

Licensing Sub-Committee

Agenda

Date: Wednesday, 17th March, 2010
Time: 9.30 am
Venue: The Minor Hall, Victoria Community Centre, West Street,
Crewe, Cheshire CW1 2PZ

The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

PART 1 - MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. **Appointment of Chairman**

To appoint a Chairman for the meeting.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests and for Members to declare if they have pre-determined any item on the agenda.

3. **Application for a Premises Licence - Land at Bridgemere Lane, Hunsterson**
(Pages 5 - 88)

To consider an application for a premises licence for land at Bridgemere Lane, Hunsterson.

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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

PROCEDURE FOR HEARINGS – LICENSING ACT 2003

The Licensing Committee

The full Licensing Committee consists of fifteen elected Members of the Council. From this full Committee will be drawn sub-committees of three members to deal with licensing functions under the Licensing Act 2003. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Licensing Committee shall have the discretion to refer a matter up to a hearing of the full Licensing Committee.

Officers at Hearings

- **The Committee Officer** introduces all parties and records the proceedings
- **The Legal Adviser** provides independent advice to the Members on legal matters and procedure.
- **The Licensing Officer** will introduce the matter and outline the application; the officer will also answer any questions Members may have.

PROCEDURE

NOTE: If the Sub-Committee has not already elected a Chairman, that will be the first item of business.

1	Chairman	The Chairman will: (i) call the matter to be considered; (ii) call for any declarations of interest; (iii) ask all parties to introduce themselves; (iv) summarise the procedure to be followed at the hearing; (v) will consider any request made by a party for another person to appear at the hearing; (v) will advise the parties of any maximum period of time in which it has to present its case (if a maximum is imposed this shall be equal for all parties).
2	Licensing Officer	Will introduce and summarise the application, highlighting areas of contention or dispute.
3	Committee Members	May ask questions of the Licensing Officer
4	Applicant	Will present his/her case, calling witnesses, as appropriate. <i>(If necessary, applicant will produce any notices required by law. Legal Adviser will draw attention to this if required.)</i>
5	Responsible Authorities (who have made representations)	Each in turn may ask <u>questions</u> of the applicant, by way of clarification.

6	Local residents (ie. defined as “interested parties”)	To be invited to ask <u>questions</u> of the applicant, by way of clarification. <i>It is normal practice for a spokesperson only to speak on behalf of a group of residents.</i>
7	Committee Members	Each in turn may ask <u>questions</u> of the applicant.
8	Applicant	May make a <u>statement</u> or ask his witnesses to clarify any matters which he feels are unclear, or may have been misunderstood.
9	Responsible Authorities	Will make their representations.
10	Applicant	Or his representative or witnesses to ask <u>questions</u> of Responsible Authorities represented at the meeting, by way of clarification.
11	Local residents (ie. defined as “interested parties”)	May ask <u>questions</u> of the Responsible Authorities represented at the meeting, by way of clarification. (Note: This is not the point at which local residents should be stating their objections.)
12	Committee Members	May ask <u>questions</u> of the Responsible Authorities represented at the meeting
13	Local residents (ie. defined as “interested parties”)	The local residents who are objecting to the application will be invited <u>to make observations on the application</u> and present the bases of their objections.
15	Applicant	Or his representative or witnesses may ask <u>questions</u> of the Local Residents, by way of clarification.
16	Committee Members	May ask <u>questions</u> of the Local Residents.
17	Chairman	To invite both Responsible Authorities and Local Residents to make their closing addresses.
18	Applicant	Or his representative will <u>briefly summarise the application</u> and comment on the observations and any suggested conditions.
19	Committee	<u>Will retire</u> to consider the application. The Committee may request the Legal Advisor to advise on legal issues.
20	Committee	Will return to <u>give its decision</u> , with reasons, which will be announced by the Chairman and subsequently confirmed in writing to the applicant and to all the parties that made representations.

		In cases where a decision cannot be given at the end of the hearing, parties will be advised of the decision within five working days.
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Notes

1. The hearing shall normally be held in public. There may be occasions on which the Committee find it necessary to exclude members of the press and public; any such decision will be taken on the basis that the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in the hearing, or that part of the hearing taking place in public.
2. The Chairman may require any person behaving in a disruptive manner to leave the hearing and may (a) refuse to permit that person to return, or (b) permit him/her to return only on such conditions as the authority may specify, but any such person may submit in writing any information which they would have been entitled to provide orally if they had not been required to leave.
3. Prior to the hearing each party shall have given notification and served documentation (eg statements of witnesses or reports of experts) as required. Late representations and evidence will only be considered with the agreement of all parties.
4. Anyone entitled to be heard may be represented by any person, whether or not that person is legally qualified.
5. Hearsay will be permitted but the Sub-Committee will be reminded to give it appropriate weight.
6. Due note shall be taken of the provisions of the Hearings Regulations 2005.
7. The Chair may, in the interests of expediency or convenience of the parties, vary the procedure from time to time, provided notice is given to the parties and the rules of natural justice are observed.

SUMMARY OF PROCEDURE

- 1 Chairman appointed (if this has not been done previously).
- 2 Chairman to call for declarations of interest and request that all parties introduce themselves.
- 3 Chairman summarises the procedure for the hearing
- 4 The Licensing Officer summarises the application
- 5 Applicant to present his/her case.
- 6 Applicant to be questioned by all parties (to clarify points only) following which, he/she can clarify any other matters which he/she feels may have been misunderstood when the application was presented.
- 7 Applicant to be questioned by the Committee.
- 8 Responsible Authorities to make their representations following which they can be questioned by all parties by way of clarification.
- 9 **Local residents** (defined as interested parties) will be invited to present the bases of their objections, following which they can be questioned by all parties by way of clarification.
- 10 The applicant will be invited to sum up his/her case
- 11 Committee/Sub-Committee withdraws to make its decision
- 12 Committee/Sub-Committee returns to announce its decision to all present.

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Date of meeting: 17 March 2010
Report of: CAROLE KERR, LICENSING OFFICER
Title: APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE.
LAND AT BRIDGEMERE LANE, HUNSTERTON, NANTWICH.

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The report provides details of an application for a Premises licence on land at Bridgemere Lane, Hunsterton, Nantwich. Representations to the application have been received from twenty one interested parties.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Licensing Sub-Committee is requested to:
- 2.1.1 consider the representations received; and
- 2.1.2 determine the application for the grant of a Premises licence

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1. The Licensing Sub-Committee has the power to determine this application. The Sub-Committee is asked to make the decision within 2.1 above taking into consideration the promotion of the licensing objectives and must also have regard to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and Guidance published under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

4.0 Wards affected

- 4.1. Hunsterton and Hatherton Wards.

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 Cllr D Brickhill, Cllr J Hammond, Cllr R Walker.

6.0 Policy Implications

- 6.1 The Council has adopted a Statement of Licensing Policy under the 2003 Act relating to its functions as a Licensing Authority under the Act.

7.0. Financial Implications for transition Costs (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

- 7.1. None.

