noise will be overbearing, we can hear the music over our TV when they have a had music events (farm yard in the field) in the summer which already gets lots of complaints because of the level of the sound. It keeps us and our children awake at night.

A festival that size will also have an effect on the traffic into the narrow lanes and affect the green belt area.

This will create chaos in a small quiet village."

3) Submitted 07/11/2025 9:59 AM

"I am objecting to this application on the grounds that there is currently insufficient information to ensure public safety and the control of nuisance.

The proposed site lies off a narrow country lane. There is reference in the submission documents to a transport plan being created one month before the date of the event. That is far from acceptable. There is also reference to the possibility of road closures. Those closures can only refer to Churchfields, the narrow country Lane I referred to above. Churchfields is the only viable HGV route into Tewin and any closure could lead to gridlock elsewhere in the village. Such gridlock did happen earlier in 2025 following an emergency road closure. I was caught up in that gridlock.

Many attendees would arrive in private cars. There is no plan to ensure that access for these cars is via the major route of the B1000.

The proposed site encompasses a significant stretch of the River Mimram, one of only a few hundred chalk streams in the world and widely recognised as a major environmental asset. An event of 20,000 people bordering that river needs much greater consideration particularly, as it appears, a new river crossing point may be introduced to to get people people from the transport hub (off B1000) into the festival site. The only other alternative for those pedestrians is to walk up Churchfields.

Tewinbury Farm is a community asset but primarily a commercial venture. So far the expansion of that commercial venture has been in keeping with the sensitive environmental nature of the Mimram. Alley. This current proposal has the potential to do significant environmental harm and to relations between the farm and the village."

4) Submitted 07/11/2025 12:15 PM

“The event will significantly disrupt access into the village of Tewin in particular for emergency access. With Churchfield road being the main route into the village - all others being narrow lanes with passing places. Churchfield road is still narrow in places and traffic will completely block this main village access road and likely back up onto the B1000. Even small levels of traffic on the other roads and any Parking will also inevitably occur in the village itself, further preventing villagers and most importantly emergency access. It is likely that villagers will be essentially trapped for the duration of this event and I object to its licence.”

5) Submitted 09/11/2025 12:58 PM

“The road leading from the B1000 to the venue is narrow and quite possibly of Roman origin. It would not, in my opinion, be suitable for such heavy traffic, ie, the estimated 19 thousand vehicle movements over two days.”

6) Submitted 09/11/2025 8:33 PM

“Noise : The current regular concerts at a similiar location are much smaller with one stage and the noise, with deep bass, goes straight into our cottages, and means you can't go about your normal life, we couldn't hear our own TV, and animals are disturbed. The current proposal is multiple times larger, at least 5x (?) with multiple stages so noise pollution will be vastly increased. This is a quiet rural location already disturbed regularly with events at Tewinbury which we all accomodate but this is at a completely inappropriate scale for the location.

Access : There is a proposed VIP area and stage to be accesses via Churchfield road, which has a blind bend at its beginnign over a narrow single pass bridge. There are accidents at this location regularly so to add thousands of people accessing this entrance will make it impossible for local residents.

Safety: The existing events have resulted in festival goers ending up walking down the unlit Churchfield road, understandably drunk and I have come across the blind corner bridge and only seen them in my headlights at the last minute. Had they been further along at the bridge I could easily have hit them . Its a completely inappropriate place for a 19,000 attendee music festival

Looking at the background of the organiser, Steve Durham , in the Site-plan , it states that he grew a 15K festival to a 70K camping festival in five years. That is undoubtedly the intention to grow the festival so it will become more and more intrusive, longer, larger, louder and closer to the residential properties. Its evident that as you have grown from a smaller set of festivals at the same site to this proposal the intention is to keep growign this event”

7) Submitted 12/11/2025 2:29 PM

“This is completely unacceptable in this small urban village and will cause huge disruption. We are not in open countryside being only three miles from WGC. The B1000 serving Tewin is a busy thorofare from the A1(M) to Hertford only 5 miles away. To set this up and strike it, huge vehicles are going to be passing along narrow village roads and the B1000. All roads leading into Tewin have known bottle necks - at the bridge on Churchfield Road, on a corner of the Hertford Road and on the winding Orchard Road in Tewin Wood. We know the village can be clogged with cars for large weddings and funerals at St Peter's church, with maybe 80 cars. How much worse will it

be with campervans and extra traffic for 19000 people? it is unclear where general parking is proposed to be but entry half way up Churchfield Road will lead to queues there and onto the B1000. The noise will carry to all neighbouring areas as well as Tewin itself.”

8) Submitted 24/11/2025 10:48 PM

“I am writing to formally object to the proposal for the Tewinbury Festival as outlined in the recent application by Sound Live Ltd. While I understand the intention of bringing the community together for a large-scale event, I have significant concerns regarding the impact on the local residents and the surrounding area.

