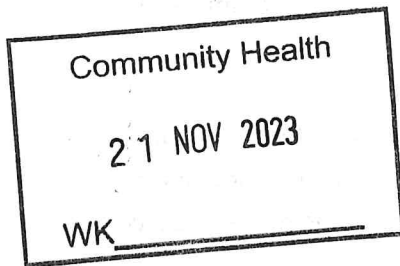




Appendix 5



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20th November 2023

Dear Sir / Madam

Re: THREE WISHES FAIRY FESTIVAL, GARSLADE FARM WK/202306971

St Cuthbert (Out) Parish Council understand the value of events such as these for the local economy and for attracting new visitors. However, the Parish Council's Planning Committee strongly object to this license application for the following reasons:-

In accordance with The Licensing Act 2003 4 key objectives, the Council have the following concerns

The prevention of crime and disorder: there are numerous challenges to reaching this objective, such as insufficient details of the numbers of security staff, their powers to evict and to where, the resources of, and access for, the Police to support if needed

Public safety: there are numerous challenges to reaching this objective such as the narrow roads and precarious passing places, no footways around the site, increased volume of traffic, lack of measures to deal with non-ticket holders arriving by car

The prevention of public nuisance: there are numerous challenges to reaching this objective, such as the potential for late night and daytime disorder, noise (possibly amplified from outdoors), commotion, anti-social behaviour and significant disruption to local residents, not least the proposed NINE MILE DETOUR that residents will be obliged to use during the three day event in order to go about their daily lives. This appears to be a wholly disproportionate requirement to be imposed on the local community

The protection of children from harm: the scale of late-night entertainment would seem to challenge the idea that this is safely a family-friendly event and the atmosphere between daytime

and evening activities is marked. Safeguarding measures can be followed more easily during daytime but with much less assurance at night time.

Considering recent revised Home Office guidance¹, issued under section 182 of The Licensing Act 2003, this license application is at odds with the additional key aims and purposes, beyond the 4 statutory licensing objectives:

-protecting the public and local residents from crime, anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance caused by irresponsible licensed premises: there was reported anti-social conduct at a different Godney festival last year with urinating in lanes, reckless parking and noise nuisance

-giving the police and licensing authorities the powers they need to effectively manage and police the night-time economy and take action against those premises that are causing problems: given the limited police resources when called to an unauthorised gathering near Priddy recently and combined with the difficult access, there is some doubt that the police would be able to manage and police the night-time economy

-providing a regulatory framework for alcohol which reflects the needs of local communities and empowers local authorities to make and enforce decisions about the most appropriate licensing strategies for their local area; given that the festival is relocating from Mount Edgecombe Country Park, Cornwall, the priority for the applicant and organisers do not appear to be local residents first.

-encouraging greater community involvement in licensing decisions and giving local residents the opportunity to have their say regarding licensing decisions that may affect them: There does not appear to have been any attempt by the organisers to involve the local community or even ascertain their views. Indeed, residents are extremely distressed at yet more potential disruption to their quality of life and day-to-day living and aspire to having their concerns addressed and views considered. (Please also see comments under the paragraph "Lack of consideration for residents" below).

Other broader concerns include:

Access & Traffic Management: the diversion route does not allow access to residents on Polsham Lane, beyond the junction with Swansherd Lane. It also adds a dangerous and lengthy route on largely single-lane unclassified roads. The Parish Council are adamant that the lengthy diversion is not necessary if suitable access and a one-way system was in place from the entrance and exit of the festival site. The proposed eastern entrance should be widened, some groundworks laid to strengthen the field and **should only be allowed access from one direction and should exit in the opposite direction**. There should be suitable road signage for "festival traffic only".

¹ Revised guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Home office)

Festival concentration: with this application, residents would experience 3 festivals in 3 months, between July & September with 2 other festivals (The Godney Gathering & Goodentime) growing in size year on year and presents numerous challenges.

Business disruption: the 9-mile diversion and ambiguous signage has a heavy impact on local businesses. Milk deliveries, camp site visitors, day-to-day work routines & farm traffic (particularly silage in summer) are all impacted not only by the traffic management plan but also the weight of traffic the event will generate. More specifically, a wedding venue stands to lose bookings when customers are informed of the diversion and road chaos that they and their guests would have to endure.

Lack of consideration for residents: the Licensing Authority should take into account the context of the protracted disruption to residents between July and September. There has been heavy resident representations both to Godney & St Cuthbert (Out) Parish Council, demonstrating anxiety that such little regard is paid to access to homes and businesses, particularly in Polsham.

Road safety: the quality of roads is already poor and roadside subsidence prevalent: additional traffic in narrow lanes is a genuine safety concern from residents.

Early assumptions & promotion by festival organisers: there was some dismay that the organisers of the 3 Wishes Fairy Festival were promoting the event as early as July 2022 without having consulted with residents or before any licensing application was submitted.