8.0. Financial Implications 2010/2011 and beyond (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

8.1 None.

9.0. Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

9.1 Section 18(6) of the 2003 Act states that for the purposes of an application for a Premises Licence under section 17, 'relevant representations' means representations which -

(a) are about the likely effects on the grant of the application on the promotion of the licensing objectives (i.e. the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance, and the protection of children from harm), and (b) meet the requirements of sub-section (7)

Sub-section 18(7)(a) provides that the requirements include "that the representations are made by an interested party or a responsible authority within the period prescribed under section 17(5)(c) (the prescribed period for these purposes is the period of twenty-eight consecutive days starting on the day after the day on which the application was given to the licensing authority).

An 'interested party' for the purpose of the Act (as defined by section 13(3)) means: (a) a person living in the vicinity of the premises; (b) a body representing persons who live in that vicinity; (c) a person involved in a business in that vicinity; and (d) a body representing persons involved in such businesses.

9.2 In accordance with the provisions of section 18 of the Licensing Act 2003, in determining the application, the Licensing Authority must, having regard to the representations, take such steps (if any) as it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives. Section 18 provides that the authority may;

(a) grant the licence subject to conditions

(b) exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates.

(c) refuse to specify a person on the licence as the premises supervisor,

(d) reject the application.

10.0 Risk Management

10.1. The Licensing Sub-Committee will hear representations made on behalf of both the applicant and the objectors and will make a decision on the basis of the evidence presented to it. The Act provides a right of appeal to the Magistrates Court against the decision of the Licensing Authority.

11.0 Background and Options

11.1 On 11th December 2009 an application was submitted by Mr Fletcher Strickland for a Premises Licence on land at Bridgemere Lane, Hunsterson.

11.2 The application is to provide live and recorded music and facilities for making music from 13:00 hours to 23:00

hours on a Sunday between May and September (date unspecified). The applicant has also requested that if granted, he be allowed to use the licence for a maximum of two events in a 12 month period. Alcohol will not be sold or supplied at the event but members of the public may bring their own alcohol.

The applicant has described the steps he intends to take to promote the four licensing objectives; details of these steps are set out within Appendix A.

11.3. The application site is a 7 acre field leading directly off Bridgemere Lane and separated from the road by a narrow grass verge. The perimeter of the field is bounded on all sides by a hedgerow and there is a lake at the bottom of the field. Parking for vehicles will be provided on the field at the entrance from Bridgemere Lane. Two residential dwellings share a boundary with the application site.

11.4. Relevant Representations. Responsible Authorities.

11.4.1 The Police do not object to the application but the applicant has agreed to three conditions requested by the Police; these are listed at Appendix B

11.4.2 The Environmental Health Service have submitted a representation advising that they do not object to the grant of the licence, subject to the imposition of a number of conditions. The Environmental Health representation is attached as Appendix C.

11.4.3. Public Objections

Representations have been received from 21 objectors in the vicinity of the land. The writers all express concern regarding the potential for disorder and disturbance from amplified music in the open air. The representations have been made under the Licensing Objective of the prevention of public nuisance. Letters are appended to the report at Appendix D

11.5 In making its decision, the Sub-Committee must have regard to the representations from Environmental Health, the Police and those received from interested parties.

12.0 Overview of Year one and Term one Issues.

12.1 Not applicable .

13.0 Access to Information.

There are no background papers associated with this report.

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Appendix- A- Promotion of Licensing Objectives.
Appendix B – Observations of the Police
Appendix C – Observations of Environmental Health.
Appendix D- Observations of interested parties

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Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b, c, d, e) (please read guidance note 9)

The operating schedule will be continually evaluated and made readily available to all contractors, staff + performers

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

We will be using an event security firm and depending on the size and nature of the event volunteers will be used as well. We will also be informing the police.

c) Public safety

We accept the responsibility for providing and maintaining, so far as is reasonably practicable, at all times during the setting up and running of the festival, an environment that is both safe and healthy for all.

d) The prevention of public nuisance

- Time of events
- Frequency
- Proximity to affected people
- Design and layout of the site

e) The protection of children from harm

- Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult
- Lost person procedures

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01/02/2010 11:13

cc laurastrickland@notmail.com, Derek Ginnins/Lewer/L-

C@CheshireConstabulary

Subject Premises Licence application from Fletcher Strickland for land off Bridgemere Lane, Hatherton. <NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED>

Carole,

I met with the applicant for the above premises licence, and his representatives, on Thursday 28th January 2010 and agreed the following three conditions which should be attached to the premises licence in order to promote the licensing objectives:

1. A maximum capacity limit of 1,500 people present on the premises will be observed at all times licensable activities are taking place.
2. Licensable activities may only take place on the premises during a maximum of two days in any calendar year.
3. The premises licence holder must give written notice to the Licensing Authority and the Chief Officer of Police* of any planned licensable activities which are to take place on the premises. This notice must be received by the Licensing Authority and Chief Officer of Police* at least 28 clear days before the licensable activities are to take place. The copy sent to the Chief Officer of Police* must include a copy of the event operating schedule and, if not already included in that document, risk assessments, health and safety plan, traffic plan and evacuation procedure.

* Correspondence to the Chief Officer of Police in respect of condition 3 should be sent c/o Event and

08/03/2010

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LICENSING ACT 2003
Environmental Health Consultation Response

Date Received: 17th February 2010

Name of Applicant: Fletcher Strickland

Address to which application relates: Bridgemere Lane
Hatherton
Nantwich
CW5 7PN

Conversion: ☐ Variation: ☐ New: ☒

☐ Approve

☒ Approve with Conditions

☐ Object to Section(s)

Proposed Conditions

The following conditions should be applied:

1. All amplified music to cease by 10 pm.
2. All amplified music and entertainment must be undertaken on the stage and no other area on the site.
3. No more than two events to be held at the venue between May – September. Any additional events would require a variation to the premises licence.
4. All responsible authorities and interested parties to be notified of the date of the event 4 weeks prior to the event taking place.
5. All local residents within 600 metres of the event to be notified of the event taking place and provided with a contact number of the event organiser(s) so then any complaints or concerns can be raised and dealt with accordingly.
6. A nominated individual to be tasked through out the day of the event to monitor and record the level of the amplified music at designated points on and off the site. If noise levels are deemed excessive then appropriate action is required to be undertaken.

SIGNED: Margaret Hopley

DATED: 17th February 2010

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CW57PP.

