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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 6:01 PM
To: EVH Licensing <EVH.Licensing@swansea.gov.uk>
Subject: Notice of Application for a Premises Licence s.17 Licensing Act 2003-H D Events Ltd.

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Good afternoon,

I wish to convey my strong objections to the above application on the basis of public nuisance because it would increase the number of events held at Weobley Castle from 4 to 5 per year. The event would be for 4 days duration rather than 3 days & the Live & Recorded Music would be on an additional working day i.e. Wednesday or Thursday until 23.30pm, plus on Friday & Saturday until 1.30am & Sunday until 00.30am.

The current licence for events held at Weobley Castle allows for 3 events a year, each of 3 days duration held by Weobley Castle itself plus one event of 4 days held by Love Trails Festival Ltd. This application by H D Events Ltd is therefore for an additional event and it is for 4 days rather than 3 days. Previously the event was held at Weobley using the Weobley Castle licence which permits Live & Recorded Music for 3 days: - Friday & Saturday 10.00am-00.30am & Sunday 10.00-22.30pm.

This additional event will further diminish the quality of life for local residents in communities neighbouring the festival site by virtue of increased noise & disturbance for the duration of the event over the August bank holiday period. Residents, & visitors staying at local caravan sites, rental properties & other venues will have their sleep compromised for 4 consecutive nights & will suffer increased light pollution caused by the lighting necessary at the event. It is unreasonable for people who live locally & will be working during this period to suffer sleep deprivation for 4 consecutive nights & also for older residents, young children & those in poor health.

Further objections related to the noise & disturbance of the proposed additional event is that it is difficult to manage the noise from the site. This was stated by the council officer at the hearing into the application by Love Trails Ltd in January 2024. It seems critical that checks should be carried out on noise pollution levels not just from the site itself but from the neighbouring residential areas. The officer stated that a complaint of noise had been received from Scurlage, which is over 3 miles from the site, during the Love Trails event. These recordings of the noise levels at the neighbouring residential areas & beyond should be made available to the Council BEFORE considering any further applications for extended evening hours for this site.

At the Love Trails hearing it was stated that the ambient noise on Gower is low at 20 dB (decibel) & that any increase in noise levels however slight was very impactful for residents because the noise level is normally low. It was also stated that in order to sleep without disturbance the noise levels need to be between 20 & 25 dB. It is therefore crucial for residents & visitors that there should be no extension to the

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permitted hours in the evening or early morning. The existing permitted hours under the Weobley Castle licence is until 00.30am on Friday & Saturday. The fact that Love Trails has a licence until 2.00am should not be seen as a precedent. It is not understood locally why this licence was allowed, as if residents had known about the application, they would have objected to the extension to 2.00am as they did in January 2024 to the proposed extension to 4.00am.

Another relevant issue raised at the Love Trails hearing is that the human ear is disturbed more by lower frequency sound such as the bass notes of music & from percussion instruments. It is those repeated low bass notes that cause such noise disturbance.

I am a resident of Landimore, which is less than 400 metres from the site. There is no noise insulation between the site & the village by way of walls or buildings. Windows need to be kept open during the hot weather, so this adds to the impact of the noise. The application will if granted have an unreasonable & detrimental impact on the villagers for the reasons stated above. There is also concern for the distress caused to local livestock in this rural part of Gower & the serious disruption to local traffic. The roads are narrow country lanes, which are single track in places & seriously pot-holed in parts. These are concerns of public safety.

A further concern of public safety is that voiced by Sgt. Dix at the Love Trails hearing. He stated that to police weekends at Wind Street, Swansea with 8,000 people at 11 premises it required one sergeant & twelve police officers. On Gower, I understand that there are no extra staff to help enforce public safety when these large events take place. With the extended evening/early morning hours for alcohol sales applied for there is the possibility of an increase in drink/driving, accidents, noise & disturbance, overcrowding & anti-social behaviour. I would therefore ask the Council to refuse the application in order to help protect the safety of all those attending the festival as well as local residents & visitors.

From: Redacted <Redacted >

Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 8:44 AM

To: EVH Licensing <EVH.Licensing@swansea.gov.uk>

Subject: JoPoFestival, Weobley Castle End of August (HD Events)

Good morning,

I write to object to the above application.

As I understand it, the JoPofest event has taken place for a few years, but under the Weobley Castle Licence.

They are now applying for their own license.