Potential for flooding: the site is between 5 & 10m above sea level and the car park bordered on two sides by Moggs Rhyne. There appears to be no mitigation for potential flooding. Council members may be aware that this location is listed on the Environment Agency website as being in "Flood Zone 3", ie – "Land with a high probability of flooding from rivers and the sea." The Environment Agency site states that a flood risk assessment may need to be carried out for development in this area" (Please see attached document) It would therefore seem appropriate to require a specific flood risk assessment is submitted in the context of this application, given the potential for a large number of people and vehicles to be present at this location.

Were practical, round-the-clock access for residents to be accommodated, anxieties about the scale of the festival would be less heightened.

Yours sincerely

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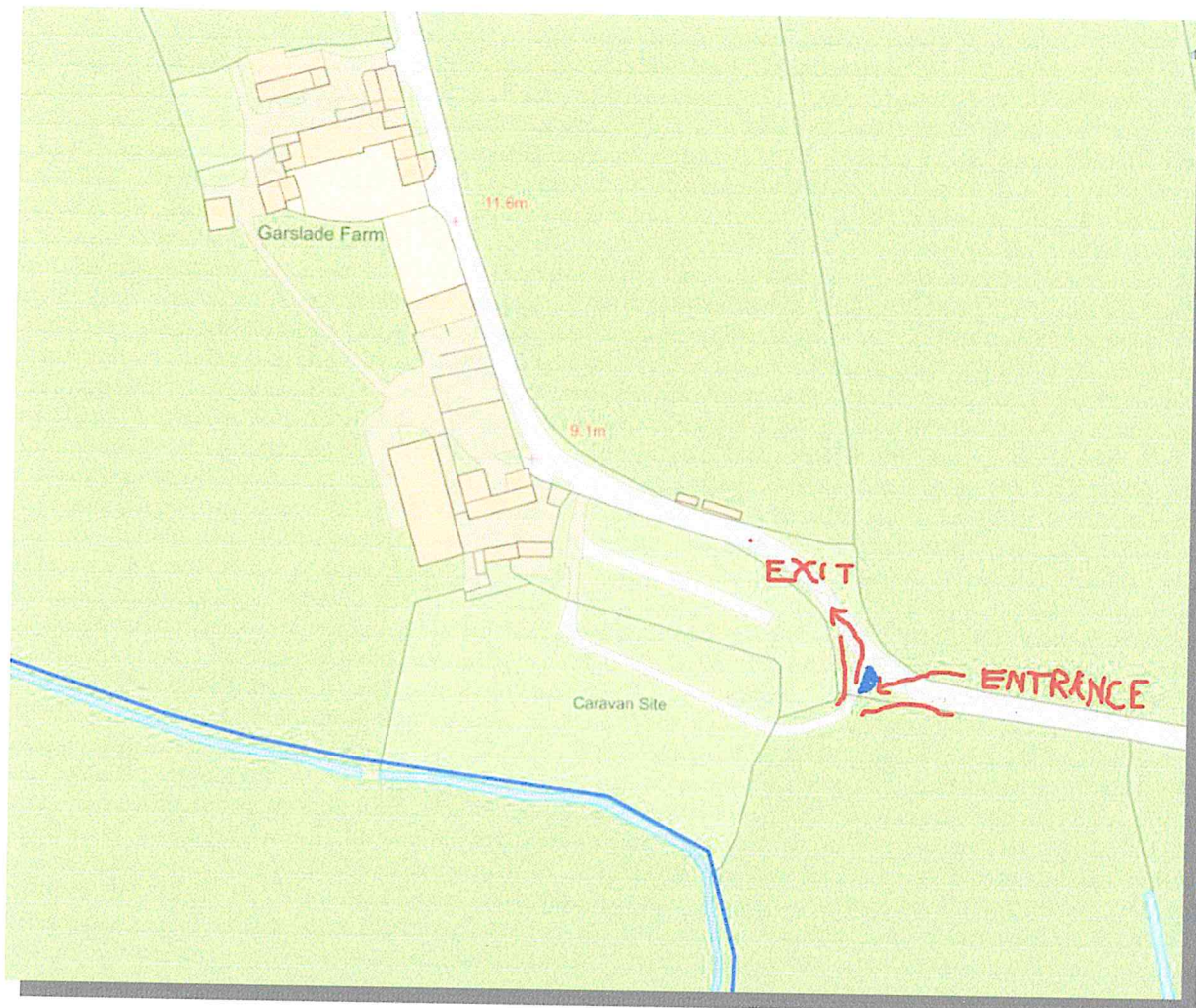
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- you should follow the Environment Agency's standing advice for carrying out a flood risk assessment (find out more at www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-assessment-standing-advice)

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