We wish to object to a Premises Licence on land at Bridgeway Lane, we believe this application falls foul of all four of the Licensing Objectives

Noise Disturbance

Excessive Traffic

Anti Social Behaviour

No proper parking

Residents concerns over Alcohol/Drug abuse

Roads not wide enough to take excessive Traffic not to mention the litter problem

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The Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council
Municipal Buildings
Earle Street
Crewe
Cheshire
CW21 2BJ

Pewit Lane
Hunsterson
Cheshire
CW5 7PP

1st February 2010

Reference: Public Entertainment (Premises) Licence – Bridgemere Lane

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to register in the strongest terms my objections to the application for an entertainment licence on agricultural land on Bridgemere Lane near to Pewit Lane. My reasons are as follows:

- ❑ Fundamentally this is an inappropriate location for such activities it being agricultural land with no relevant infrastructure, buildings or toilets.
- ❑ It would mean open-air amplified music which would result in significant noise and disturbance to the residents of this quiet and peaceful area.
- ❑ It would result in unacceptable volumes of traffic on the narrow country lanes allied with inadequate access for policing and emergency vehicles.
- ❑ The potential use of fireworks will cause noise, pollution, disturbance to wildlife and domestic animals, as well as a fire risk to local properties.
- ❑ There would be a significant increase in the risk of crime, anti-social behaviour, opportunistic burglary or trespass, as well as alcohol and drug use.
- ❑ There would be a detrimental impact on wildlife and nesting birds from the disturbance, litter and pollution

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Bridgemere Lane
Hunsterson
Nantwich
Cheshire

13th February 2010

The Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council
Municipal Buildings
Earle Street
Crewe
CW1 2BJ

Dear Sir or Madam

We wish to object to the Public Entertainment (Premises) Licence Application on the field in Bridgemere Lane, Hunsterson.

* Our concern is the noise and disturbance from the amplified music and the effect it will have on us, as residents, and our animals. Our farm is close to this field and we have a herd of pedigree dairy cattle, in addition we have serious concerns regarding the possible use of fireworks.

It is not reasonable to create this noise and disturbance so we trust you will treat these concerns seriously because of the effect it would have on our business.

Yours faithfully

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Hunsterson
Nantwich
CW5 7RB

8th February, 2010

The Licensing Section,
Cheshire East Council,
Municipal Buildings,
Crewe
CW1 2BJ

Dear Sirs,

We wish to object to the Public Entertainment Premises Licence Application on land at Bridgemere Lane, Hunsterson, for the following reasons.

1. Inappropriate Location

This is Agricultural Land which is too small to accommodate 1,000 plus people together with cars and vans and other equipment. Also the presence of a deep pool at the rear of the field could be a serious risk of drowning. Also the 2 Emergency Exits are across a stream onto another person's property. There is also a high voltage cable across the field that could also be a potentially serious danger.

X 2. The narrow country lanes and all the surrounding Highways Network are totally inadequate for high levels of traffic. This has already been stated in a Report by Her Majesty's Inspector. Also the site is situated where the only entrance/exit is on a very dangerous bend. X

^ 3. The Noise from Amplified Music in the Open Air will cause very serious disturbance and much distress not only to local residents but also to cattle and horses and wildlife over an extremely large area of this countryside. X

4. The Toilet facilities for 1,000 plus people is another cause for concern and may well lead to trespass and invasion of surrounding land and properties which would be completely unacceptable.

If, therefore, this Licence should be granted for such Events it will mean that the Peace and Quiet of this whole area of Cheshire Countryside will be destroyed and spoilt for local Residents and Wildlife in Perpetuity.

Yours faithfully, X

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Hunsterson Road
Hunsterson
Cheshire
CW5 7RB

The Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council
Municipal Buildings
Crewe CW1 2BJ

8th February 2010

Dear Sirs,

We wish to object to the Public Entertainment Premises Licence application on land at Bridgemere Lane, Hunsterson for the following reasons.

1. Access roads to the site are narrow country lanes that cannot support heavy traffic.
- ✕2. Noise levels for houses surrounding the site will be severe causing distress to both people and animals. The Hatherton race circuit was closed for this very reason some years ago. ✕
3. Inadequate facilities on site to cater for a large influx of customers.

We trust that you will take the views of local people like ourselves into account before you make any decision on whether to grant a licence.

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Birchall Moss
Hatherton
Nantwich
Cheshire
CW5 7PL

14/2/2010

The Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council
Municipal Buildings
Earle St
Crewe
CW1 2BJ

Dear Sirs

Premises Licence Application on Land at Bridgemere Lane.

I wish to object to a Premises Licence on land at Bridgemere Lane, as I believe this application falls foul of all four of the Licensing Objectives, for the following reasons:

- This is an inappropriate location – agricultural land with no infrastructure, buildings or toilet facilities. It should be maintained as open countryside to preserve the quality of the environment for wildlife and surrounding residents.
- X • Excessive traffic movements on narrow country lanes with an inadequate highway network, as judged by the Planning Inspectorate. X
- Unacceptable impact upon crime, anti-social behaviour, adverse impacts on wildlife and nesting birds.
- X • Open air amplified music will result in noise and disturbance at many residential properties further afield. Local residents have a basic right to peace and quiet. X
- Mud on highways from parking on the field, given our unreliable British summer weather, also during October, November and December.
- Possible use of fireworks, causing pollution, noise, disturbance to wildlife, farm stock, domestic animals and horses, also fire hazards with barns close by.
- Inadequate access routes for policing and emergency vehicles.
- Duration of events, given set-up and dismantling time.
- Potential trespass and nuisance from gatecrashers. Vague numbers impossible to police.
- Site too small to accommodate the proposed large number of people and vehicles.
- Residents' concerns of alcohol and drug abuse and its potential influence on young people.
- Concern about inadequate removal of litter after events at the site and in the vicinity.
- Concern about adequacy of toilet facilities given infinite numbers of attendees.
- Effect on long-standing events in Audlem/Crewe/Nantwich, many of which are charitable or sponsored by the community.
- Potential impact on site and classification for planning purposes (brown field site?)
- Future variations increasing the antisocial aspects of the site.

Yours Faithfully

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Birchall Moss
Hatherton
Nantwich
Cheshire
CW5 7PL

14/2/2010

The Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council
Municipal Buildings
Earle St
Crewe
CW1 2BJ

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Yours Faithfully
A. J. J.

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FOUR LANES' END,
HUNSTERSON,
CW5 7PR.

8th FEBRUARY, 2010

TO: THE LICENSING SECTION,
CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL,
CREWE.

DEAR SIRS,

WE WISH TO OBJECT TO A PREMISES
LICENCE APPLICATION ON LAND AT
BRIDGEMERE LANE, HUNSTERSON.

1.

THIS AGRICULTURAL LAND IS NOT
SUITABLE FOR 1,000 plus People
WITH CARS AND VANS ETC. ALSO
THIS FIELD HAS A DEEP POOL AT
THE END OF IT AND THERE IS
A STREAM ALONG THE EDGE OF IT
WHICH COULD BOTH CAUSE SERIOUS
ACCIDENTS.

2.

THE ENTRANCE TO THIS SITE
IS ON A VERY BAD BEND. ALSO
THIS LANE AND ALL THE SURROUNDING

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ROADS ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR
SO MANY VEHICLES.

