



Police Objection Notice to a Temporary Event Notice (TEN)  
S104 Licensing Act 2003

**Responsible Authority** : Please delete as appropriate  
POLICE

Your Name	Nicola King	
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Contact telephone number	101	
Name of the premises you are making a representation about.	Applicant: Mrs Popplestone	
Address of the premises you are making a representation about.	Merriott Recreational Ground 86 Broadway Merriott Somerset TA16 5QS	
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
General – all four licensing objectives.	Yes	An application has been received from Mrs Popplestone to provide alcohol from 1100hrs-2300hrs on 30/08/2020 at Merriott Recreational Ground for the purposes of a charity Football Match for 200 people.  On behalf of the Chief Officer of Police we submit our formal representation in respect of this application.  There is significant lack of detail contained with the application given the nature of the event. It lacks in detail as to how many teams are participating and the running order of events for the day. For example: what time is the first match? What time is the last match? There is no mention as to whether this is adult or youth football. Will buildings be utilised i.e. changing rooms, toilet provision? Will other refreshments be provided throughout the day? Will any other activities be taking place? There is no mention of a Fire Risk Assessment – has this been considered.  These type of events have significant potential to considerably undermine the promotion of the licensing objectives due to their sheer size and complexity.  The above concerns, though not an exhaustive list, reflect the concerns we have regarding the event and lack of information available regarding this event at this time.  Concerns are also raised in relation to the event and the current guidance issued by the government in respect of CoVid 19. The CoVid 19 pandemic has affected the globe where thousands of people have died and despite
To prevent crime and disorder		
Public Safety		
The protection of children from harm.		

restrictions easing, the crisis continues. Recent developments of new local lockdowns shows that the situation is ongoing and far from over. Government guidance is clear that mass gatherings should not take place and this application ignores that advice. It is clear that alcohol and social distancing do not go well together and has resulted in local premises having to close and customers and staff having to self-isolate as a result. It has only been announced recently by the Prime Minister that the plans for certain businesses & venues that were scheduled to re-open on 1st August have now been postponed for at least two weeks. e.g.

- Most remaining leisure settings, namely bowling, skating rinks and casinos - NOW POSTPONED.
- Wedding receptions for up to 30 people will be allowed - NOW POSTPONED.

It is evident that mass gatherings are still being discouraged and we could face further restrictions.

Public services (including the police) are stretched and preventing issues from occurring is essential. The lack of a substantial Event Management Plan makes it impossible for us to assess crime and disorder & public safety and whilst everyone wants to return to normality, keeping people safe has to remain a priority.

Currently, outdoor events that are organised by businesses, charitable organisations, and public bodies, may have more than 30 attendees provided they have (i) they have carried out a thorough risk assessment and (ii) taken all reasonable steps to mitigate the risk of viral transmission, taking into account that risk assessment, in line with current Covid-19 Secure guidance. This includes ensuring that social distancing between different households or support bubbles is maintained at all times, and between staff and performers. In particular, those operating venues or running events following current Covid-19 secure guidelines should take additional steps to ensure the safety of the public and prevent large gatherings or mass events from taking place. No details in respect of this have been received.

Whilst we fully support any event the police would wish to see an Event Management Plan, Fire Risk Assessment and risk assessments with regards to Covid-19 as outlined in the current government guidance documents.

At present, the police believe that the granting of this licence would undermine the four licensing objectives.

Given the above concerns the police request that a counter notice be issued in respect of this application.

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.

As above

N.B If you, as the Responsible Authority, make a representation, a member from your Authority will be expected to attend the Licensing Sub Committee and any subsequent appeal proceeding.

Signed: N King

Date 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Please return this form along with any additional sheets to: The Licensing Unit, South Somerset District Council

This form must be returned within the Statutory Period.