Firstly, the projected number of attendees, up to 20,000, is substantial. This influx of people over a two-day period is bound to cause considerable disruption. Issues such as traffic congestion, noise pollution, and crowd management are inevitable. The sheer volume of attendees makes it challenging to ensure minimal disruption to the community, given the transport infrastructure is not designed to deal with such a large gathering on people on one weekend.

Secondly, the short notice for the community meeting on 26th November, one day before comments close on the application, does not provide adequate time for all residents to be informed and to attend. Many residents may not be members of local Facebook groups where the event was initially posted. Therefore, this meeting should be rescheduled to a later date, allowing sufficient time for all interested parties to participate and voice concerns.

Additionally, while the organisers have committed to ending all music by 11pm and prohibiting camping or glamping, the noise levels and potential disturbance during the event still pose a significant concern. Past experiences with similar events have shown that noise control measures are often insufficient to prevent disturbance to nearby residents, especially those with young children or elderly family members. This resulted in complaints to the council following events held in 2025.

In conclusion, the proposed scale and logistics of this Festival raise serious concerns, including disruption and inconvenience caused by such a large-scale event. I respectfully urge the council to reject this application.”

9) Submitted 25/11/2025 12:30 PM

“The impact of holding an event of this scale in the Tewin village area would be significant.

Tewinbury Farm has already held events during the summer of 2025 and the loud music could clearly be heard in the village.

Public Nuisance - There will be a public nuisance with the parking of cars for up to 20,000 people plus services for the event, probably another 500 people, and their vehicles (with an estimated 5,000 to 10,000 cars) this will turn the village into a car park irrespective of any provisions made for parking by Tewinbury Farm, with vehicles from any local towns most likely avoiding any marshalling delays and queuing (we have all seen the queues on the A1 motorway for Knebworth concerts) and they will choose to park where they can, finding space in the village centre and walking to the event, creating Public Safety concerns with residents and children in the village.

They will block up the unlisted minor village roads which have narrow passing points and in particular, a narrow road bridge at the entrance to Churchfield Road, and will restrict access to emergency vehicles. Anyone with experience of Silverstone village during Formula 1 racing weekend will understand the traffic issues of being unable to get out of or get in to their homes, with many people going away for the period. It is improper to expect residents in Tewin village to move out for the weekend to accommodate this inappropriate 2 day annual event.

Antisocial behaviour and littering are also a great concern as attendees return to collect their

vehicles indiscriminately parked in the village centre.

This application for a license is an ill thought through application in so many ways and I object to the granting of this license.”

10) Submitted 25/11/2025 4:51 PM

“I object to the planned music festival as our village would be unable to manage with the amount of traffic coming in and out due to the small narrow roads. Some roads are not wide enough for two way traffic. There has been recent blockages due to school children being picked up. An ambulance or Fire engine may have great difficulty in getting to where it is most needed.

I object also because the general public do not like to pay for parking and will park in roads used for residents thereby restricting access for emergency vehicles.

I also object to the impact on residents who live here in relative peace and the wildlife which exists all around the village. This could lead to an increase in crime due to the sale of alcohol. There could be anti social behaviour and drug use associated with sort of event.

I also object to the size of the proposed festival being out of character with a small and quiet village. It may have an impact on the value of living in a village away from a town. There is also a concern for public safety throughout the village.

I object to the impact on local services such as sewerage, water and waste disposal. There could be an enormous amount of waste during and after the event.

I object on the grounds that it may be non-compliant with local policy.”

11) Submitted 25/11/2025 9:12 PM

“I urge the Council to consider the following:-

Noise Pollution to nearby residents especially at night. We heard the festivals this year which caused us to complain!

Congestion of local roads and safety

Public safety with big crowds and alcohol involved

Noise disruption leaving the premises

Overall the size and duration of this festival will generate chaos and will probably go on each year with more days added.”

It is pertinent to note that the member of public who provided this objection refused to mediate with the applicant stating:

“Thank you for your email. I do not give permission for them to contact me.”

12) Submitted 26/11/2025 10:33 AM

I have only today become aware of a residents' consultation on above planned music festival at Tewinbury. The fact that residents were not invited directly (a letter through the letterbox) is an indication to me that the interests of residents are not taken into account and the festival is considered to be a 'done deal'.