3. THE NOISE AND DISTURBANCE
FROM VERY LOUD AMPLIFIED
MUSIC IN THE OPEN AIR ON
THIS LAND WILL CAUSE GREAT
DISTRESS TO LOCAL RESIDENTS
CATTLE, HORSES AND WILDLIFE
IN THE COUNTRYSIDE FOR MILES
AND FOREVER.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

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HATHERTON AND WALGHERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk:

Leighton
Crewe
Cheshire
CW1 4TG

Chair:

Park Lane
Hatherton
Nantwich
Cheshire CW5 7QX

14 February 2010

The Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council
Municipal Buildings
Earle Street
Crewe
CW1 2BJ

Dear Sir/Madam

We refer to the Application for a Public Entertainment (Premises) Licence in Bridgemere Lane, Hunsterson, Cheshire. The land to which this refers is on the boundary of Doddington Parish and our own Parish of Walgherton and Hatherton.

Hatherton and Walgherton Parish Council wishes to express the total opposition to the granting of such a licence on the grounds that:-

(a) the Road network giving access to this site are in the majority of instances narrow country lanes, inadequate for large numbers of vehicles, which will occur if the current application achieves the number of visitors envisaged. It should be noted that where such events have occurred in other areas in the UK, the proposed numbers of visitors has been exceed by three and four times the approved event numbers, by non-ticketed visitors. The site and parking areas are considered to be too small to absorb even the proposed numbers.

✕ (b) There have been expressions of great concern by members of the community, as to the level of sound from this open air event, litter, rubbish, hygiene and parking on the roads, making access to and from the site by emergency vehicles a major hazard. ✕

(c) The setting up and removal period will probably last two or three days each side of the event thereby causing disruption for circa one week.

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***HATHERTON AND WALGHERTON
PARISH COUNCIL***

Attention has been drawn to the fact that the area is home to not only many species of wildlife, but there is considerable livestock, cattle, horses, and sheep upon which the noise could have a detrimental effect.

Yours faithfully

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DODDINGTON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

10th February 2010

Dear Carol

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT (PREMISES) LICENCE APPLICATION BRIDGEMERE LANE HUNSTERSON

The Parish Council wishes to object in the strongest possible terms to the application for a Public Entertainment (Premises) Licence at the above location.

Roads to and from the proposed site are narrow country lanes passing through the small hamlets in the vicinity, in particular, access from the A51 would pass Bridgemere C of E School, and although events would be on Sundays, presumably set up and dismantling times could conflict with the school opening hours.

Traffic visiting the site to set up and dismantle the entertainment and associated visitor facilities e.g. mobile toilets, lighting, sound, staging etc would also have an adverse effect on the villages of Audlem, Hankelow and Hatherton, and the highways are not adequate for the volumes of traffic envisaged.

Mud on the road would also be a serious road safety hazard from vehicles leaving the site which because of its location would be difficult to access by emergency services.

The proposed site is considered to be too small for such a use and is adjacent to the green waste Recycling Centre which already encourages unacceptable volumes of heavy vehicles - additional heavy traffic would exacerbate the situation.

Concerns have been expressed regarding the possibility of trespass from the site onto neighbouring property and the obvious impact this would have on local residents who would also be seriously affected by open air amplified music and artificial lighting after dark which would cause a significant nuisance.^x The number of visitors anticipated would also increase the risk of problems from antisocial behaviour in this quiet, rural location.

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Whilst the current application is for a maximum of two events annually between May and December, it is feared that this could lead on to relaxation of these rules to increase the frequency and duration of events and the possibility of a licence to serve alcohol being granted.

I would be grateful if you would ensure that this letter of objection is taken into consideration before any decision is made.

Yours sincerely

*Ms Carol Kerr
Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council
Municipal Buildings
Earle Street
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Cheshire
CW1 2BJ*

problems from antisocial behaviour in this quiet, rural location.

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Dewit Lane
Hunsterson
Nantwich
Cheshire
CW5 7PP

The Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council
Municipal Buildings
Earle Street
Crewe
CW1 2BJ

28th January 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re. **Application for Premises Licence on land at Bridgemere Lane, Hunsterson**

We would like object to the application for a Premises Licence on land at Bridgemere Lane, Hunsterson. We believe the application does not concur with the following licensing objectives:

- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder;
- Public Safety;
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance;
- The Protection of Children from Harm.

The proposed site is agricultural land situated among residential homes in a quiet rural hamlet. There exists no infrastructure to support the use of the field as a venue for large scale events, and such events would pose a high risk to public and environmental harmony and safety.

The reasons for our objection are as follows.

Inadequate access and road safety

The proposed site is on agricultural land, located on a narrow country lane. The highway network is unable to support excessive traffic movements. Furthermore, the mud generated from vehicles leaving the venue (field) would cause hazardous driving conditions on Bridgemere Lane.

The route is not adequate to permit ease of access for police and other emergency vehicles.

On-site infrastructure

The site, which comprises 7 acres, is unable to support a venue to cater for a minimum of 1,000 people, vehicles and associated facilities (toilets, buildings, car park, site access).

Public and environmental disturbance

The proposed licence to host a venue for a minimum of 1,000 people would result in an increased risk of crime and anti-social behaviour in the vicinity.

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Secondly, hosting of live music events at the venue may also breach noise pollution levels for neighbouring residents, of which a number directly border the proposed site.

The potential use of fireworks at the venue would also increase the fire risk to nearby barns and houses, and disturbance to domestic animals.

The above disturbance would also have a detrimental impact on the local wildlife, including barn owls and bats.

Public Safety

The proposed site includes a large lake. Without significant safety precautions, the lake would pose a risk to public (and in particular, childrens') safety at events.

We therefore request that you consider the above objections when considering the granting of a licence. The site should be retained as open countryside to preserve the quality of the environment for residents and wildlife.

Yours faithfully,

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**Bridgemere Lane,
Hunsterson,
Nantwich,
Cheshire,
CW5 7PN.**

8th February 2010.

**The Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council
Municipal Buildings
Earle Street
Crewe CW1 2BJ**

Dear Councillors,

**Re: PROPOSED PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION ON LAND AT BRIDGEMERE LANE,
HUNSTERSON.**

We refer to the application for the Premises License on agricultural land between Foxes Bank and Pewit Lane Crossroads. The entrance to this field is off Bridgemere Lane, Hunsterson. The application is said to be for a maximum of 2 events annually between May and December - the proposed duration of the events is 10 hours, the timing will be from 13.00 to 23.00, they are to be held on Sundays but all of these limitations can be varied at a later date.

The number of people attending is specified as 1000 plus, with only around 70 people living in this Hamlet, we hope that Councillors will understand this will mean a massive influx.

The application is clearly for commercial use, and if granted will remain with the land. We believe this application is against the Licensing Objectives of the Council, and we wish to strongly **object** to the proposal. To assist the council we have related our concerns against the Council's objectives:

1. The prevention of Crime and Disorder

This is a small community without any police resources to give effective control over crime and disorder, the nearest police station is 5 miles away. The ability to police these events is therefore questionable. Any on-site security will be concerned with ensuring punters have tickets not with the impact on the area of any disorder.

