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## Special Regulatory Committee

Thursday, 23 January 2014 6.30 p.m.  
Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall



**Chief Executive**

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**ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH  
IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**Part I**

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<b>2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	
Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Other Disclosable Interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda, no later than when that item is reached or as soon as the interest becomes apparent and, with Disclosable Pecuniary interests, to leave the meeting during any discussion or voting on the item.	
<b>3. APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE ON LAND AT DARESBUURY</b>	<b>3 - 22</b>

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<b>REPORT:</b>	Regulatory Committee
<b>DATE:</b>	23 January 2014
<b>REPORTING OFFICER:</b>	Chief Executive
<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>	Resources
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Application for a premises licence on land at Daresbury
<b>WARDS:</b>	Daresbury

## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide relevant information for the holding of a hearing to assess relevant representations made in response to an application by C.I. Events Limited for a premises licence in respect of land at Daresbury.

## 2. **RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee consider the relevant representations and determine the application in accordance with the options available to it (as listed in section 6 to this Agenda)**

## 3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The application has been made under section 17 Licensing Act 2003 ("the 2003 Act").
- 3.2 This hearing is held in accordance with the 2003 Act and the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005.
- 3.3 The procedure to be followed has been circulated to all parties and will be repeated at the beginning of the hearing.
- 3.4 The hearing is solely concerned with those aspects of the application, which have been the subject of relevant representations as defined in the 2003 Act.

## 4. THE APPLICATION

### 4.1 The applicant

- 4.2 The applicant is **C.I. Events Limited**. The proposed Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is **Brian Peter Grew**.

### 4.3 The site

- 4.4 The address description in the application states: "Creamfields event site, Daresbury Estate, Daresbury Village Halton Cheshire". A fuller

description is set out in the application. The application site comprises a larger area than in previous years. The plan submitted with the application shows the extent of the application and a plan will be available at the hearing.

**4.5** Part of the application site is within the Borough of Warrington. In these cases the 2003 Act directs that the licensing authority within whose area the majority of the site is situated is the relevant licensing authority for the purposes of receiving and determining the application.

**4.6 Description of the Application**

**4.7** The application was received by the Licensing Authority on 29 November 2013.

**4.8** The application states that the applicant requires the premises licence for events to be held on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday of the August Bank Holiday each year.

**4.9** The details of the application are summarised below.

**4.10** The proposal is for a maximum capacity each year of 69,999.

- In the 2011 event the maximum capacity was 50,000.
- In the 2012 event the maximum capacity was 55,000
- In the 2013 event the maximum capacity was 59,999

**4.11** Note that the Licensing Authority is only concerned with those matters which constitute licensable activities.

**4.12 Description of Licensable Activities as requested by the applicant.**

**4.13 Films**

**4.14** Films and videos will be shown as part of performing acts or in between performances accompanied by amplified and / or unamplified music. Films will include montage video clips and musical performances and will be of an appropriate nature to the age of attending audience. The films or videos will be played on the stage screen outside or in temporary tented structures. Where films are shown on the stage after 23.00 this will take the form of headphone (silent) cinema. The hours requested for films will be from **12.00** on Fridays until **04.00** on Saturday morning; from **14.00** on Saturdays until **04.00** on Sunday morning and then from **10.00** on Sundays until **01.00** on Monday for each of the annual music festivals.

#### **4.15 Live Music**

- 4.16** The event organiser is providing outdoor stages for the playing of live music which will include singing and instrumental music and may be amplified or unamplified.

There will be smaller performance stages within tented structures that will have bands and DJ's performing with amplified music.

The performance of audible live music on Fridays will be in tented structures only and take place from 12.00 until 23.00. Inaudible music (via the use of headphones) will take place from 12.00 until 04.00 both outdoors and in tented structures.

The hours requested for Live Music will be from **12.00** until **04.00** on Fridays, **14.00** until **04.00** Saturdays and from **12.00** until **23.00** on Sundays for each of the annual music festivals.

#### **4.17 Recorded Music**

- 4.18** Recorded Music will take place on the outdoor stages and in tented structures by way of sound systems or DJ performances or similar. There will be smaller performance stages within tented structures that will have bands and DJ's performing with amplified music.

The performance of audible recorded music on Fridays will be in tented structures only and take place from 12.00 until 23.00. Inaudible music (silent disco via the use of headphones) will take place from 12.00 until 04.00 both outdoors and in tented structures. Background (low level) music will also be played outdoors and in tented structures from 12.00 until 04.00. On Saturdays and Sundays recorded music will be played on all stages during intervals between bands and full performances by DJ's. On Sundays recorded music will be inaudible (silent disco) between 23.00 and 01.00 the following day.

