

Representation Form.

Responsible Authority. Please delete as applicable.

Police

Your Name	Nicola King/Gary Bowden
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Name of the premises you are making a representation about.	Farmfest
Address of the premises you are making a representation about.	Gilcombe Farm Bruton Somerset

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	<p>An application has been received from FarmFest for a variation to the current premises licence. The variation application is to extend the number of days for the event and to remove certain conditions contained within the operating schedule.</p> <p>On behalf of the Chief Officer of Police we submit our formal representation in respect of this application.</p> <p>For ease, we have listed below the areas to which the police objection relates:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Change to Condition 7 – Ratio of SIA to public to not fall below 1:150 2. Change to Condition 35 – Remove requirement for an incident planning meeting, add requirement for a SAG meeting no later than 12 weeks prior to the event 3. Change to condition 36 – Remove requirement for table top exercise; add requirement for an internal incident planning meeting 4. Remove condition 42 – Our assessment of the medical provision is sufficient, rendezvous points and emergency access routes are a separate requirement of this licence, the ambulance service do not require any further facilities. 5. Change to Condition 52 – this event will no longer provide a shuttle bus service 6. Remove page 23 onwards due to repetition <p>In 2020 an application was made to considerably vary the existing premise licence. The variation was to increase the amount of stages from 2 - 8, increase bars from 1 - 5 and amend recorded music. At that time the applicant acknowledged that their event had grown considerably and was failing to promote the four licensing objectives and therefore required robust policies and procedures to</p>
To prevent Public Nuisance		
To prevent crime and disorder		
Public Safety		

be put into place. In consultation with the applicant conditions were agreed and the licence granted.

On 21/05/21 a minor variation application was received for proposed opening hours of 09:00-00:00 Fri, 00:01-00:00 Sat & 00:01-18:00 Sun. This was authorised.

On 26th April, 2021 a hearing took place for a Temporary Event Notice to permit a soft Thursday opening for the event. After negotiations with the applicant this notice was authorised by South Somerset District Council.

On the 30th July, 2021 a full multi-agency site visit took place and Gary Bowden, Police Event Planner was in attendance.

As can be evidenced we have worked closely with the applicant with regards to their event and provided advice and support. It is disappointing to note that the applicant has not consulted the police in respect of their application and the changes they wish to implement. At present we have not had sight of any plans for 2022.

As stated above the police object the variation on the points listed above and will provide further clarification below in respect of these objections:-

1. We work closely with event organisers and we monitor intelligence and threat, harm risk assessments and would essentially look at the suitability of SIA ratio based on their event, their proposed SIA security provision and external factors prevailing at the time. The existing condition allows for leeway on SIA provision in consultation with Avon and Somerset Constabulary. The condition at this time is considered appropriate and we will continue to work closely with the event organiser over matters of security.
2. The police request the condition remains the same in that the event organisers are responsible for arranging such meetings, additionally the local Safety Advisory Group (Sag) is organised by the local authority whereby it is not a mandatory requirement for event organisers to attend, therefore this cannot be made into a condition on the premise licence.
3. This police request this condition remains the same. Each year Event Plans often evolve and change in their detail regarding policies and procedures. Best practice is to test such plans, policies and procedures via a table top exercise and include attendance by any relevant authorities or service providers. Emergency and contingency planning would therefore be suitably tested with learning outcomes identified rather than experience un-preparedness due to unforeseen or un-planned responses and actions. Such a TTX would normally involve attendance by invitation to the relevant local authorities and Safety Advisory Group especially given the rural location of this event and organisers management of scenarios prior to any emergency services arrival. As an

	<p>example, in 2021 Storm Evert hit the festival site resulting in damage to tents and a delayed opening of the festival site. This also made headline news. This is just an example as to why these types of table top exercises are vital in preparing of events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. At this time we are not in agreement that this condition can be removed as we have not been provided with any evidence to support the removal of conditions. We are currently consulting with SWAST in respect of this who, at this time, have confirmed they have had no contact with the event organiser. 5. For clarity - condition 52 to remain the same except for : details of the shuttle bus service to be provided. The police are happy for this sentence within condition 52 to be removed. The requirement of a Traffic Management Plan to include pedestrian access is vital. This must include any free transport which shall be made available throughout the duration of the event. 6. The police are not aware of any repetition on page 23 – can details please be provided? <p>It is disappointing that these points have not been discussed prior to the event organiser/premise licence holder submitting a variation. The event took place in 2021 under the 'new management' and also under the current premise licence, which was not without its problems. At the 2021 multi-agency site visit various issues were identified and unfortunately we have not seen any additional changes to their event plan which addresses these issues but rather they are looking to change/remove conditions which were put onto the licence in order to support the premise licence holder and promote the licensing objectives.</p> <p>At this time and given the applicant is wishing to extend the duration of the festival we are unable to support any changes to the current conditions. The police consider the current conditions appropriate to support the licensing objectives, especially with regards to the prevention of crime and/or disorder and public safety.</p>
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<p>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.</p>	
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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: 2nd March 2022

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