



**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 for a Temporary Event Notice (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 (5th May 4pm until 10.30pm, 6th May 12:00 midday until 10.30pm, 7th May 12:00 midday until 8.30pm). 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.  It is disappointing to report that this is the third police representation that has been submitted with regards to the sale of alcohol being supplied at the event – Balloon Festival, (also referred to as Somerset Balloon Festival or Yeovil Balloon Festival), and since the first objection, plans, in respect of the sale of alcohol primarily linked to the application for a Temporary Event Notice have not changed. The applicant has continued with their application to proceed with the event and has failed to listen to the concerns of the police.  We would evidence that there is a clear link between the Temporary Event Notice and the event, and one is reliant upon the other in the delivery of the event. If the ‘event’ was not taking place, then there would not be up to 10,000 people attending the showground each day over a three-day period resulting in no requirement for licensed venues on site. It is understood that no other licensed venue will be provided on site and the only alcohol venues available throughout the
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duration of the event will be via Temporary Event Notices. Furthermore, the sale of alcohol plays a major part at events and the planning is integral to the safe delivery, public safety i.e., all four licensing objectives.

The applicant has made several references within the Alcohol Management Plan in support of their application that link the sale of alcohol and the 'event' and there is also a reliance upon 'event' staff to control certain aspects with regards to the sale and control of alcohol at the event. The first paragraph within the Alcohol Management Plan states:

***If necessary, the DPS will close any bar serving alcohol if required by the organiser of the event, due to any serious breach of the licensing objectives or if so, requested by any licensing official so empowered to do so under the licensing act.***

The job description section contained within the Alcohol Management Policy in support of the Temporary Event Notice states:

***Main Duties***                      ***Agree operational plans with event organiser/manager***  
***Ensure plans are effectively carried out***

These two statements clearly identify the link between the event organiser, [REDACTED] and the applicant of the TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE, Yvan Williams, and furthermore, that Yvan Williams will be operating under the direction of the event organiser, [REDACTED]. Both are clearly reliant upon each other within their documentation to host a safe event and promote the four licensing objectives. Unfortunately, these documents, the Event Safety Management Plan and the Alcohol Management Policy, submitted by both parties to support the sale of alcohol and the safety of the event, contain conflicting and inaccurate information.

To keep clear lines of objection the following bullet points indicate some of the concerns the police have with regards to this application. We also include the two previous representations made by the police as it is important to be clear and transparent and to give the Licensing Sub Committee an understanding of the situation that currently exists.

- Confusion with the Alcohol Management Plan that the applicant has submitted in support of their Temporary Event Notice. They describe themselves as the named DPS for the event.
- Yeovil Agricultural Society currently hold a premises licence to host their events on the Yeovil Showground and following contact from the police it is understood Yeovil Agricultural Society have not given permission to the event organiser, [REDACTED] permission to use their licence or consented to a change of Designated Premises Supervisor.
- The event organiser states they will be operating bars which will be supervised the DPS Yvan Williams and

will be operating Challenge 21. Yvan Williams is not the DPS. The sale of alcohol would only be authorised under the Temporary Event Notice, if issued. The applicant has outlined that they will be operating Challenge 25 and not Challenge 21.

- No clear detail in how the bar areas will be controlled within the Temporary Event Notice application with regards to numbers. The Temporary Event Notice is for 499 capacity but there could potentially be up to 10,000 people on site each day if ticket numbers are managed correctly. Media reports suggest 20,000 – 30,000.
- No clear detail in how the control of alcohol will take place i.e., proxy sales.
- No detail in how the bars will be controlled i.e. removal of alcohol from licensed area. Will people be permitted to roam the site with alcohol? What control measures will be put into place?
- Glassware: what glassware will be provided. Will glass be permitted on site? Will all drinks be decanted? Will alcohol be sold in bottles?
- Reliance upon other agencies to control illegal sales of alcohol i.e., police and Trading Standards who will not be on site.
- Control of 'Drink and Drugs' relates only to staff.
- Safeguarding provision: access for under 18s? Welfare area, safe places/VAWG, Ask Angela.
- Has consideration been given to the Yeovil Pubwatch Scheme to ensure that those persons, who have been barred under the Yeovil Pubwatch Scheme for causing anti-social behaviour in licensed premises, are not permitted onto site ensuring public safety?
- Will music be provided within the licensed area under the TEN as outlined in the Event Safety Management Plan?

These are some of the concerns we have with regards to the sale of alcohol and the promotion of the licensing objectives. If robust and accurate policies are not put into place this can result in a risk of crime and/or disorder taking place or a significant risk to public safety.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 an emergency Safety Advisory Group meeting was held in respect of this event. Primarily the SAG was requested by Avon and Somerset Constabulary with regards to their concerns; public safety, but it was the opinion from all SAG members at the meeting, that they were not satisfied that adequate planning has taken place with regards to this event. In fact, no planning has taken place in a SAG setting. As a result, the SAG cannot support the event and the Somerset SAG chairperson has written to the event organiser, [REDACTED] and the landowner, Yeovil Agricultural Society, outlining the view from the Safety Advisory Group. I attach a copy of the letter for your information.

Research has indicated that this event, which has been held in other areas of the Southwest, hasn't achieved the delivery and management expected.

	<p>Whilst we strive to support positive events in the community, which bring visitors from across the UK to Somerset, on this occasion due to the concerns raised by the police we are not able to support this Temporary Event Notice.</p> <p>The police do not support any part of the event and we are unable to support the Temporary Event Notice application as it fundamentally links to the event. The documentation submitted in support of both the Temporary Event Notices and the event (ESMP) lack clarity, contain inaccuracies, and contain 'cut and paste' that render it impossible for the police to be satisfied that public safety, the protection of children from harm, the prevention of crime and/or disorder and public nuisance will be managed. Further evidence can be provided at any hearing if required.</p> <p>It is on these grounds that request a counter Notice be issued in respect of this application.</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: Gary Bowden 6983

Date 21<sup>st</sup> 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.