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- We believe this will have a detrimental impact upon crime, anti-social behaviour, and adverse impacts on wildlife and nesting birds, some of these are already endangered species. The barn owls and bats are protected by law and need their hunting habitat protecting.
- We are very concerned about the narrow lane being unsuitable for such a large influx of vehicles, with the site unable to accommodate hundreds of cars, people, and the event facilities, inevitably that will result in our highways being further congested and narrowed by on-verge parking, causing further hazards for residents and other road users.
- Current farm and domestic traffic in this agricultural area are already excessive particularly at harvest time as can be seen by verge degradation.
- Large goods vehicles have to use this lane as most of the roads other than Bridgemere lane, connecting the "A" roads are restricted to prevent use by large vehicles; this should be borne in mind.
- Farm vehicles regularly bring mud onto the roads, these events will add to that creating additional safety issues.

2. Public Safety

There are no beneficial impacts on public safety to be gained by approving this application; the negative impacts are easily identified

- This is an unsuitable location - agricultural land with no buildings or toilet facilities. It should be maintained as open countryside to preserve the quality of the environment for wildlife and residents all around.
- We are concerned about the possible use of fireworks causing pollution, noise, disturbance to wildlife and horses but especially the fire hazard when the proposed emergency exit cannot be permitted as it is via a private road with planning consent for use only for the green waste site.
- We are also concerned about restricted access routes for policing and emergency vehicles.

3. The Prevention of Public Nuisance

There is significant likelihood of public nuisance:

- Open-air amplified music will result in noise and disturbance at many residential properties. Local residents have a basic human right to peace and quiet.
- The actual timing of the event, given set up and dismantling time, will cause disruption to this area for several days prior to and post event.
- Excessive traffic movements on narrow country lanes with an inadequate highway network as judged by the Planning Inspectorate in relation to another application in the same lane last year.

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- There is great potential for trespass and nuisance from overspill and gatecrashers. We believe these vague numbers are impossible to police.
- We are concerned about inadequate removal of litter after events at the site and in the vicinity.
- Finally the inadequacy of toilet facilities given massive numbers of revellers.

4. The Protection of Children from Harm

- We are concerned about alcohol and drug abuse and its potential influence on young people. The licence is for live and recorded music and although it currently does not include serving alcohol, those attending can bring their own or possibly other illegal substances!

We would also draw Councillors' attention to other important considerations:

- The effect on long standing events in Audlem/Crewe/Nantwich many of which are charitable or sponsored by the community.
- Potential future impact of commercial activity on the classification for planning purposes, will it reclassify this land to a brown field site, circumventing the planning rules which prevent ribbon development in the countryside.

We thank you for your kind consideration of our concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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The Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council
Municipal Buildings
Earle Street
Crewe
CW1 2BJ

11 February 2010

Dear Sirs,

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT (PREMISES) LICENCE APPLICATION – BRIDGEMERE LANE, HUNSTERTON

We wish to object to a premises licence being granted on land at Bridgemere Lane, Hunsterton, for the following reasons-

- a) The seven acre field (including a one acre pond) is too small for the envisaged attendance of 1000+ people, their cars, and the necessary infrastructure for a ten hour event – food & drink, toilet facilities, generators, first aid etc.
- b) The road/lane network in the area is not suited to an influx of so many vehicles, no doubt some of them quite large – firstly for the setting up of the event; secondly for the dismantling of the event; and finally for the actual event itself. In our opinion, with the level of potential traffic, the access roads are unsuitable and there is little doubt that they and their verges will be seriously damaged by this volume of traffic. We understand that Highways have indicated that they have no issue over this application. Yet again we question that advice; it does not tie in with our knowledge of the area.
- c) There is likely to be insufficient flexibility for safe access and manoeuvrability for emergency vehicles.
- d) There will be no opportunities for any overspill as all the surrounding land is in separate ownerships.

The Committee needs to be aware that this community is already plagued by the amount of heavy traffic imposed on Bridgemere Lane by the previously fiercely contested green waste site. We sympathise with the community in their objections for many other reasons including the

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disruption and noise that such events will engender. We totally agree with the community that it will be seriously and negatively affected by these events.

We ask the Committee to look very closely at the long term intentions of the applicant before coming to its conclusions, particularly as we understand that the granting of this licence gives permission in perpetuity.

Signed

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HUNTERSON

NANTWICH

12-01-10

DEAR SIR.

I WISH TO OBJECT TO A PREMISES LICENCE ON LAND AT BRIDGEMERE LANE HUNTERSON AS I BELIEVE THIS APPLICATION FAILS FOUL OF ALL FOUR OF THE LICENSING OBJECTIVES, FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS;

X EXCESSIVE TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS ON NARROW COUNTRY LANES WITH AN INADEQUATE HIGHWAY NETWORK AS JUDGED BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE X

X OPEN-AIR AMPLIFIED MUSIC WILL RESULT IN NOISE & DISTURBANCE AT MANY LOCAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES. LOCAL RESIDENTS HAVE A BASIC RIGHT TO PEACE & QUIET. X

INADEQUATE ACCESS ROUTES FOR POLICING & EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

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MUD ON HIGHWAYS FROM PARKING ON THE FIELD GIVEN OUR UNRELIABLE BRITISH SUMMER WEATHER ALSO DURING OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER.

AN INAPPROPRIATE LOCATION - AGRICULTURAL LAND WITH NO INFRASTRUCTURE, BUILDINGS OR TOILET FACILITIES. IT SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AS OPEN COUNTRYSIDE TO PRESERVE THE QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOR WILDLIFE & RESIDENTS ALL AROUND

POTENTIAL TRESPASS & NUISANCE FROM GATECRASHERS, VAGUE NUMBERS IMPOSSIBLE TO POLICE.

SITE TOO SMALL TO ACCOMMODATE THE PROPOSED LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE & VEHICLES.

CONCERN ABOUT INADEQUATE REMOVAL OF LITTER AFTER EVENTS AT THE SITE & IN THE VICINITY

CONCERN ABOUT ADEQUACY OF TOILET FACILITIES GIVEN INFINITE NUMBERS OF ATTENDEES

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Telephone

Pewit Lane
Hunsterson
Nantwich CW5 7PP

15 February 2010

The Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council
Municipal Buildings
Earle Street
Crewe, Cheshire
CW1 2BJ

Dear Sirs

We wish to object to a Premises Licence on land at Bridgemere Lane. We believe this application falls foul of all four of the Licensing Objectives for the following reasons.

We have lived here for many years and the main reason for our being here is to enjoy the peaceful environment that the countryside offers. We are sure you will appreciate therefore, our major concerns regarding such an application.

The number of people attending such events could be well in excess of 1000. This in itself poses huge problems within our area in that we have no infrastructure to cope – narrow country lanes with an inadequate highway network, making access extremely difficult, especially for any emergency vehicles. There would also be the potential problem of mud being carried out from the fields on to the lanes as vehicles leave the parking areas.

We note that the licence is for live and recorded music, but does not currently include serving alcohol, although there is nothing to stop those attending bringing their own, which would lead us to believe that there would be great difficulty in policing such events with regard to crime and anti-social behaviour. Also what measures would there be to ensure there is no underage drinking?

What about the noise element of such open air concerts which have a proposed duration of 10 hours (13.00 – 23.00 hrs) to be held on Sundays and the number attending is specified as 1000 plus – what happens to the peace and tranquility of country life, especially if you want to be outside enjoying your own garden and surroundings – we remember the time that you could be reprimanded for playing your transistor radio too loud!! Also, could fireworks be introduced at such concerts.