As I am not at home tonight and therefore unable to attend, I would like to raise hereby the following questions and objections:

1. How is traffic for 19,000 visitors going to be managed? There are several issues here:

a) The rural roads are not designed for such volume of traffic and are already in a bad condition. Are the event organisers going to pay for the wear of public roads - or is it the local residents via tax? Who is paying for traffic marshalls etc.

b) The increased traffic will not only affect the festival weekend but the entire week. How will be assured that residents can commute to work / do school runs etc. without disruption?

c) Protection of private road to Tewin Water. How will be assured that festival goers are not entering the private road leading up to Tewin Water? How will be assured that festival goers walking from Welwyn North Station are not going to use the private road to walk to the festival? Will the event organisers pay for a security guard throughout the festival at the entrance to the private road?

c) Parking. How will be guaranteed that festival goers do not use the private road to Tewin Water to park their vehicles nor residential roads in Digswell and Tewin village.

d) Overnight parking/accommodation. Where are festival goers supposed to sleep? How will overnight van parks in residential areas be prevented?

2) Littering. How will littering and sanitation be managed? The area is already suffering from substantial littering and fly tipping along Hertford Road and some footpaths. Will the event organisers pay and organise a thorough clean up

3) Drinks, drugs and anti-social behaviour. How is this going to be managed, and again, are the event organisers paying for the resources required?

4) Emergencies. How will be assured that any public roads are accessible at all times for ambulance and fire services?

5) Noise pollution. Has an environmental assessment taken place? Our area is rich in wildlife, including protected species like bats and owls. They already suffer from firework displays and clay pigeon shooting. Please explain.

How will residents be compensated for a weekend of noise considering we are living in this area to 'be away from it all'?

6) Negative effect on house prices. I believe that a music festival will affect house prices negatively as people purchasing in this area are typically looking for a quiet, rural place. An annual music festival of this size would make Tewin Village, Tewin Water, and possibly even Digswell less attractive for potential buyers.

7) Risk of increased criminality. There is a potential risk of increased criminality not only during the festival but also in general. How are residents going to be supported in preventing burglaries etc, and who is paying for this?

I am looking forward to hearing from you and the event organisers.

13) Submitted 26/11/2025 3:10 PM

“ The organisers have no control over the music volume when the bands are playing live. Noise in the village of Tewin will be above nuisance level for sure.

Access to and from the site for 20 000 people is unmanageable leading to huge queues Tewin swamped with parked cars, huge congestion and probably road closures and diversion.

Wholesale trouble for residents all to make money for Tewinbury. No other benefit whatsoever. Doomed to fail just like Standon Calling has.”

14) Submitted 26/11/2025 3:58 PM

“I absolutely object ,as a resident of Tewin Village (since 1979),to the proposal of a Music Festival Event for 19,000 people on Tewinbury farm . The back of our property backs onto Tewinbury farm

Reasons for objections :

Access roads not suitable for traffic volume- cause chaos for local residents and any services wishing to get into the village .

Noise annoyance to whole area.

Finishing at 11pm on a Sunday night is unacceptable to people who need to go to bed early due to working early on a Monday and children needing to be alert for their school day .

Huge increase of people in and surrounding centre of the village - causing problems with rubbish , crime and safety .

Farmland crops get very dry in summer months before harvesting and with the VERY hot summers we have been having in recent years there will be an increased risk of wild fires being started by people walking around the fields smoking etc ! These fields are very close to our homes !

Gas cannisters ; broken bottles;plastic bags etc are all hazardous to people walking with children , dogs and any wildlife in the area . These things could all be found in the fields surrounding the village during Covid when people came here for ' meeting for walks' so would inevitably be found again and there would be a vast increase in volume .

Where would all the cars be parked ?

Please do not let this happen”

It is pertinent to note that the member of public who provided this objection refused to mediate with the applicant stating:

“I do not want to have my email address given to the applicant.”

15) Submitted 26/11/2025 4:29 PM

“Our comments regarding this application are as follows;

- We have concerns regarding local infrastructure, the roads in particular. These are poorly maintained narrow unclassified roads, and I imagine getting equipment to site will cause further damage and be very difficult actually accessing the site itself. Who will pay for the repairs, and would this ever be enforced?
- The volume of attendees and their vehicles trying to access the site (on these narrow poor unclassified roads) would make it very difficult and in our view would pose a safety risk to those of us who live here trying to go about our normal business while the festival is ongoing to say nothing of the inconvenience to local residents.
- Who will pay for the policing? Hertfordshire policing is seriously under resourced so how would a satisfactory/safe level be achieved?

- The noise pollution generated by the festival would have a detrimental effect on those in this area going on until 11.30 each night. This is a family area and in our belief would have a very negative impact on those who live in the area whilst the festival is ongoing and during any clean up operation.
- We see there are a number of alcohol outlets on the site. Alcohol is very clearly linked to crime and an exploration of the data available suggests that crime at festivals is higher particularly related to alcohol and drugs. We can refer you to any number of organisations to back this up but basically festivals are a high risk environment.
- In summary we believe this proposal is wholly unsuitable for this area with its infrastructure and its population.”

