From:

LICENSING (Cheshire East)

Sent:

17-Nov-2021 06:39

To:

ROWNEY, Jennifer; MURPHY, Nathan

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Subject:

FW: 'Cheshire Fest at The Lambing Shed' Licensing Application

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From:

Sent: 10 November 2021 20:00

To: LICENSING (Cheshire East) < Licensing CE@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Subject: 'Cheshire Fest at The Lambing Shed' Licensing Application

Dear Sirs

My wife and I wish to object to the above application.

As a general comment, we note that no details of the application have been posted online and that they may only be viewed at the Licensing Section of CEC (in Crewe?). At present we are unable to make what would be a 40 mile round trip from Knutsford to do this. As a further observation, we only saw the notice of application by chance - at the entrance to Booths Park (a private, non-residential road). As far as we know, the application notice hasn't been posted anywhere else in our immediate vicinity, for example on Goughs Lane. This probably explains why before we mentioned it to them, most of our neighbours and local friends had no idea that this application had been lodged. Presumably many other local people still don't...

All of the above contrasts strongly with all the other (very well-publicised) CEC local planning application arrangements. In our view this particular process feels somewhat opaque - and potentially unfair.

Turning to the specifics, we presume the Cheshire Fest application supercedes the one granted to Brand Events for 'Pub in the Park' on the same site(?) on 5/4/18, which if memory serves, was for a single 3 day event per year. The 2018 event was horrific. My wife e-mailed CEC Licensing on 10/12/18 to point out that, despite living approximately half mile from the site:

- the music was excessively loud and intrusive until extremely late to the extent that our family wasn't able to sleep until well after midnight on each night
- this was exacerbated by throngs of noisy and (some) drunken people returning to Knutsford for more than an hour after the music had finished (in her e-mail my wife included some specific examples of antisocial behaviour)
- that unmanaged parking and taxis waiting on both sides of Goughs Lane made the road almost impassable and dangerous. At one point, the entrance to Rutherford Drive was completely blocked by an abandoned vehicle (we subsequently discovered that a drunk driver, who had attended Pub in the Park, had crashed and left the scene).

- etc

The **timing of my wife's e-mail** followed the announcement that there was to be a similar evening event between **June 7th and 9th 2019** - which she pointed out was right in the middle of that year's GCSEs (and therefore when numerous local children would/should presumably have been studying/resting).

On 10/12/18 (i.e. later that day) my wife received a rather unsatisfactory (and unsigned) e-mail reply from CEC Licensing which didn't refer to, or address, any of her concerns but merely stated

- that the grant of the licence had been in accordance with the correct procedure [I paraphrase],
- that 'where no objections are received the Council has no discretion and must grant the application',
- and that 'if premises are causing you issues [again, I paraphrase] then you are able to apply for a review of the licence'.

The 2019 event went ahead on the above dates. This time things were a bit better (i.e. music finishing at the correct time, less noise and some management of the traffic flows and parking), but the event was still intrusive - and from our point of view, unwelcome. Incidentally, the 2019 'improvements' in the event management were largely brought about by one of our neighbours who spent a considerable amount of time engaging with The Lambing Shed, Brand Events and Cheshire Police. His main achievement was probably to win 3rd-party monitoring of the noise levels on each night of the 2019 event. Does such regular sound monitoring form part of the current application, please?

The pandemic precluded any Pub in the Park events being held in either 2020 or 2021. Also, informal conversations with Brand Events revealed that they had no plans to return to Knutsford - which was seen locally as a real positive.

But now we have this new application - which is presumably for the same location but for 4 (or maybe even 5?) nights per week all through the year. We therefore wish to object on the basis of potential

- intrusive noise (with presumably no indication of monitoring and mitigation as necessary)
- **increased vehicle movements** (with no indication of parking restrictions external to the site, particularly on Goughs Lane, a busy, narrow, residential lane)
- anti-social behaviour (with no indication of how admissions and behaviour will be controlled), and
- the multiple events' impact on homes in the Legh Road Conservation Area, the nearest concentration of residential housing (with no indication of lessons learned from previous licensed activities).

In summary, my wife and I wish to object to this application in the strongest possible terms. Yours faithfully



From:

LICENSING (Cheshire East)

Sent:

22-Nov-2021 16:19

To:

ROWNEY, Jennifer

Subject:

FW: Lambing shed Licensing Application

Sent: 22 November 2021 09:33

To: LICENSING (Cheshire East) < Licensing\_CE@cheshireeast.gov.uk >

Subject: Lambing shed Licensing Application

#### To Cheshire East Licensing committee

We are writing to object to the application for a license for music from 11.00 to 23.00 Thursday to Monday and supply of alcohol 12.00 to 23.00 Thursday to Monday by Cheshire Fest at the Lambing Shed. We object on the grounds of:

#### Public Nuisance and Public safety and Prevention of Crime and Disorder

We are particularly concerned about the noise and disturbance that an unspecified number of events will bring to this area. We do not believe that the level of noise emanating from any live or other recorded music events can contained to an acceptable decibel level. The buildings at the lambing shed and potential marquees are open and therefore cannot contain noise to an acceptable level. We evidence this from the Pub in the Park Festival that was held in 2018 and 2019 at the venue within the application and the twice-yearly marquee event held at Toft Cricket Club where the music and vibration can be heard and felt throughout the south-east quadrant of the town. These existing events cause considerable disturbance to us and people living in this area and this proposal would result in even more disturbance with no limit. We have chosen to live in this area for the absolute peace and quiet that we enjoy and no increased level of noise would be acceptable.