Another concern would be the amount of litter generated. We are in an area blessed with many varieties of wild life and are sure you have seen or heard of the adverse effects that litter may have on such creatures.

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We assume that a stage needs to be erected, toilet facilities provided, lighting etc., all of which will need to be in place before any concert can be held and then removed after the event, meaning that the area would be affected for days before, during and after such.

We conclude by asking the question "Is it fair that we, our neighbours and the wildlife should be subjected to the noise and disruption created by the granting of such a licence whether we like it or not"?

Yours faithfully

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Hunsterson,
Nantwich, CW5 7PN,
26th Jan 2010

The Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council,
Municipal Buildings,
Earle Street,
Crewe,
CW1 2BJ

Dear Sir/Madam

We wish to very strongly object to a Premises Licence on land at Bridgemere Lane, Hunsterson, Nantwich, alongside our house.

We draw your attention to the sketched plan below which shows the closeness of our house, and other important items.

BACKGROUND

Our house is alongside the length of the proposed location, so that our boundary is shared with this field. We would therefore be totally exposed to all the activities in this field.

Clearly there has been an effort to conceal the application utilizing vague postings in the local press and a small notice on a hidden post. As the immediate neighbour, it would be normal practice to be consulted in advance since we would be so directly affected.

Similar events in other parts of the country have led to undesirable criminal activities involving drugs and the exposure of local youngsters to these substances in otherwise quiet local regions.

Obviously the organisers will be totally unable to control the type of visitors and the alcohol and drugs that will inevitably be brought in, and consequent criminal activities are well documented elsewhere whether the intention is for family events or not.

We will not be able to re-locate from this property to protect ourselves for the next 10 years, due to various factors and will be forced to endure the results if this application is approved.

Should approval be granted, we would seek to vigorously challenge the decision with all means at our disposal.

The stress from this application has already triggered a personal collapse due to a heart condition. We do not need to endure further stress. We moved here as it was a quiet and stress-free rural location.

There is possibility of personal danger: we are both unfit, unwell, and elderly.

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We object for the following reasons:

1. Human Rights

- a. ✗ These proposed events would give rise to an unacceptable level level of noise and disturbance to ourselves as immediate neighbours alongside this field. The license would allow other events at any frequency, which appears to be the intention. ✗
- b. ✗ We have a right to enjoy our property without any unreasonable disturbance caused by adjacent activities [Article 11, Human Rights Acts]. ✗
- c. We have the right to peaceful enjoyment of our possessions [Article 1, Human Rights Acts].
- d. Our property adjoins the proposed site which should immediately render it as unsuitable. We would not have any **protection** from these activities.
- e. My garden will inevitable get used as a toilet, polluting the ground and damaging the flora.
- f. The usual circulation of drugs at these events will overflow into my property: dangerous needles etc.
- g. People will bring alcohol as usual leading to bad behaviour.
- h. There will be broken bottles and rubbish tossed into my garden.
- i. The inevitable broken glass in my garden and the field will be a hazard.
- j. There is likely to be ingress into my property. We will be forced to erect 120 metres of protective fencing unsuitable for a country location, and install video surveillance all round our property.
- k. Our insurance costs will be increased,
- l. We will be forced to be in residence 24 hours a day to protect our property before, after, and during events, and to prevent subsequent burglaries. The police have been aware of criminals 'casing' local properties and these events would be an ideal opportunity.
- m. Would the applicant accept responsibility for our additional costs and all damage and losses?

FUTHER POINTS that you will need to consider in this application:

2. Road Access

- ✗ a. Massive increase in traffic on a narrow country lane, already cited by the highways agency as unsuitable for increased traffic to the Green Waste Site. ✗
- b. Danger to horses and bicycles regularly using the lane.
- c. **Completely blind** exit from the site onto a 60 MPH limited lane which will inevitably lead to accidents, injuries and possibly death.
We have tested the exit to the site and nearly had a collision with a passing car.

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3. Danger to Life.

- a. There is a dangerous pond – children and others may fall in and drown. Due to the muddy bottom and banks it is hard to get out or rescue anyone in the pond.
- b. An 11,000 volt High voltage **lethal** power line crosses the field with very limited ground clearance: a 2 metre minimum clearance is required for safety. A wooden stick, child's balloon, or kite near the line would result in immediate death. Normally the presence of such a line would **automatically** render a site as unsuitable for **public** events. As an EXPERT I cannot too strongly emphasise the danger this poses – over 1000 time more dangerous than the normal 230 v mains, and twice that used in the electric chair in the USA. There are reported deaths in similar circumstances elsewhere in the UK.

4. Danger of Criminal activities affecting ourselves and other immediate neighbours directly.

- a. Break-ins.
- b. Theft from gardens and outbuildings.
- c. Damage to garden, plants,
- d. Casing properties under cover of the activities.
- e. Inevitable Incursions into these properties.
- f. Need to stay in the property to guard against incursions, dumping rubbish, broken bottles.
- g. Additional protection required.
- h. Increased insurance costs.
- i. Video surveillance required.
- j. Personal stress caused by any activities.
- k. Danger of damage to our cars and caravan in the garden, increasing insurance costs here as well.

5. The site too small for such events inevitably leading to overflow into adjacent properties including my home and garden. People will attempt access and leaving the site through our garden, especially in the event of an emergency. This 7 acre site is inadequate for the proposed parking and the event. Parking will overflow along the lane which is not wide enough for parked vehicles due to passing large farm vehicles and tractors, school busses, milk lorries, and large green waste vehicles.

6. Protection of the Countryside

- a. Farm Land: This is farm land in a quite rural location which should not be despoiled by this kind of regular activity, as stated in the local and county plans.
- b. The application would allow for multiple events of various kinds and future escalation over which the authorities would have little control.

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Bridgemere Lane
Hunsterson
Nantwich
CW5 7PN

8th February 2010

The Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council
Municipal Buildings
Earle Street
Crewe
CW1 2BJ

Dear Sir/Madam

We wish to object to a Premises Licence on land at Bridgemere Lane, Hunsterson, Nantwich.

INTRODUCTION

We first became aware of this application when we discovered a partially hidden notice on a small post about 5 metres from the road in the gate entrance to the field in Bridgemere Lane; a number of larger posts exist close to the road where the notice could have been prominently displayed. On the same day a vague notice concerning a premises licence appeared in the Nantwich Chronicle dated 16th December 2009.

The Cheshire East Licensing Officer rejected the application and an amended notice appeared in the Nantwich Chronicle on 13th January 2010. This notice was also vague and not accepted by the local authority. The third advertisement was accepted as valid on 20th January 2010.

It is the applicant's responsibility to notify consultees, however on 1st February 2010 the Fire Safety Officer at Crewe Fire Station was still unaware of the application.

