



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

Responsible Authority : Please delete as appropriate

POLICE

Your Name	Gary Bowden 6983	
Job Title	Somerset Police Event Planner on behalf of Yeovil Neighbourhood Police Team	
Postal and email address	Yeovil Police Station Horsey Lane Yeovil Somerset BA20 1SN	
Contact telephone number	101	
Name of the premises you are making a representation about.	Applicant: Yvan Williams	
Address of the premises you are making a representation about.	Barwick Park Lodge Two Tower Lane Barwick Yeovil BA22 9TA Yeovil Showground	
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 11613714 (Plot 355245 114518.5) Bar 2 has been received from Yvan Williams to permit the sale of alcohol at Barwick Park Lodge – Yeovil Showground, Two Tower Lane, Yeovil Somerset BA22 9TA on 05/05/2023 – 07/05/2023 11am – 11pm. The capacity has been set at 499 persons. On behalf of the Chief Officer of Police we submit our formal representation in respect of this application. Avon and Somerset Constabulary do not consider that the applicant has provided sufficient detail within their application and no prior planning or consultation has taken place with the police. As a result, we do not consider the event would be safe given the lack of any planning or engagement. The event is described as – “A Balloon Festival to include funfair rides, stunt BMX and other exhibitions, well known Musicians, food and beverages each day, possibly more?” Some detail has been submitted within an Event Safety
To prevent crime and disorder		
Public Safety		
The protection of children from harm.		

Management Plan which is incomplete and has references to other areas within another county. This plan was received on 11/04/2023. Having previously spoken with the applicant, the applicant has confirmed that they are only providing alcohol at the event and have no involvement in the organisation or running of the event. If the event were not taking place, the applicant would not be making application to sell alcohol at this event/location.

No prior consultation has taken place by the event organiser we now know to be David Rowland of Rowlands Events Ltd - his details have been provided by the applicant and are noted within an ESMP.

Upon further research of the internet, it appears the event is being advertised widely and states the following: -

A brand-new Somerset festival is set to hit the county with a bang.

The Somerset Balloon Festival will be the perfect way to get into the summer spirit as it looks set to head to Yeovil to take place at the Yeovil Showground, it will be three days of hot air balloons, live music, family entertainment, stunt shows and much more.

The action-packed weekend will run from Friday, May 5 until Sunday, May 7, with the event already proving to be a big hit.

Organisers have confirmed that the event is already 50 per cent sold out, with families being urged to book soon as possible. It is suggested that Saturday is 150 tickets off being sold out. It also alerts to scammers selling tickets which poses a serious concern to proper ticket sales, protected from duplication and fraud with potential for overcrowding and disorder at point of entry.

Already, it is estimated that the attendance will be well over 20,000 for the weekend, according to organisers.

Throughout the course of the weekend, 'special shaped balloons will take to the sky and leave families in awe.

To cap off the evening, balloon pilots will be performing a night glow show to round up the evening full of entertainment of fun.

As well as the magical live performances from the

balloons, there will be a wide range of tribute acts to keep you on your toes.

A wide range of bars and food stores will be set up, with local traders serving up only the finest food from across the county as well as Devon and Cornwall.

These types of events have significant potential to considerably undermine the promotion of the licensing objectives due to their sheer size and complexity with little to no planning taking place. Sites for occasional events are not usually entirely purpose built for the proposed licensable activities to take place. Therefore, there is considerable work involved before, during and after such events and co-ordinating the full involvement of all the emergency services and responsible authorities to ensure a safe and well managed event.

Access to the event site is located on the A37 which can be very busy, especially on weekends and bank holidays, this event coincides with multiple Coronation type Events. Has any consultation taken place with Somerset Highways in respect of a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order? Has a full traffic and pedestrian assessment been carried out with a Traffic Management Plan produced to support this event and help manage the highway network for all road users, including pedestrians who maybe making their way by foot to the event. Will any signage be placed on the highway, if so, has a signage plan been produced and agreed with Somerset Highways?

For ease of objection and not to create an exhaustive list we have bullet pointed the main areas of our concern below: -

- Drugs Policy
- Ticket checks/entry
- Searching Policy/Process
- Eviction Policy/Process
- Emergency Procedures outlining roles and responsibilities of officers
- Major Incident Plan
- Role & Responsibilities of Stewards and Security
- No site plan / Layout to scale
- Temporary demountable structures to include tented items brought to the site by event organiser and/or any contractors
- Medical Plan, assessed and agreed by SWAST?
- Public Liability Insurance
- Traffic Management/Pedestrian Plan
- Inclement Weather Plan

Drone policy/procedure

- Bars/Challenge 25 and Drug Amnesty procedure
- Weapons policy and procedure
- Complete fit for purpose Event Management Plan
- Details of music being supplied
- Details of the Stunt Shows and associated risk assessments
- Will the existing Showground licence form any part of the event?

The above concerns though not an exhaustive list reflect the concerns we have regarding the lack of information available regarding this event at this time.

At present, no formal liaison has taken place with the emergency services, nor do we believe consideration has been given to contact with the Civil Aviation Authority, the location of or contact with Leonardo Helicopters (Westlands) or the Yeovilton Air Base which frequently utilise the airspace in and around Yeovil.

Given the nature and predicted size of the event we would expect to have seen some form of early planning and Safety Advisory Group engagement some 6 months ago, or at least in early January 2023. The event is now only 3 weeks away and there has been no planning meeting, no contingency planning and no tabletop exercise to test the organisers policies and procedures should an incident occur.

It is appreciated that this Temporary Event Notice is to only provide alcohol at the event, but it forms part of the event activities and people would only be purchasing alcohol if the event itself was taking place. The Alcohol Management Policy which has been submitted in support of the Temporary Event Notice lacks in detail and fails to demonstrate how these areas will be controlled i.e. perimeter fencing outlining the area as to which the Temporary Event Notice shall cover and how this area will be controlled to ensure numbers are not breached. Furthermore, evidence suggests that events on this site can be problematic, especially where the sale of alcohol is taking place. Events are frequented by known persons that are currently barred on the Yeovil Pubwatch Scheme – has any consultation/engagement taken place with the Yeovil Crime Reduction Team? Given the size of this event has any consultation/engagement taken place with the licensed premises within the town centre who suffer from anti-social behaviour following events that are held on this site? It is anticipated that this will be a very busy weekend for the licensed premises within the town centre of Yeovil

and surrounding area and they will be reliant upon their own security to self-police their establishments.

Whilst we strive to support all events in the area, the police believe, that on this occasion, should this notice be authorised then it will undermine all four licensing objectives, especially around public safety. Due to the late submission and incomplete plans, we are not able to adequately assess the event or its safety. It is on these grounds that we object to the Temporary Events Notice and 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.

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: Gary Bowden 6983

Date 13th April 2023

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

This form must be returned within the Statutory Period.