16) Submitted 26/11/2025 5:06 PM

“We object on the grounds of public nuisance and public safety. Although we normally support Tewin Bury on their various activities we feel the scale of this activity through Sound Live Limited would completely overpower Tewin and the surrounding areas through excessive noise and 19,000 attendees including being completely overrun by various forms of road traffic.”

17) Submitted 26/11/2025 9:13 PM

“I strongly object to the proposed plan of a Music Festival at Tewinbury Farm for up to 19,000 people.

The noise pollution that this event will emit on a Saturday and Sunday from 12pm - 11pm will be unacceptable particularly on a Sunday as some people may be working on a Monday and children going to school. Any noise in the vicinity echos really loudly around the village and across the fields. My bedroom backs on to the fields of Tewinbury Farm and I can always hear music from functions there.

This event will see thousands of people milling around the village with no care of Country Side Code as seen during Covid but on a much larger scale.

There is a potential cause of wildfires during extreme temperatures with people carelessly throwing cigarettes down on very dry crops / grass.

Serving alcohol at this sort event will significantly increase antisocial behaviour, crime and dangerous litter for people, children, dogs and wildlife.

Tewinbury is supposed to be part of the Wildlife Trust with a rare chalk stream river. Wildlife will be impacted by this event and potential dangerous and hazardous litter entering the river is unacceptable.

The issue on congestion of cars coming in and out of the village and the significant impact of cars parked thoughtlessly and dangerously around the village is unacceptable.

The notice given to Tewin Residents was done 6 days ago on Tewin Chat Facebook group announcing that the application for this event had been recently submitted to Herts County Council. It also stated that they are giving an Information and Q&A event in the village hall one

day before the closing date of the application. I'm not alone in my opinion that this is inadequate time for every one to voice their concerns and posting this on Tewin Chat only (as I have not seen anything around the village advertising this) does not reach the majority of residents in the village.”

18) Submitted 26/11/2025 10:10 PM

“Very concerned about traffic impact on the village. People will look at Google maps and see that there are lots of places to park in the Tewin. There is then no footpath from the village to the festival entrance. There is a small single track bridge into the village that will not cope with the volume of traffic during set up and the festival itself.

I'm concerned that there will be lots of people choosing to free camp and that brings sanitation issues.

There must be so many other locations with better access that would be far more suited to a festival of this size.

Music events currently held by Tewinbury have caused major noise disturbance and traffic congestion. This planned festival is so much larger and so these problems will just be exacerbated”

19) Submitted 26/11/2025 11:05 PM

“I am concerned that the event will generate an unacceptable amount of disruption to local traffic and residents' freedom of movement around the area.

The documentation accompanying the application mentions that there will be a traffic management plan, but this has not been published. Verbal assurances were given by the organisers at a 'town hall' meeting that they would exclude car festival traffic from the access roads to Tewin and the village itself for the period of the festival. Their principal mechanism for obviating congestion will seemingly be by bussing in the customers from Stevenage and Welwyn Garden City railway stations, and implementing road closures of the surrounding area to preclude festival goers arriving by private vehicles, with access managed by festival stewards and the police service. This would apparently be a complex operation, for example requiring Tewin residents to produce passes to display to stewards positioned at all the main access points to the road network surrounding Tewin. It was apparent from Q&A at the meeting that the 'devil would indeed be in the detail', as several exceptions were raised by residents and responded to ad hoc by the organising team. It can be expected that if the plan meets reality, more issues will arise.

I am therefore objecting to the proposal on the following grounds:

- 1.As yet, there has been no traffic management plan published, and despite verbal assurances, uncertainty remains as to how or whether congestion caused by festival traffic would be avoided.
- 2.The prospect of having access to and from the

village 'policed' by stewards of the festival organisers and the regular constabulary seems irksome and a hinderance to right of freedom of movement”

20) Submitted 27/11/2025 12:01 AM

“I have grave reservations on the viability of the plans to restrict car use by festival goers. Placing stewards at the entrances to the village will cause traffic congestion on those roads and surrounding roads, which will cause problems to any emergency vehicle attempting to use those roads or enter the village. I am not against event but with smaller numbers.”

21) Submitted 27/11/2025 12:11 AM

“I object to the proposal of music festivals taking place @ Tewinbury farm 2026. My concern is the amount of people, traffic entering the village plus the noise. I have been a resident in Tewin for 62 years and I don't feel it's in the best interest to the village.”

22) Submitted 27/11/2025 12:43 AM

“Please accept this document as my formal objection to the above planning application. My concerns are as follows:

- Noise Impact

- The proposed large-scale music festival is likely to result in significant and prolonged noise disturbance affecting residents in Tewin, Tewin Water, Welwyn, Digswell and nearby private estates.