The hours requested for recorded music are between **12.00** on Fridays and **04.00** Saturday morning and **14.00** Saturdays until **04.00** Sunday morning and then from **12.00** Sunday until **01.00** for each of the annual music festivals.

#### **4.19 Performance of dance**

- 4.20** Dance performances will take place on the outdoor stages and occasionally off-stage or in temporary tented structures. Dance performers will appear with some bands and artists who are performing at the event including DJ's.

The hours requested for performance of dance are between **12.00** on Fridays and **04.00** on Saturday morning and **14.00** on Saturdays and

**04.00** on Sundays and then from **12.00** Sundays until **01.00** on Monday morning for each of the annual music festivals.

**4.21 Late night refreshment**

**4.22** The hours requested for provision of late night refreshment are between **23.00** on Fridays and **05.00** Saturdays and **23.00** on Saturdays until **05.00** Sundays and then **23.00** on Sundays until **05.00** Mondays for each of the annual music festivals.

**4.23 Supply of alcohol**

**4.24** The hours requested for the supply of alcohol are between **12.00** on Fridays and **04.30** on Saturdays and from **12.00** Saturdays until **04.30** on Sundays and then on Sundays from **10.00** until **01.30** Monday morning for each of the annual music festivals.

The number of position of bars will be agreed prior to the event in both arenas and campsites.

**4.25 Hours premises are open to the public**

**4.26** The application is for the premises to be open to the public between **07.00** on Fridays and **1400** on Mondays for each of the annual music festivals.

**4.27 Areas within the premises where the licensable activities are to be carried out**

All licensable activities are restricted to fields 1, 2 and 3 except that Late Night Refreshment extends to the campsites.

**5 RELEVANT REPRESENTATIONS**

**Overview**

**5.1** Representations were received from Cheshire Constabulary, Halton Borough Council - Environmental Protection, Hatton Parish Council, Cllr. Paul Kennedy (of Warrington Borough Council), Brian Handley and Ian Sixsmith. Warrington Borough Council Environmental Health Noise made representation indicating that Warrington supports the content of Halton's Environmental Health representation and would ask that the conditions of that representation be implemented in full.

**5.2** The representation from Ian Sixsmith did not constitute a relevant representation and is not detailed in this agenda. The representations made by Brian Handley constitute relevant representations except for the request that the application process should be started afresh because the applicant put an incorrect email address for the Council's Legal Services on all of its site notices. Mr. Handley is correct that the

applicant stated an incorrect email address but the regulations do not require email addresses to be stipulated and there is no evidence that any member of the public was prejudiced (including Mr Handley) by the applicant's error.

### **5.3 RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES**

#### **CHESHIRE CONSTABULARY**

Details are set out in **Appendix 1**.

#### **HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL – ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

Details are set out in **Appendix 2**.

### **5.4 INTERESTED PARTIES**

As stated above not all representations are relevant representations. Only relevant representations will be taken into account by the Committee.

Where a representation contains both relevant and irrelevant material only the relevant elements of the representation will be taken into account.

Details of representations made by interested parties are set out at **Appendix 3**

## **6 OPTIONS**

6.1 The Committee has the following options:

- Grant the application
- Grant subject to conditions
- Reject the application.

6.2 The Committee must act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives, namely:

- (a) the prevention of crime and disorder;
- (b) public safety;
- (c) the prevention of public nuisance; and
- (d) the protection of children from harm.

The Committee must also have regard to-

- (a) the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, and
- (b) the Statutory Guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

**7 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCILS PRIORITIES**

- 7.1 **Children and Young People in Halton**  
None
- 7.2 **Employment Learning and Skills in Halton**  
N/A
- 7.3 **A healthy Halton**  
N/A
- 7.4 **A Safer Halton**  
None
- 7.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**  
N/A

**8 RISK ANALYSIS**

N/A

**9 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

N/A

**10 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 This is a hearing regarding a specific application. Although a number of policies must be taken into account there are no policy implications arising from the application. For example the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy together with the Section 182 Statutory Guidance are always taken into account.

**11 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 There are a number of implications for the Borough arising out of the application. However, the Committee must limit its consideration of the application to matters permitted under the 2003 Act.