The applicant purchased this field in the summer of 2009. It is agricultural land extending to 7 acres with a deep-water lake of approximately 1 acre. No buildings or infrastructure are present on the proposed site. The field fronts onto Bridgemere Lane and other boundaries are mature hedges onto neighbouring fields/properties. The applicant does not own any other land/property in the immediate vicinity; he lives approximately 1 mile away from this field.

We were informed the application was for 1,500 people, however we subsequently understand the actual figure is undefined.

NESTING BIRDS

We note the application covers the period from May to December we therefore have serious concerns about the effect of events held during May, June, July and August on the population of nesting birds; in particular birds appearing on the 'Red List' of Endangered Birds which are seen and heard in our garden, these are Tree Sparrow, House Sparrow, Yellowhammer, Starling, Song Thrush and Cuckoo.

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HIGHWAYS

We would refer you to a planning appeal decision on 14th October 2008. This appeal was as a result of a decision by Cheshire County Council to refuse planning for an increase in vehicle movements from 5 in/5 out per day to a maximum of 20 in/20 out per day at a nearby Green Waste Site in Hunsterson.

The Inspector stated ... "The main issue is the effect the increase in vehicle movements would have on the roads and villages in the area" ... and summarised the findings as follows:

... "I conclude that the proposed increase in vehicle movements would generate levels of traffic which would be unsuitable on the local highway network and which would **harm the safe movement of traffic on the local roads**" ... and went on to say:

... "I conclude that the proposed increase in vehicle movements would have a detrimental effect on roads and villages in the area. I therefore dismiss the appeal".

Whilst the vehicles to the Green Waste Site are a mix of different sizes, vehicle movements of 20 in/20 out pales into insignificance when compared with a proposal for vehicle movements of around 750 in and 750 out in a day. In addition these vehicles would be driven into and out of this field over a short period of time; just before and just after the event.

Agricultural vehicles regularly use the local lanes and traffic to the events would have to negotiate with tractors, cyclists, horse riders and walkers. The road width at the site entrance is 4.2 metres and when exiting the site visibility is poor in either direction at 25 metres (only when the front wheels of the exiting vehicle are actually on the highway) add to this the prospect of mud on the highway and a 60 mph speed limit – this junction is dangerous probably more so with the traffic pre or post the event when no traffic supervision would exist.

Given the very narrow and winding and residential nature, poor visibility, lack of footpaths, permitted speeds of 60 mph, **dangerous junctions** (particularly the A51 and A529 junctions), these lanes are inappropriate for use by this volume of traffic.

SITE SAFETY

The emergency exits shown on the plan are over a deep open ditch onto land, which is **NOT** owned by the applicant – a legal agreement for the use of this land must exist. The applicant's only other option for emergency escape is onto our land for which permission will not be granted under any circumstances.

The only vehicle access point to the field is the entrance/exit for all vehicles, which is off Bridgemere Lane – emergency vehicles would have to use the same access point.

There is no infrastructure on this agricultural land not even a track, any vehicle using the land is driven over grass. Access for a fire appliance on potentially soft land could create significant problems even during the summer and would be impassable from late autumn to spring.

There is an 11,000volt overhead power line on wooden poles crossing the middle of this field. We are aware of an incident a few years ago of a workman being killed erecting equipment at a fete in Smallwood in a similar arrangement.

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Recognised estimating practice indicates that if the **whole** of the field were used as a car park it would accommodate approximately 1,000 cars. Clearly the site is not large enough for 750 cars, food-stalls, stage, toilets, lighting and a music tower plus 1,500 people and staff. To suggest this is on a repetitive basis on this small field beggar's belief.

There is a deep-water lake of approximately 1 acre which the applicant says will be fenced off; it will be difficult to supervise this boundary e.g. if several groups of teenagers simultaneously decide to take a dip.

Fireworks pose a risk during the summer to ripening cornfields and hedgerows, in addition they would have a detrimental effect at any time of the year on wildlife and animals.

HUMAN RIGHTS

This proposal is out of character with the tranquil rural setting and will have a significant impact on this area, which is open countryside with residential properties and farms. The noise and disturbance from this open-air music and the traffic will have a very significant adverse impact on the immediate neighbours. The pre and post event disruption could last for weeks.

Our property forms a boundary with the field and we feel very strongly that it is not fair or reasonable to dump these events on our doorstep. The events will last for 10 hours on a Sunday and by the time the site is clear it will be at least midnight, disturbing the peace for local residents many of whom will need to go to work the next day.

Under Article 8 of the Human Rights Act – the effect on our lives must be considered.

Under Article 11 – the operation of the licensed premises must not **unreasonably** disturb others living nearby.

Under Article 1 – the right to peaceful enjoyment of our possessions.

We believe this proposal breaches our Human Rights.

CRIME AND DISORDER

We obviously cannot present evidence regarding the operation of events on this field however there is plenty of evidence regarding this type of event at other venues around the country and therefore your 'risk assessment' should take account of this experience.

We believe the issues are:

1. No CCTV in the area to monitor anti-social behaviour – this could be seen as exporting problems already existing in local towns into the countryside.
2. Potential trespass onto neighbouring land particularly with 1,500 people and 750 cars crammed into this small field.
3. Alcohol/Drug abuse and the potential for young people to have access to alcohol and substances brought onto the site by themselves or others. Whilst there is no alcohol licence there is no restriction on alcohol being taken onto the site.

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4. Residents leaving properties during events to get away from the noise presents an opportunity for burglaries to take place or access to the rear of properties in the area to plan future burglaries.
5. Prospects for young people leaving the event walking narrow lanes at night possibly under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

CONCLUSION

We believe this application breaches all four of the licensing objectives:

- Prevention of Crime and disorder
- Public Safety
- Prevention of Public Nuisance
- Protection of Children from Harm

We have been informed that the events will be family orientated; we do not understand how this can possibly be controlled.

Put simply this proposal as a repetitive event location is ill considered, out of context with the area and will have a significant adverse impact on residents and wildlife.

Yours faithfully

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The Licensing Section
 Cheshire Equestrian Council
 Municipal Buildings
 Ewloe Street Crewe
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8-2-2010

port Hall Lane
 Hunsterson
 N. Nantwich
 Cheshire CW5 4P

Dear Sir,
 we wish to object to a premises licence
 on land at Bridgemere Lane we believe this
 application falls foul of all four licensing objectives
 for following reasons Inappropriate location
 It should be maintained as open countryside
 to preserve the quality of environment for
 wild life - residents, excessive traffic
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 Local residents have basic rights to peace & quiet
 Residents concern of Alcohol/Drug abuse and
 its potential influence on young people
 inadequate access routes for police & Emergency
 Vehicles, future variations increasing the
 Antisocial aspects of the site we do not
 want these sort of events in Hunsterson.

yours sincerely
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**HATHERTON LANE
HUNSTERSON
NANTWICH
CW5 7RB**

**The Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council
Municipal Buildings
Crewe CW1 2BJ
9TH February 2010**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I wish to record my objections to the Public Entertainment Premises Licence Application on land at Bridgemere Lane, Hunsterson.