- The tranquil rural character of the Mimram Valley and surrounding wildlife habitats will be severely affected.

- Traffic and Highways Concerns

- The expected influx of thousands of visitors will place excessive strain on the B1000 and surrounding narrow rural roads serving nearby villages and private estates.

- These roads are already heavily used at peak times and are not designed for festival-scale traffic volumes.

- No adequate parking facilities are detailed (except for VIPs, artists and staff). As a result, visitors arriving by train may attempt to walk from Welwyn North Station. Even though shuttle buses are proposed, many are likely to use local footpaths—unsuitable for large numbers—or walk along the busy B1000, which has no pavement, posing serious safety risks.

- Inadequate Public Transport Provisions

- Welwyn North Station has limited facilities and cannot safely manage large passenger flows associated with a festival.

- The surrounding area lacks infrastructure to support mass pedestrian or vehicular movement.

- Environmental Impact

- The event risks significant disturbance to wildlife in and around the Mimram Valley.
- Noise, heavy footfall, litter and vehicle pollution would harm an area valued for its natural beauty.
- Insufficient Consultation
 - Local residents have not been meaningfully consulted.
 - A notice from Tewinbury Farm regarding a “community consultation meeting” was received only one day before the meeting, preventing residents from reasonably attending.
 - The scale and long-term nature of the proposal require far more open and timely community engagement.
- Unsuitability of the Location
 - Tewinbury Farm and its surroundings are fundamentally unsuitable for a multi-day, high-capacity music festival due to constrained road access, environmental sensitivity, and proximity to residential communities.

For all of these reasons, I strongly object to planning application 25/1695/PL and request that the Council refuse permission.”

23) Submitted 27/11/2025 08:47 AM

“Road closures, I am clinically vulnerable and may need urgently to access the local hospital. Attendees camping arrangements. Will they spread over to the village and surrounding area. Drug trafficking. Events such as these attract such activity. The youth of the village need protection.

Pilfering. Again events such as this will attract undesirable people who may well see the village as easy pickings.

Litter. The surrounding area cannot avoid having litter deposits as people will not be confined to the event site”

24) Submitted 27/11/2025 11:13 AM

“Having attended the public information meeting on 26.11.25, I am concerned at the apparent lack of detailed planning by the applicants for the event. My concerns are:

1. No current plan re ingress or run off of site debris/effluents into the River Mimram - part of the event site
2. No published detailed 'block off' plan for the roads within Tewin, Burnham Green and Digswell. Whilst it was explained that transport 'hubs' are mooted at Stevenage, WGCity and Hatfield train stations; there was no plan for Welwyn North. Access from Welwyn North to Tewin is either via B1000 through width restrictions or via the natural 'chicane' at Harmer Green Land; neither access points suitable for large 50/53 seater coaches. There would no doubt be damage to the edges and surrounds of single track roads.
3. A question was raised re mobile phone and internet access during the festival, and an indication was made that this could be accommodated. No mention was made of electricity supply, which is currently subject to works due to the building of new flat blocks along New Road.
4. Great reliance is being made of compliance by festival goers, but human nature dictates that not everyone will follow guidance. There are numerous footpaths that give direct access to the

fields, which will be difficult to steward.

5. To me the application is premature for approval by local residents, as it is not accompanied by the EIA, Transport plan, and stewarding details inc road closures. This may be a fault of the planning process rather than the applicants, but it seems somewhat ludicrous to approve the application without being able to see the detailed plans.

6. The applicant is a brand new company with no trading experience, although mooted to be 'connected' with experienced operators. I would like to see guarantees to the Council made by the promoters in place re reinstatement to the affected rural areas post festival; especially the Mimram.”

25) Submitted 27/11/2025 : 11:59 AM :

“There are no documents shown that relate to this application.

Villagers have been given verbal information at a low profile public meeting held on 26 November 2025

We have been told that there will be road closures and construction traffic for 2 weeks prior to the event and that people attending will be encourage to come by train

Th events end at 23.00 hours. There are no trains at that time.

There are two roads into Tewin, both 2-way with no white lines. These roads are used by everyone living in the village people and children going to the Church, the Primary school, the nursery school, cyclists, walkers, and people visiting the 2 pubs the Community shop, the cricket pavilion and Blowls Club. There are no pavements.

The field where the event is proposed to be held borders a public footpath leading directly from the train station at Welwyn North. the Plans show 3 bars situated along the fence bordering this footpath which is approximately 0.5 miles across the field to local residences.

More details need to be provided, advertised and consulted with residents before any licence is granted we want to to ensure public safety and free access to the village is mantained at all times.”