**12 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

<b>Document</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Application Documents	Legal Services	John Tully/Kay Cleary
Representations	Legal Services	John Tully/Kay Cleary



## APPENDIX 1

## HALTON COUNCIL

## Representation Form.

Responsible Authority.

POLICE

Your Name	Ian Seville
Job Title	Police Licensing Officer
Postal and email address	Widnes Police Station, Kingsway, Widnes. WA8 7QJ <a href="mailto:ian.seville@cheshire.pnn.police.uk">ian.seville@cheshire.pnn.police.uk</a>
Contact telephone number	01606 36 3771

Name of the premises you are making a representation about.	<b>Creamfields 2014</b>
Address of the premises you are making a representation about.	Land to the east of Chester Road, as per site plan.

Which of the four licensing Objectives does your representation relate to? Please state yes or no.	Yes Or No	Please detail the evidence supporting your representation. Or the reason for your representation. Please use separate sheets if necessary
The Prevention of harm to children	Yes	See below
To prevent Public Nuisance		
To prevent crime and disorder	Yes	See below
Public Safety	Yes	See below

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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.	
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COMMENTS:

There are two major changes in this application as compared with the last Premises Licence. These are:-

- The application is now for a permanent, non-time constrained licence
- The application seeks to increase the capacity to 69,000, an increase on 10,000.

The Cheshire Constabulary has no objections to either of these elements of the application.

**ELEMENTAL OBJECTIONS**

However, further, smaller changes and omissions in the application have yet to be fully resolved and thus require highlighting in these Representations:

- 1) The application does not stipulate, as it has done on previous occasions, the maximum numbers of ticket holders that will be accommodated on the Friday night. This has previously been limited to 25,000. If this number is to be increased to match the total capacity figure, or any level far in excess of previous limits, it will have a significant and detrimental effect on the overall Policing Plan of the event. The Cheshire Constabulary is a finite organization; any large increase in police requirements will be difficult if not impossible to achieve and would therefore have a seriously detrimental effect on the Public Safety Licensing Objective.

We would seek this figure to be restricted to an absolute maximum figure of **30,000**.

- 2) The opening of the campsite and arena areas has traditionally taken place at 12.00hrs on Fridays. However, the application seeks to start

at 07.00hrs on the Friday, without a breakdown between arena and campsites. Once again, this is a crucial element that must be known in advance as it impacts heavily on the overall event planning strategy

We would therefore seek that the campsite and arena areas shall not be open to the public prior to 12.00hrs on the Friday of any event authorised by the Premises Licence, unless by prior agreement of the Cheshire Police or S.A.G (as per previously)

- 3) In the same way that the application is not sufficiently specific in terms of the Friday opening times, it is similarly silent on the individual shut-down times for this day, save only to stipulate an overall final time of 4am. For the same reasons as outlined above, the individual times for each licensable activity needs to be specified.

Therefore we seek the following individual times:

Entertainment to cease at 23.00hrs  
Supply of alcohol and LNR to cease at 23.30hrs  
Off site by 24.00hrs.

## **Miscellaneous conditions**

### **Conditions relating to public safety and prevention of crime and disorder**

#### **Challenge 21**

1. The Challenge 21 Proof of Age Scheme shall be adopted as a Condition of entry. A tent or other structure shall be provided, immediately adjacent to each entry gate, where checks can be carried out by event and Cheshire Constabulary staff. The operating procedures are set out in Annexe 1 to these conditions and constitute part of this Condition.

#### **CCTV**

2. All CCTV must comply with the recommendations of Cheshire Constabulary.

A CCTV Liaison Officer shall be appointed by the organisers who will have continuity of access to material both during and after the event. All subsequent requests for CCTV material will then be directed through this person.

#### **SIA Registered Staff**

3. The numbers of SIA registered staff and stewards and their deployment areas and times of duty shall be set by the security provider and agreed by Police.

Sufficient numbers of security staff shall remain on duty to complete the egress process and this number shall be agreed at S.A.G.meetings.

Each member of security staff shall continue to wear uniquely numbered tabards for the duration of the event.

There shall be no replacement of Police personal by civilian security staff without the prior agreement of the S.A.G.

### **Meetings**

4. There shall be and the Premises Licence Holder shall be responsible for;

- A review of concerns of the community in relation to public nuisance on an annual basis,
- A review of crime and disorder on an annual basis,
- Not less than 3 months prior to the event a draft Event Management Plan and site maps shall be submitted to both the local authority and police. These site maps must clearly show and identify the exact location of each bar, using a unique and non-variable system of notation that is clearly marked on all copies of the site plan.
- Review of event management and security plan shall take place on an annual basis with the safety Advisory Group.
- An appointed representative of the Premises Licence Holder shall attend advisory briefings with senior Cheshire Constabulary staff appointed by Cheshire constabulary when arranged prior to and after any event.

