

As requested please find attached additional information with regards to Petestock.

I write further in respect of the police representation lodged against the applicant Peter Manders. I have consulted with Gary Bowden, Police Event Planner and Inspector Rachel Clark, Neighbourhood Inspector with regards to this application.

I would like to clarify that the police objection has been based on the application submitted by the applicant. An EMP was presented with the TEN application by the applicant which the applicant is reliant upon to support his application. No request has been made by the police for an EMP to be submitted as we are aware such conditions cannot be attached to Temporary Event Notices. However, it is noted, that the applicant is reliant upon the EMP within their application notice.

The police are satisfied that by authorising the notice the licensing objectives will be undermined as below: -

**Public Safety:**

Location – the police have looked at the location of the field which is proposed for the event, and it carries significant risks around public safety. There appears to be one entrance to the field which will be available for ingress and egress for both vehicles and pedestrians – this carries significant risk to public safety. It also poses a risk to an emergency response especially if this is the only access to the field in the event of an incident or a major incident response. As this is a farmer's field it will not be adequately lit or staffed when the event is taking place. Any staff at this location would also need the appropriate accreditation and at this time no evidence has been supplied to state that will be the case.

The application states a weekend event so it is assumed that people will be staying on site the whole weekend. There is no mention of refreshment provision so there is a possibility people be walking along unlit country roads at any time throughout the event. There is no mention on the form as to whether persons will be able to purchase food on site. All that will be available is a small simple bar operating for 3-4 hours. This will no doubt result in persons trying to obtain food/refreshments from other sources and walking into the nearest town.

A field in the middle of nowhere, which is not purpose built for these types of events, will no doubt carry risk as it will not be adequately lit, resulting in trips and falls especially when alcohol is added into the mix.

The police are not aware of any previous events operating in this location and would not consider the field a suitable venue for events at this time due to the layout of the field, lack of emergency exits and the emergency access to the field.

There is no mention of any medical facilities in the application or any welfare provision.

Fire Provision: I have forwarded to the details over the Fire Officer for their information. However, there is no mention within the application around fire provision especially where there is overnight camping. Emergency access to the site would also be an issue as any gated area would need to be adequate in size to allow a fire engine to enter the site. Adequate Fire Safety plans would need to be put into place which would also allow for another exit from the site.

**Prevention of Crime & Disorder**

There is no mention over the control of the sale of alcohol in the application. There is no mention of what type of alcohol will be provided. It is stated that there will be a small simple bar available run by two friends who have drinks licenses. There is no mention of who these persons are or what drinks licence they hold. There is no mention of Challenge 25 especially given it is advertised as family and friends event so could be under 18's on site. There is no mention of what measures are put into place to ensure that persons are not over intoxicated or served under the age of 18 yrs. There is no mention of proxy sales and how these will be controlled. There is no mention of who is control of the sale of alcohol other than that two other persons will be running the bar which means the applicant will not be in overall control of the sale of alcohol.

There is no control over who will be attending or what the audience profile will potentially be. This carries significant risk especially around the presentation of crime and disorder. There is no mention how numbers will be controlled and what provision will be in place should persons arrive over the capacity limit. There is no mention of any security provision to control persons entering the site, persons causing crime and disorder on site, dealing with intoxication through either drugs or alcohol, persons needing medical attention etc. There is no-one taking overall control of the site with regards to the prevention of crime and or disorder.

Music is being provided until the early hours Fri/Sat 0300 and Sat/Sun 0600, but no refreshments will be available after 11 or 12 pm I presume this means 2300-0001hrs or does it mean 11am-12 midday. What will be the case when people cannot get a drink after/before this time – evidence suggests they will look for alternative means especially when wanting to party the night away for a further 7 hours. This will either be achieved by putting pressure on the person to sell further alcohol when their licence does not permit, or they will look to find alternative means by travelling to another location petrol station/shop etc. This will also be in the late hours when those persons have already consumed alcohol resulting in them either being unsafe by walking on unlit country roads or the potential of drink drive.

At present there is no clear indication of what time the bar will close.

Due to the lack of hospitality outlets on site will people be permitted to bring in their own alcohol. Dependent upon those limits this could have an effect of crime and disorder and will be difficult to control.

#### **Public Nuisance**

Music has been applied for until Fri/Sat 0300hrs – Sat/Sun 0600hrs. There is no indication to the type of music that will be played or the noise level. At this time in the morning 0100-0600 noise levels and noise will travel and will result in complaints to the police. Southay is located within the immediate area of East Lambrook and South Petherton both of which have a large residential population. As the event is due to be held at the beginning of September, people could still have windows open, and the noise outbreak could be disruptive. Continued noise nuisance will lead to frustration with potential for people to either call the police for them to address the matter or attend the location themselves to vent their frustration. We have only seen to recently people taking matters into their own hands over car parking spaces which unfortunately led to the death of two people.

These types of events that progress into the late/early hours also have a draw to those people thinking that there is potential for a 'rave' and will try to access the site to be part of the party. With no security on site this could result in disorder. Again, complaints will be received by the police of people reporting a 'rave' which will require a police attendance and could result in significant units being diverted to the site.

#### **Protection of Children from Harm**

The application states family and friends, local musicians, DJ's, alcohol but no mention of any facilities for children. There is no mention of children and the protection of alcohol. There is no mention of refreshments available for children. What children's area is available on site? Is the site child friendly? Given there is no mention we can only presume there are no facilities available on site and that the site is not child friendly. Furthermore, with the planned regulated entertainment due to take place throughout the day, evening, night and into the next morning is this an appropriate environment for children given it is a small site.

Furthermore, if there are children coming onto the site the application makes no mention of safeguarding policies/lost found children/DBS check personnel. Will under 18's be permitted to enter the site on their own – who will be responsible for these children.

Whilst we strive to support all events, unfortunately, on this occasion we are not able to support this event and are satisfied, given the information supplied on the Temporary Event Notice, that the issuing of the notice will result in undermining the licensing objectives of Public Safety, Public Nuisance, Prevention of Crime and/or Disorder and the Protection of Children from harm.

These types of events do require pre-planning and we are more than happy to work with the applicant and provide the necessary advice and guidance should they wish to host an event of this nature.

Many thanks  
Nicola King  
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