26) Submitted 27/11/2025 : 12:36 AM :

“We are not against AN event in this area taking place, but we believe that the size of festival is out of proportion with the area it is being planned for.

The festival will be initially capped at 20,000 people over the weekend in the first year, the plan is clearly to raise this to 20,000 per day in subsequent years. Given the size and access to the site we believe this is too great a number.

There will be large scale road closures in place for the event and limited access to certain roads during the build up and breakdown, which could be up to 3 weeks before and 3-4 days after.

These will cause traffic issues in the area.

The roads being used for trucking large loads are not suitable.

The festival is rightly discouraging people from driving to the event, instead busing people in from locations such as WGC, Stevenage and Welwyn North. There is no robust plan to prevent ad hoc parking in the village and the surrounding areas.

The festival organisers have made a verbal commitment that the festival will NEVER be a camping

festival. This needs to be in writing.

Like the traffic management plan, there seems to be little planning for how the organisers will protect the community from any unauthorised camping in the immediate area. This needs to be addressed.

Part of the traffic management plan appears to be to have people walk in to the site from Welwyn North station along the concrete path. We do not believe that this part of the traffic management plan has been properly thought through.

The Sound Management Plan does rely heavily on levels taken from previous events at the site. These events were of a much smaller scale and were at quieter levels than those proposed for this event.

The river Mimram flows through the site and will need to be bridged to bring foot passengers into the site. There is no plan from the organisers as to how to prevent waste from the site from entering the river.”

27) Submitted 27/11/2025 2:51 PM

“We understand this Licensing Application affects the parcel of land directly adjacent to our home at Tewin Water House where the Applicant intends to erect a music stage, toilets & refreshments to accommodate 20,000 festival goers. We have previously reminded the land owners of the restrictive covenants in the 1948 Transfer of the whole of Tewin Water Park incorporated into the transfer dated 16 /04/2010 title no HD9195. The title plan shows it comprises land to the south of Tewin Water House up to & including the River Mimram directly adjacent Tewin Water House. The relevant covenants prohibit the sale of alcohol & causing any nuisance or annoyance on the land. As home owners of [REDACTED] we object in the strongest possible terms to this Licence application, including Films, Live Music, Recorded Music, Performance of Dance, Entertainment of a similar description & the Sale of Alcohol. Granting this licence would constitute a clear & continuing breach of the restrictive covenants & this would have a significantly detrimental impact upon our home. We reserve all rights to enforce these covenants through injunctive relief and/or damages against any party facilitating or permitting such breach. The proposed activities also directly undermine the Licensing Objective of preventing public nuisance. Approval of this application would expose the applicant & any associated parties to potential civil proceedings, including an injunction to restrain the use of the land for the licensed purposes & a claim for costs & damages & approval would introduce significant public safety risks associated with large-scale events in an area not designed for such use including increased traffic hazards & noise pollution. These risks are incompatible with the Licensing Objective of ensuring public safety & we therefore urge the Licensing Authority to refuse the application in its entirety”

28) Submitted 27/11/2025 4:06 PM

“There is the significant risk of Public Nuisance with the parking of cars for around 20,000 people plus the additional services for the event and their vehicles which could be in total between 5,000 and 10,000 cars. There is, therefore, a significant risk that the event will turn the village into a car park irrespective of any attempts by the promoter to provide parking at Tewinbury Farm. Vehicles from any local towns and villages are most likely to avoiding any parking delays and

queuing and they will choose to park wherever they can, finding space in the village centre and walking to the event. This will create Public Safety concerns with residents and children in the village and will block up the unlisted minor roads in and around the village which have narrow passing points including the narrow bridge in Churchfield Road, the main entrance road to the village, resulting in restricting access for villagers and, importantly, emergency vehicles. It is certainly wrong to expect residents in Tewin village to move out for the weekend to accommodate this event every year.

Littering and antisocial behaviour are also a risk, as drunk attendees return to collect their cars parked in the village.

This application for a license is a poorly thought through application and I object to the granting of this license.”

29) Submitted 27/11/2025 4:55 PM

“I am writing to formally object to the licence application for the proposed festival to be held at location near Tewinbury farm each year. My objection is based on concerns relating to public nuisance, public safety, and the unsuitability of the local infrastructure for an event of this scale. Our village has narrow roads and limited capacity for increased traffic. A festival of this size will bring a significant volume of vehicles into an area that is not designed to accommodate them. This will likely cause congestion, delays, and increased risk of accidents, particularly at peak arrival and departure times.

Any temporary road closures or traffic diversions will disrupt everyday life for residents, restricting access for essential journeys and emergency vehicles. The village infrastructure simply cannot support such disruption without causing serious inconvenience and potential safety risks.