### **Public Footpaths**

5. No licensable activities shall take place unless all Public Footpaths running across the premises have been temporarily closed and suitable alternative routes that may have been identified have been displayed. This period of closure shall commence at the start of the 'Build' period and run through to the end of the 'Break' period. (This is normally two weeks prior to the start event to one week after the end of the event but can be varied with the agreement of the S.A.G.)

### **Fencing**

6. The 'Steelshield/T-Shield' fencing around the designated camping areas shall not be reduced in size or altered in any other specification

what-so-ever without prior consultation with and approval of Cheshire Constabulary.

## **Key Dates**

7. The time-table set out in the Key Dates below shall be complied with by the Premises Licence Holder in each year that the Premises Licence remains in force:-

**Key Date 1** – Not later than 150 days before the commencement date – The Premises Licence Holder shall submit the draft Security and Stewarding Plan to Cheshire Constabulary for consultation.

**Key Date 2** – Not later than 120 days before the commencement date – The Premises Licence Holder shall consult with Halton Borough Council, Cheshire Constabulary and the Highways Agency on traffic management and traffic management plans.

**Key Date 3** – Not later than 90 days before the commencement date – The Premises Licence Holder shall supply to Halton Borough Council the first draft of the Traffic Management Plan (on CD in PDF format or paper copies) drawn up by the appointed traffic management company.

**Key Date 4** – Not later than 90 days before the commencement date – The Premises Licence Holder shall advise Halton Borough Council of any temporary traffic orders they seek to be imposed.

**Key Date 5** – Not later than 60 days before the commencement date – The Premises Licence Holder shall submit to Cheshire Constabulary the detailed security plan for the duration of the event.

**Key Date 6** – Not later than 30 days before the commencement date – The Premises Licence Holder shall supply the final Traffic Management Plan that has been agreed by Halton Borough Council & the Highways Agency & Cheshire Constabulary.

## **Annexe 1**

**(Condition 1 refers to this Annexe)**

### **Creamfields – Challenge 21**

This document sets out the procedure that will be used for enforcing Challenge 21 policy whereby persons who appear to be under the age of 21 are challenged to produce ID to prove their age.

Persons who are challenged as they look under the age of 21 but who can prove they are over the age of 18 will be issued with a plastic, non-transferable wristband which they can wear throughout the event.

**Operating Procedure**

1. The event is promoted for 18s and over on all literature.
2. All event goers are urged to bring ID with them.
3. At the event entrances the Terms and Conditions state that only 18s and over may enter.
4. By each of the event entrances, staff shall be identifying people who appear under the age of 21 and will advise them that they need to show ID proving their age so that they can enter the show. Upon showing their ID to the Challenge 21 member of staff, the customer will receive a wristband directly from that member of staff and will be able to proceed into the event. The wristband will show the bar staff that they are of legal age to purchase alcohol.
5. If someone is denied entry on the grounds of appearing under 21 without having ID to prove otherwise they will have their ticket confiscated and be advised they will not be allowed into the show.
6. If this person is under the age of 16 they will be escorted to a Welfare Facility from where their parents can be called to advise them that their child is at the event and needs collecting.
7. All staff will be briefed to continually look out for persons who appear to be under the age of 21.
8. If someone appears to be under the age of 21 and does have ID on them, they will be allowed into the event having first been advised of the principles of Challenge 21. They will be advised to always carry ID with them for future events and they will be issued with a coloured plastic, non-transferable wristband that they can produce when purchasing alcohol.
9. At each bar there will be signs and Challenge 21 literature explaining the need for ID if you look under 21.
10. Each Bar Manager will brief staff before the event starts about the Guidelines of Challenge 21 and the rules that are being implemented at the event.
11. All Security at each bar area will also be briefed to prevent those looking under the age of 21 who do not have a wristband from entering into the bar queuing lanes.

All other steps offered are welcome and acceptable to the Police and will assist in promoting all four objectives of the Act.

Signed: Ian Seville

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2013

**APPENDIX 2**

**Representations from Halton Borough Council – Environmental Protection**

The following conditions are requested to be imposed on the licence.