In my opinion the size of land to be used in this proposal is inadequate for the number of people envisaged to be using the facility. Certainly the roads that service this site are too narrow and inadequate for the levels of traffic that would be involved and because of the bends close to the proposed entrance would be very dangerous.

The noise generated and the general disturbance caused by the massed presence of so many extra people would affect the environment detrimentally both to local inhabitants and the natural fauna and flora of the locality.

This is not an objection for objections sake but a request that the planning officers seriously consider the fundamental impact on this locality of this proposal that might be intrusive to the local environment in so many ways.

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HAND DELIVERED 15/02/2010

Hunsterson
Nantwich
Cheshire
CW57PR

The Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council
Municipal Buildings
Earle Street
Crewe

Dear Sir/madam

We wish to register our objection to the Premises Licence application concerning land on Bridgemere Lane.

The use of this location for the proposed outdoor events with live and recorded music, is we believe inappropriate for the following reasons.

- X The events would cause significant disturbance to the residents in the locality, on a day of the week when most will be at home and in the spring – autumn months often either outside of living with windows open, not only from the noise of amplified music which will travel for a considerable distance, but also from 1000 plus individuals having to arrive and depart along narrow country lanes, which afford no space for parking. X

An event of this nature will also require considerable preparation over a number of days, followed by a number of days to dismantle the stage and other equipment following its conclusion. This in effect would mean that a licence for a one day event would cause disruption over number of days for local residents in terms of vehicle movements construction noise and sounds checks etc.

The rather vague numbers 1000 plus, also raises some concern with regard to security and policing of any events. How will the organisers and Local Authority ensure that this number is complied with and that any potentially unruly behaviour or drunkenness is managed, both for the safety of those in attendance and to prevent any negative impact on local residents, particularly those who border directly on to the proposed site.

How will the Local Authority and organisers ensure that the site is suitably cleared and cleaned after the events?

We are also concerned that if commercially successful, the organisers may then seek to either extend the events (to include overnight camping and Saturday entertainment) or the number of individual events from the two to three/four etc. The precedent of allowing a commercial activity of this type (rather than a wedding or birthday celebration), may lead to the unforeseen expansion of a business which by its very nature causes disturbance and disruption to those living in the locality.

Yours sincerely ✓

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Pewit Lane,
Hunston,
Nantwich.
Cheshire.
CW5 7PP.

Dear Sirs,

I wish to object to a Premises Licence on land at Bridgemere Lane, I believe this application falls foul of all four of the Licensing Objectives, for the following reasons.

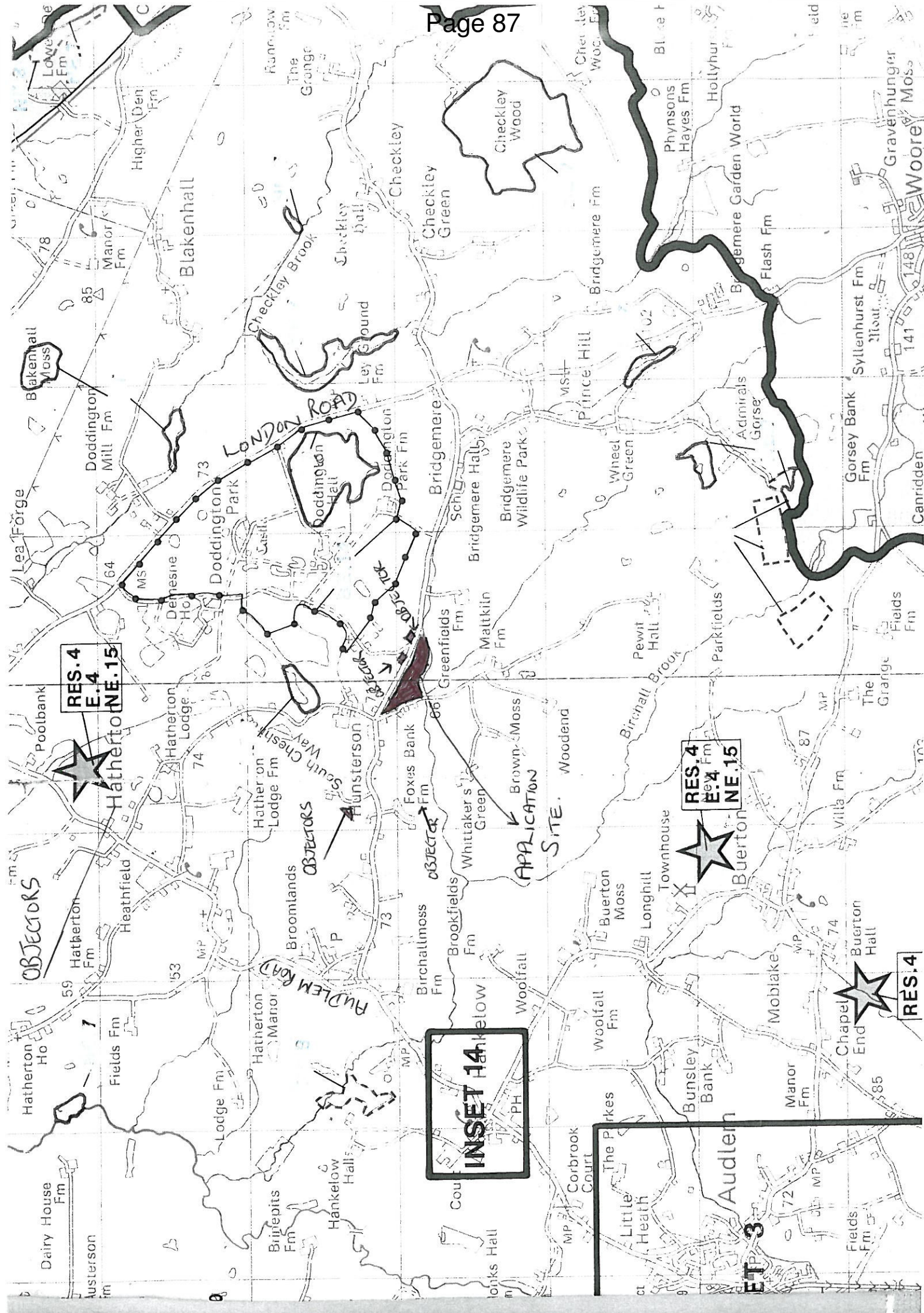
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2. Excessive traffic movements on narrow country lanes with an inadequate highway network as judged by Planning Inspectorate.
3. Unacceptable impact upon crime, anti-social behaviour, adverse impacts on wildlife and nesting birds.
4. Open-air amplified music will result in noise and disturbance at many residential properties - local residents

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- be a basic right to peace and quiet.
- Potential trespass and nuisance from 'gatecrashers' Vague numbers impossible to police.
6. Residents concern of Alcohol/drug abuse and its potential influence on young people.
 7. Concern about inadequate removal of litter after events at the site and in the vicinity.
 8. Effect on long standing events in Audlem/Crewe/Nantwich many of which are charitable or sponsored by the community.
 9. Potential impact on site, classification for planning purposes.
 10. Future variations increasing the anti-social aspects of the site.

Yours faithfully,

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