

# Licensing Act Sub-Committee

## Supplementary Agenda

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**Date:** Tuesday, 9th November, 2021  
**Time:** 2.00 pm  
**Venue:** Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,  
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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3. **Application for a Premises Licence at Dorfold Park Showground, Dorfold Hall, Chester Road, Acton, Nantwich, CW5 8LD (Pages 3 - 4)**

To consider the above application.

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**ROWNEY, Jennifer**

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**From:** LICENSING (Cheshire East)  
**Sent:** 01 November 2021 08:53  
**To:** ROWNEY, Jennifer; HASKELL, Tony  
**Subject:** [OFFICIAL] FW: NOTICE OF HEARING DORFOLD PARK SHOWGROUND

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 31 October 2021 12:14  
**To:** LICENSING (Cheshire East) <Licensing\_CE@cheshireeast.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: NOTICE OF HEARING DORFOLD PARK SHOWGROUND

Dear Sir / Madam

Thank you for your email dated 25 October 2021 notifying the Premises License Application meeting to be held on 9 November.

I regard this as a very important matter and would have attended the meeting, which is necessary, to provide my opinion. Unfortunately I shall be away and out of the UK from today until 18/11 so shall not be able to attend. If for whatever reason the hearing is adjourned please let me know.

In my opinion the application as it stands must be rejected and I would make the following representations which I trust will be brought to the attention of the Licensing Sub- Committee :

1. Noise & Disturbance. Dorfold ( the applicant ) were granted a license extension last year for their wedding venue. However that was mainly on the basis that the receptions etc would in future be contained in a new sound proofed building on the estate, essentially to reduce noise disturbance and with other plans to contain any traffic problems on arrival and dispersal. I am unaware whether that building is now operational. If not then the license for the wedding venue should be reviewed.
2. It is now ironic and prima facie somewhat sharp practise for Dorfold to now apply for a separate license for the showground which will run from 10 am until 1 am daily ( including Sunday's ) with a special extension for " late night refreshments " whatever that may be. In effect this license will simply continue to generate unacceptable levels of noise disturbance both during an event and on dispersal. As a general comment on this an event was held on the weekend of 16/10 and the noise coming from it was horrendous, extremely loud and intrusive. The impact of future events will be overbearing and will harm living conditions for many residents of Acton.
3. Highway Safety and impact on the environment. This will be a major problem and safety and ecology will be badly impacted. Last night ( 30/10 ) a Halloween event took place and the car parking arrangements and control was chaotic and non existent. Cars were double parked all the way from the viaduct on Chester Road to Acton church and access in and out of this area was virtually impossible. There appeared to be no parking marshals on duty and consequently cars were parked everywhere- on grass verges, near to hedgerows etc etc. An absolute shambles. Access into and out of the showground and available parking is a serious problem and the showground is not designed for large events.
4. Crime and disorder. Unfortunately the world we live in means there will be all sorts of problems for the local community. We can expect anti - social behaviour affecting our security and safety and with a license allowing all day drinking will inevitably mean alcohol and drug abuse during and after events.

5. In effect this application totally ignores the rights and entitlement of neighbours to reside peacefully and without intrusive disturbance. It also ignores our rights under current Human Rights legislation. In my opinion before submitting such an application the applicant should have engaged with the community rather than ride rough - shod over us all.

Presumably Dorfold has submitted a business plan to the Council for the showground ? That should be made available to the public and I would expect it to state the number of projected events over a typical year and the questions I would want answered are :

- a. What are the to prevent crime and disorder arrangements and who will police those ?
- b. What arrange mets cover public safety ?
- c. What arrangements will prevent noise disturbance and traffic control for parking and dispersal.
- d. Why does the license have to operate all day ? This in itself is a recipe for disaster.
- e. Define " late night refreshments " in relation to the special extension.

Finally to confirm. In my opinion this application must be rejected for all the reasons detailed above.

Kind Regards



Sent from my iPad

On 25 Oct 2021, at 12:55, LICENSING (Cheshire East) <[Licensing\\_CE@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing_CE@cheshireeast.gov.uk)> wrote:

**NOTICE OF HEARING – PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION**

I refer to the application for a premises licence at:

**Premises:** Dorfold Park Showground  
**Address:** Dorfold Hall, Chester Road, Acton, Nantwich, CW5 8LD

This application will now be determined at a Hearing of the Licensing Sub-Committee on:

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
**Time:** 14:00  
**Location:** Committee Suite 1, 2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach, CW11 1HZ

The Hearing papers will be available on our website at <http://moderngov.cheshireeast.gov.uk/ecminutes/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=491&Year=0>

I have attached a copy of the following:

1. The procedure that we will follow at the Hearing