- 1- The premises Licence Holder shall appoint a suitably qualified and experienced Noise Control Consultant who shall be required to advise the Premises Licence Holder managing noise generated during the licensed events and to liaise with all the relevant parties ie the Premises license holder, the Consultant in Public Health (*Environmental Health, Public Health and Health Protection,*) or equivalent, Halton Borough Council and Warrington Borough Council, event promoters, sound system and performers prior to and during licensed event.
- 2- The Music Noise Level (MNL) shall not exceed 65dB LAeq (15 min) 1 metre from the façade of any noise sensitive premises prior to 23:00 hours when the 2 main stages are operational.
- 3- After 23:00 hours music noise levels 10m from the mixer desk in each marquee including any concessionary marquees shall not exceed 95dB LAeq (15min).
- 4- The sound systems associated with each ride on the fairground shall not be operated after 23:00 hours.
- 5- Music noise levels from the main stages shall not exceed 98dB LAeq (15min) at a position of 40m from the main speakers.
- 6- The use of the main stages shall finish at 23:00 hours.
- 7- No speakers shall be operated on the premises prior to 12:00hours on Saturday of the event or after 23:00 hours on the Sunday.
- 8- No speakers shall be permitted on the campsite at any time.
- 9- The premises Licence Holder shall ensure that the appointed Noise Control Consultant shall regularly undertake tests of noise levels at the sound mixer positions to ensure compliance with the licence conditions. A written record of these assessments shall be kept and available to any officer appointed by the Environmental Health Public Health and Protection Division, or equivalent, of Halton Borough Council upon request. This shall include any remedial action taken.



- 10-The premises licence holder shall ensure that the appointed Noise Consultant shall carry out one or more propagation tests prior to the event. During the test the sound system shall be configured and operated in a similar manner as that intended for the licensed events. The sound test shall utilize a sound source as possible to that intended to be used during the licensed events. Any such test shall be carried out between 11:00 and 16:00 hours on the day prior to the event and after 10:00 hours on each day of the event. An Officer appointed by the Environmental, Public Health and Protection Division, or equivalent, shall be informed of the tests at least one hour prior to commencement.
- 11-There shall be no construction of the set or any other structure associated with the event within the hours of 20:00 and 08:00 hours unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Consultant in Public Health (Environmental Health, Public Health and Health Protection), or equivalent.
- 12-If in the opinion of any officer appointed by the Environmental Health, Public Health and Health Protection Division of Halton Borough Council, or equivalent, or the noise control consultant noise levels become unacceptable, and a significant disturbance is being, or is likely to be caused during the operation of the licence the premises licence holder shall take appropriate steps to avoid or abate any such disturbance as directed by such Officer or the appointed noise control consultant. This is without prejudice to any other noise condition.
- 13-The premises Licence Holder shall ensure that any sound system supplier, sound engineer, sound equipment operator or performer is informed of the noise conditions contained within the licence and that they will be required to comply with any instructions given to them by the premises licence holder or the Premises Licence Holder or the Premises Licence Holder's Noise Control Consultant.
- 14-The premises Licence Holder shall submit a copy of the noise assessment containing a detailed appraisal of the ambient noise levels together with details of predicted noise levels during the event at residential locations (taking into account all amplified noise sources) to Halton Borough Council by or on 20<sup>th</sup> May each year for which the applicant intends to run the event.
- 15-Within 28 days of the conclusion of each festival event the Premises Licence Holder shall provide a noise report from their commissioned consultants to both Warrington and Halton Borough Councils.

16-No music shall be played through loud speakers after 23:00 hours on the Friday night until 14:00 hours on the Saturday, between 04:00 and 12:00 on the Saturday after 23:00 hours on the Sunday or at any time on the Monday.

17-The main stages shall only operate between the hours of 14:00 and 23:00 hours on the Saturday and Sunday of the event.

23 December 2013

**APPENDIX 3**

**REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED FROM OTHER PARTIES**

**1. Representation from Cllr Paul Kennedy**

16 December 2013

Dear Sirs

**Application by C.I. Events for a premises licence for Creamfields,  
Daresbury Estate**

I write in my capacity as the elected representative of the residents of the Hatton, Stretton & Walton Ward and in whose Ward the Creamfields event is partly located.

The application by CI Events for a premises licence for 2014 represents a further step change from previous events held on this site since 2006. There is a significant increase in capacity by 10,000 to 69,999 over the 2013 event, and an extended opening period for live music. To put this capacity in some context, it should be noted that the adult population of Warrington is itself only little over twice the proposed capacity for the event, and therefore this population increase is very significant.