They are also applying to increase the license from three days to four days (although the Notices posted confusingly list five days).

The previous license had a limit of 12:30, whilst the new application wishes to extend this on two days until 01:30 am.

I listened to the hearing earlier in the year when Love Trials were applying to increase their licence opening hours from 2:00am until 4:00am.

(Thankfully this was rejected)

I understand that it would be easy for the applicant to think that they are asking for hours less than Love Trails.

But I would draw attention that Objector after objector stated that whilst any extension was totally unreasonable, they certainly were **not** happy with the existing time limits.

I object on a number of grounds.

First under public nuisance.

The field where this event is taking place is some 3-400m from the village of Landimore.

As was stated in the above hearing, the ambient levels of noise on the Gower are normally very low.

I believe that businesses in the area where music is played at night normally have a limit of between midnight and 1:00, **but** these are usually for music played within a building.

This event is playing music in a tent in a field!!

There is no/very little attenuation between noise source and the village.

All this means that it is impossible to sleep whilst the event is taking place - 01:30 (on consecutive nights) is unreasonable.

Another ground for objection is that of safety.

I believe that the Police have a Duty of Care to the Householders and their Children. During the above hearing the Police stated that they had **no** extra staff resource for events such as the above.

Alcohol is being served for over 12 hours a day over four days - with no policing!!!

On Monday morning there will be quite a few hundred drivers who will have been drinking until 1:30, slept a few hours in tents and then jumped into their cars.

Again, I consider the hours excessive and constitute a danger to those of us who have to drive on the narrow country lanes on Monday morning meeting this traffic.

A final comment: during the above hearing a number of local businesses stated that they had had to give refunds to customers as they had been disturbed by the noise.

These businesses included some close to Bury, Surlage and the other side of Llanrhidian. These are up to 3 miles away (we are trying to sleep within 400m).

The proposed event is over the August Bank Holiday - when local holiday rentals/lets are at capacity.

Tourists coming to Gower tend to appreciate the natural beauty and peace of the environment.

They may be sadly disappointed.

From: Redacted <Redacted >
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 9:05 AM
To: EVH Licensing <EVH.Licensing@swansea.gov.uk>
Subject: Jo Po Festival, Weobley Castle

Licensing team

On behalf of Llanrhidian Lower Community Council I would like to make a representation to limit the hours of the Jo Po Festival on the grounds of Prevention of Public Nuisance. In particular, we would like to request limiting the hours to a midnight finish, as we believe is the case for the Ocean View venue across the road.

Amplified music will cause considerable noise pollution for locals in the area and have a detrimental effect on them, including those with businesses such as caravan sites nearby.

From: Redacted<Redacted >
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 5:56 PM
To: EVH Licensing <EVH.Licensing@swansea.gov.uk>
Subject: Jo Po Festival, Weobley Castle

Licensing team

Re: Jo Po Festival, Weobley Castle, Llanrhidian, Swansea. SA3 1HB

I would like to make a representation on behalf of Llangennith, Llanmadoc & Cheriton Community Council regarding the licence application for the above festival on the grounds of the Prevention of Public Nuisance. This is not the only festival at the site and the resultant noise pollution is detrimental to local residents, particularly late at night and in the early hours of the morning.

From: Redacted <Redacted >
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 5:11 PM
To: EVH Licensing <EVH.Licensing@swansea.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to a music licence application at Weobley Castle

Dear Sirs

I am writing to object to the granting of extended music licences to H D Events for the Jo Po Festival at Weobley Castle from 20/08/24 to 25/08/24.

Their application asks for a music licence until 11.30pm on the first two nights, which is acceptable, however the request for extensions until 1.30am on the Friday and Saturday, and until 00.30 am on the Sunday would cause significant public nuisance for inhabitants of the extended surrounding area.

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During last year's Love Trail Festival, where licences were granted until 2.30 am, the noise could be heard as far afield as Llangennith. Here in Llanmadoc, the noise, particularly the pervasive base beat, prevented many locals from sleeping until the early hours.

Locals also find that the significantly increased levels of traffic to, and from, this venue, at antisocial hours, contributes to the public nuisance.

I would therefore respectfully request that the authority limit the music licence to a more appropriate time, ideally not later than midnight.

This is a peaceful, rural community which people visit as an escape from the stresses of modern life, consequently it would be a huge shame if Weobley were to become a regular venue for music events lasting into the early hours.