If festival parking is either limited or subject to a charge, it is highly likely that attendees will choose to park in Tewin village/Burnham Green and walk to the event. This will lead to:

Congested residential streets

Blocked driveways

Restriction of access for residents and service vehicles

Increased risk to pedestrians and drivers on roads not designed for large numbers of parked cars.

Residents will be significantly affected by festival-goers walking back to their vehicles late at night through the village. This will create noise, disturbance, and a general feeling of unease for residents whose homes are directly on these walking routes. This goes well beyond what could reasonably be considered acceptable in a quiet residential area.

I am not averse to a festival however the factors above do not appear to be reasonably addressed in documentation so far.”

30) Submitted 27/11/2025 9:19 PM

“I am writing to object to the Premises Licence application for a major music festival at Tewinbury, proposing 19,000 attendees and five stages from 12 to 11pm. While community events have value, this proposal poses serious risks to residents, the environment, and already fragile local infrastructure.

The scale of the event is entirely unsuitable for the location. The surrounding rural area is not equipped to safely manage nearly twenty thousand visitors. Local roads cannot safely manage the volume of visitors, and there are unresolved concerns about emergency access, evacuation routes, and crowd safety. Our road and estate are not designed for festival traffic or pedestrian overflow. This festival could lead to damage, unauthorised access, and loss of peaceful

enjoyment for residents.

Security plans are vague and inadequate for an event of this size, leaving homes and boundaries at risk of trespass and antisocial behaviour. Traffic impacts would be severe, with thousands of vehicles causing congestion, blocking essential routes, and adding pressure to roads already in poor condition. Heavy vehicles would accelerate deterioration and create long-term repair burdens. Large events also bring littering and nuisance, and waste management is unlikely to prevent rubbish spreading into the wider area.

Five stages of live and recorded music for 11 hours would cause unacceptable noise pollution, disrupting daily life in a quiet rural community. Local transport links, including the small train station, cannot absorb the expected numbers, pushing even more traffic onto unsuitable roads. The festival also threatens local wildlife and the River Mimram, a sensitive chalk stream already under pressure from human activity.

In summary, the festival is wholly inappropriate for this location. Its impacts on residents, infrastructure, and the environment would be severe and unavoidable. I strongly urge the council to reject this.”

31) Submitted 27/11/2025 9:22 PM

“I am writing to formally object to the application for a Premises Licence for a large-scale music festival at Tewinbury, with a proposed capacity of 19,000 attendees. While community events can have value, this festival would impose significant and unacceptable risks to both the local environment and the wellbeing of residents.

The scale of the event is far too large for our rural area, which is ill-equipped to handle the strain it would place on local infrastructure. The narrow roads, already in poor condition, cannot accommodate the heavy traffic from thousands of festival-goers, and the festival's size would likely lead to congestion, damage to private property, and a deterioration of our already fragile rural roads. In addition, the limited local transport infrastructure, including the small train station, is simply too inadequate to handle the influx of attendees.

Moreover, there are significant concerns regarding safety and security. The lack of detailed plans for managing such a large crowd, coupled with insufficient security, increases the risk of public safety issues, including trespassing and potential anti-social behaviour. The event would also cause excessive noise pollution from the five stages, disturbing residents and wildlife for extended hours. The environmental impact, particularly on the nearby River Mimram and local habitats, could be severe and lasting.

Given these concerns, including the potential damage to property values, wildlife, and our quality of life, I strongly urge the council to reject this application”

32) Submitted 27/11/2025 11:22 PM

“Without any traffic management plan during the consultation it is impossible to know whether provisions for transporting goods, personnel and audience members will be sufficient. Tewin will almost certainly be severely inconvenienced by road closures on local roads and the B1000. Road access is already limited; all roads are minor or unclassified and Churchfield Road is the main route from the south. Its closure will have an impact on the bus services, taxis, carers, deliveries as well as access for emergency vehicles. How can it be ensured that a system of passes within an exclusion zone would be a workable solution?

The lead up to this event and the event itself will be during the school term. What provision would be made for school transport and for parents of children at Tewin School?

The disruption and inconvenience involved will not be compensated for by the promise of free tickets or the opportunity for casual work. A traffic management plan finalised shortly before the event will be too late for planning local events, including at the Church.

The Churchfield Road bridge has been strengthened but is on a narrow bend and unsuitable for repeated heavy vehicles.

Damage from noise and movements of vehicles and people is likely to be caused to the wildlife of the Mimram Valley, the chalk stream and Grade II Repton landscape. How will this be mitigated?. Restoration of the appearance of the landscape after the event is unlikely to compensate for damage to wildlife here or downstream.

What provisions exist for disability access & significant numbers of ticket holders arriving with blue badges (legitimate or not)?