With regards to the opening period, by stealth, Creamfields is now becoming a longer event with live music now some 26 hours earlier than the previous licence. This commencement of live music, at noon on the Friday, will undoubtedly result in greater numbers of festival goers arriving on the Thursday, with all of the implications that will bring.

These matters will, I believe, have a detrimental impact on the lives of those people whose homes are in the immediate vicinity.

I note that this application is for an indefinite period, I am very concerned that indefinite licences lead to lack of accountability and a potential lowering of standards, I would therefore urge the Committee, if it is minded to grant a licence, to do so for a determined period of say another three years.

I also have a particular concern relating to both the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety, namely:

That a substantial number of attendees will arrive and depart from the event in their own vehicles, with or without passengers, and with the increased capacity of the event, car numbers will also increase proportionately. My concern is that on departure on the Bank Holiday Monday or indeed earlier, it is highly likely that many of the drivers will be suffering from serious sleep deprivation, having been partying for a number of days and nights, consumed alcohol during the period of their stay and taken other

substances that might impair their ability to drive a car safely. On leaving the site, drivers are immediately joining high speed roads and the motorway network, at a time when there might be heavy traffic being a Bank Holiday, and when for their own safety, that of any passengers, other road users and pedestrians, their driving performance needs to be at its optimum, it won't be.

I am therefore seeking a clear plan that ensures that drivers leaving the site will not be committing any driving offences and that they are not in such a condition that they represent a threat to public safety by driving a car.

In closing, and in fairness to the new owners of the event, LiveNation, the 2013 festival was well run, greatly benefiting as it did from good weather, and that its key personnel attended local meetings, did listen to the concerns of residents and their elected representatives, made appropriate improvements, and I would ask that that dialogue continues in future years if a licence is granted.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my representation.

Yours faithfully

Councillor Paul Kennedy  
Representing the Hatton, Stretton & Walton Ward on Warrington Borough  
Council

## **2. Representation from Hatton Parish Council**

Judith Godley (Hatton Parish Council)

Dear Sir/Madam

I write on behalf of Hatton Parish Council to formally object to the application for a new premises licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 by C I Events Ltd in connection with the Creamfields Event site.

The basis for the objection relates to the:-

- a) impact on local residents;
- b) the prevention of crime and disorder;
- c) public safety;
- d) the prevention of public nuisance;
- e) the protection of children.

The new application differs from previous ones in that it is requesting permission to commence the event at 12 noon on the Friday with audible recorded music, audible live music, dance performance, and the sale and supply of alcohol from this time. It also proposes an increase in numbers to 69,999. In reality, for residents, this means that event goers will start to arrive during the morning of the Friday. This adds to the impact on local residents in that it is a working day, and local people will want to travel unhindered out of the village and not be subject to road closures/diversions and event goers walking along roads that lack pavements. Additionally, there will be taxis and family members seeking to drop off youngsters in the village.

The additional day of audible music provides nuisance to residents who are at home during the day, and provides further distress to them in terms of security. For a number of residents whose properties are closest to the event the additional day causes further fear of crime and disorder.

The village, we believe, has reached capacity in terms of the numbers attending and the amount of traffic. This must also be so for Daresbury and Walton. Instead of the Friday being a day when event goers arrive in a phased manner, it will be a concentrated arrival that not only causes problems to residents but will also impact on motorway routes on a busy working day.

The biggest concern the Parish Council has is that a day is being added, numbers are being significantly increased, but rather than the licence being subject to renewal every three years, the application is to be agreed for each year without the need to reapply for a licence renewal. We believe that if Halton Council agree the application they will not have tested the impact in terms of the Licensing Act 2003 of these changes, and at the very least should NOT grant a licence that is not subject to renewal so that all concerned can review the impact of the changes and any issues that arise from them.

**3. Representation from Brian J Handley**

Brian J Handley  
White Croft,  
Warrington Road,  
Hatton,  
Warrington.  
WA4 5NU

With regard to the Notices posted in; inter alia; Hatton village, as invited, I wish to register my objection to the above.

This is because of the request for an extension of the hours of operation over the four-day period, now extending well into the night-time, and relating both to the provision of alcohol and public entertainment.

In parallel, the application for a permanent / open-ended Licence is equally unacceptable. You will be aware of the contentious nature of this event with the local residents, who suffer considerable nuisance and for whom the notion of "peaceful enjoyment" of this Bank Holiday is lost. As such, any Licence granted should be of a limited period and therefore subject to regular review.