

Licensing Sub Committee

12 May 2021 – Updating



The purpose of this updating is to give a summary of information that has been received following the publication of the agenda.

Requests for Participation

Support	Matthew Phipps	Partner, TLT LLP	Representing the Applicant
	Stephen Walsh QC		Representing the Applicant
	Jen Mackley	Licensing Manager	Glastonbury Festivals Ltd
	Adrian Coombes	Operations Director	Glastonbury Festivals Ltd
	David Leversedge		Support of the application
	Steve Russell Yarde		Support of the application
Opposed	Joanna Benner	Local Resident	Other Person
	Carolyn Griffiths	Local Resident	Other Person
	Nick Hall	Local Resident	Other Person
Responsible Authorities	Nicola Dyer	In-house Solicitor	Representing MDC as responsible authority
	Marietta Gill	Public Protection	Representing MDC as responsible authority
	Matt Cloke	Environment & Community Protection	Representing MDC as responsible authority
Ward Councillor	Nigel Hewitt-Cooper		Mendip District Council

Set out below is information submitted to the Council since the publication of the agenda.

1. Additional information submitted from Nick Hall

Nick Hall has requested that the authority take into account the following information and documents (four attachments). He advises these are not new issues but support four of the issues listed in his representation, namely:

Cumulative Impact

We now know that the camping on 83 Ha of Worthy Farm (Plan attached [**Appendix A**]) will start on 21st July 2021 and could last up to 56 days - which runs right up to the date of this proposed event. Glastonbury Festival Events Ltd (GFEL) has still not disclosed the number of tents, people or staff who will be on the site. However since I submitted my representation the scale of the campsite is being revealed. There will be "food traders", bars, "a village store" and a "programme of additional activities".

Late and ineffective consultation

We now have the draft minutes from Pilton Parish Council meeting on 7 April 2021 (attached [**Appendix B**]). This outlines GFEL's first consultation with the residents of Pilton - 10 days before the deadline for making representations on the License application. I note that the Chair's employment by GFEL is not declared in item 3. Additional questions from the floor were asked and are not presently recorded in those minutes. Changes to these minutes are being sort to fully reflect the views of those members of the public who attended.

Premises Capacity

I had a helpful discussion with the Responsible Authority for Fire Safety and they signposted me to the appropriate guidance (attached [**Appendix C**]). According to them the two key aspects from this guidance are escape times and people density. Regarding the latter, although we are yet to see a detailed plan of the Premises layout we do know that 49,999 people will be packed into area which is approx 7% of the Festival license site (which is for 210,000 people). This means that the density of people has increased by a factor of **three and a half**. It seems that this shouldn't pass without some comment by the Fire Safety authority.

Planning

Worthy Farm's land use is governed by Planning Permission 2009/0127 and varied by Planning Permission 2016/2238/VRC (copy of decision notice attached [**Appendix D**]). As already stated this proposed event would breach a number of conditions in these permissions. Moreover key aspects of the development including use of festival facilities, flood management and fencing of watercourses are specified in these permissions.

2. Additional information submitted by Matthew Phipps

- **Sound Management plan – Appendix E**
- **Rebuttal statement – Appendix F**

3. Additional information submitted by Caroline Griffiths

Please can you ensure the following documents are available for the Hearing panel tomorrow as I may wish to refer to them.

- License application Priddy - see attached [**Appendix G**]
- License for Glastonbury Festival
<https://www.mendip.gov.uk/glastonburyfestivallicenceandemp>
- This extract from information on the web concerning Parklife Festival's license condition:

"The voice of local residents is important to what we do here at Heaton Park, especially when organising major events. We want to make sure that the local community are informed and feel that their views are heard.

The Heaton Park event community consultation group is a condition of the premises licence for the park and is a group made up of residents, councillors, council staff and partners from Manchester, Bury and Rochdale councils. It works to lessen the impact of events at the park, helps to form realistic proposals for addressing them and meets before and after each major event held in the park. The group does not have any statutory or legal authority to object or deny applications for events, but it gives a genuine opportunity for consultation with local people.

The role of group members

The members are representatives for the areas where they live and bring local people's concerns to the meeting, and give feedback to them."

4. Additional information submitted by Caroline Griffiths

Two additional documents are attached as these may be referred to by the objector.

- GFEL Premises Licence Site Plan Ref PLSP 001 [**Appendix H**]
- GFEL Premises Licence Site Plan Ref PLSP 002 [**Appendix I**]

NOTE:

1. Please note that the Licensing Officer will make submissions as to the weight that should be attributed to the additional material circulated after the distribution of the agenda and before the Sub-Committee.
2. Should any information be submitted at the Sub-Committee, it will require the formal acceptance by all parties and the Panel, before it can be formally accepted as part of the evidence for the hearing. This will be determined at the Licensing Sub Committee meeting.