The path to Welwyn North Station could be extremely hazardous at night and in wet weather, even if lit. What provision would be made to ensure safety and waste removal from this public right of way? How will rights of way be maintained before, during and after the event?

If there is to be a significant police presence, what impact will this have on the resource for other key policing functions?"

It is pertinent to note that the member of public who provided this objection stated:

"I wish my contact details to be redacted." Which meant mediation was not possible.

33) Submitted 20/11/2025 : 9:22 AM : Tewin Parish Council

"Tewin Parish Council object to this application on the grounds of public nuisance both before, during and after the event, unless satisfactory answers can be provided to the following questions.

As a company only registered at Companies House in May 2025, how can Sounds Live Ltd demonstrate the ability to run events of this type and size? There seems to be little information relating to the level of confidence in the noise maps except to call them predictions. Why not restrict the licence to 2026, so that a proper review can be held before making it a repeated event from 2027?

In the days before and after the event, when site traffic has to use the narrow bridge on Churchfield Road as the only way to cross the Mimram, how will delays to normal traffic along Churchfield Road be avoided? How many lorry movements over what period on Churchfield Road? Will access to local businesses, bus services etc be disrupted?

How will the Mimram chalk stream be protected? Will event vehicles be prevented from using the ford across the Mimram between the transport hub and the main site?

Alongside Churchfield Road, there is a fenced off area used by a business as a dog exercise field, often used by the owners of highly strung pets which can only be exercised in a restricted enclosure. How will this business be able to continue amid all the site traffic and noise?

Will the Sound Management Plan be updated to take account of the 760 homes now being built by Bellway on the old Panshanger airfield site on the northern edge of Welwyn Garden?

With no camping facility, how will the event prevent unofficial camping around the site and the use of the countryside as a toilet?

With 19000 members of the public present, what procedures are in place to stop some of them causing nuisance and damage in the village?

Will the site be completely cleared after the event? Many festivals are experiencing financial difficulties, and this festival is being run by a recently formed company. What guarantee is there that there will be sufficient funds to ensure that the Grade II Registered Park and Garden occupied by the event, together with the surrounding area, will be properly cleared and restored? Will all the fencing and Trakway be removed?

When the legend for the site map shows different colour arrows for pedestrian and vehicular traffic, why do these not appear on the site map?

The B1000 can be busy and fast. How will users of the B1000 be alerted to the presence of two new access points? Will the exit from Waterside on to the B1000 be more dangerous than now, if there is a new access point directly opposite? Will a Highways Section 278 Agreement be needed to ensure that these access points are constructed in a proper and safe manner?

At peak times, will event traffic gridlock the B1000 and Waterside? How widespread and over what period will the disruption occur? How will this disruption be managed? How will queues of traffic through the village be prevented?

Tewinbury Hotel has a one way system. Does that mean that if the hotel is used for the public parking, it will all have to exit via Churchfield Road?

How many vehicles will be leaving the event at the end of the day?

Depending on the actual dates, will the local gun club still be able to use the "blue gate" to access their pitch in the copse just beyond the western edge of the site? Weddings and wedding receptions are booked well in advance. Will the date of the event be chosen so as not to clash with any events at Tewinbury Hotel, St Peter's Church, or other venues within the village? What compensation is there for the disruption to local businesses?

Are spectators without tickets going to cause a problem congregating on the public footpath alongside the main event area and possibly trampling on crops in the adjacent field?

Why cause this level of nuisance and disruption, when so many other local bodies have been trying to protect and enhance the Mimram Valley, its environment and local wildlife?

Tewin Parish Council object to this application on the grounds of public safety unless satisfactory answers can be provided to the following questions.

If the public parking is at the Tewinbury Hotel, and the cars have to come up the track and down Churchfield Road, will it be safe for pedestrians leaving the event, having to cross Churchfield Road and walk down the same track to get to the parking, especially during the main exodus at the end of the evening in the dark?

If coaches are using the transport hub, how will large numbers of passengers leaving the main site get across the Mimram safely?

At the end of the evening, of the 19,000 attendees, how many are expected to be crossing the Mimram to the transport hub, and how many are expected to be going down the track to the public parking at Tewinbury Hotel? How many are expected to try taking the public footpaths across the fields to Digswell for access to Welwyn North Station? What crowd control will be provided at the station where express through trains use the same platforms as stopping trains?

This is not a site in the middle of a park such as with Knebworth House or Hatfield House. The whole site (and particularly the main arena) is surrounded by public roads, public paths and woods. In preparing a counter terrorism plan, how will a zone sanitaire be established?

Churchfield Road is the main route in to the village for emergency vehicles. How will easy access be maintained at all times?

With 19000 attendees how will you prevent some of them hanging around the village late at night?

Yours faithfully,
Clerk to Tewin Parish Council”