An unlimited number of events could take place 5 days a week throughout the year placing no limit on the applicant and this would be totally out of order. If the license application is to encompass one or two events in the year this should be specified that only one or two events can be held and the residents must be notified well in advance of any such event taking place with a comprehensive plan to restrict noise and all other public disturbances.

There also appears to be no limit on the size of these events – large events will affect public safety due to poor management of people movement and car movement in the area and issues of bad behaviour where alcohol is served. There is particular concern from the residents backing on to Lyme Walk that it could result in more access to their back gardens and resulting anti-social behaviour.

We are very concerned about the impact these events will have on the local environment. There are many species of birds living around the area in particular Lyme Walk and the parkland trees. Some of these species are rare, and many are night feeders and will be severely disturbed by noise. We understand that this is may not be a material consideration in a license application but it should be of major concern to the owners of the Lambing Shed and Cheshire East should have a mind for environmental matters in this day and age.

We hope that you will take in to consideration our very substantial concerns.

### Yours sincerely



From:

LICENSING (Cheshire East)

Sent:

22-Nov-2021 14:18

To:

HASKELL, Tony; ROWNEY, Jennifer

Subject:

FW: Cheshire Fest @ The Lambing Shed, Moseley Hall Farm, Chelford Road,

Knutsford

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From:

Sent: 22-Nov-2021 14:15

To: LICENSING (Cheshire East) < Licensing\_CE@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Subject: Cheshire Fest @ The Lambing Shed, Moseley Hall Farm, Chelford Road, Knutsford

To whom it many concern,

Please find below representations from Ollerton with Marthall Parish Council in respect of the following licence application:

#### **Details of Licence application**

Cheshire Fest @ The Lambing Shed, Moseley Hall Farm, Chelford Road, Knutsford, WA16 8RB APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE: LICENSING ACT 2003

Notice is hereby given that we, Cheshire Fest Ltd, have applied on 25 October 2021 to Cheshire East Council in respect of the premises known as Cheshire Fest @ The Lambing Shed, Moseley Hall Farm, Chelford Road, Knutsford, WA16 8RB for a premises licence to provide the following licensable activities:

Live Music, Recorded Music, Performance of Dance Thursday to Monday 11:00-23:00 Supply of Alcohol Thursday to Monday 12:00-23:00

#### Representations

Ollerton with Marthall Parish Council would like to make a representation on behalf of the community in respect of this application. The Lambing Shed is very close to the boundary of our Parish, meaning activities there impact our residents. We understand that the Cheshire Fest application is another event similar to the one granted to Brand Events for 'Pub in the Park' on the same site on 5/4/18, which was for a single 3 day event per year. The feedback from residents regarding this event was of major concern regarding nuisance and late night disturbance and noise. This is something that residents can tolerate occasionally but not on a weekly basis as proposed. The area is already fortunate to have Tatton Park and other venues for such events, without introducing another venue within a quiet rural community. We are in close contact with local resident groups and often discuss our collective concerns these events have on residents right to enjoy the amenity of their property and get a decent nights sleep.

We wish to make representations for the following objective reasons:-

**Intrusive noise** – This has already been experienced during previous events, no indication of monitoring and controlling this has been indicated; especially now it is being proposed as a weekly event.

**Increased vehicle movement** – The proposed weekly events will have a significant impact on traffic movement to and from the site. Events such as this also have a detrimental effect on traffic externally causing parking issues in nearby streets from visitors and taxis waiting to collect people. No parking restrictions have been proposed to

mitigate this situation.

**Anti- social behaviour** — Residents have experienced this from previous events, especially noisy drunken people returning to Knutsford, which can continue late into the night. How is this going to be controlled for the benefit of residents?

The Parish Council request that the Committee cautiously consider the appropriateness of this type of event in the proposed location. Such factors as how often they are allowed, is crucial to avoid residents suffering regular disturbance. The time of the year they are held the amount of attendees and how monitoring will take place, to make sure over time events do not become uncontrolled. Given the unavoidable issues such events bring and how monitoring is challenging, we the Parish Council strongly object through our representation and trust the Committee will consider our concerns.

From:

LICENSING (Cheshire East)

Sent:

22-Nov-2021 16:18

To:

ROWNEY, Jennifer

Subject:

FW: CHESHIRE FEST LTD - THE LAMBING SHED - LICENSING EVENTS

From:

Sent: 20 November 2021 03:55

To: LICENSING (Cheshire East) < Licensing\_CE@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Subject: CHESHIRE FEST LTD - THE LAMBING SHED - LICENSING EVENTS

# To The CE Licensing Team

19.11.21

#### Recent communications with CE Licensing:

I submitted an 'objection' to Licensing@CheshireEast on Thursday 18 Nov (22.37) only for it to be returned earlier today. In your email reply (for which I thank you for the promptness of it) I was advised that my submission did not meet your stated criteria whereby I must show how the applicant 'would undermine the licensing objectives'. So, having familiarised myself this evening with your criteria, I now resubmit my 'representation' covering the same substantive topics, but in a way that I hope will more suitably comply. In doing so, I wish to draw your attention to the thrust of my concerns.

Complying with CE Licensing criteria – the standing of The Lambing Shed Farm Shop Ltd - their need to 'manage' their event-partner-company, Cheshire Fest Ltd – 'CFL'

For me to attempt to make statements about what 'will' or 'would' happen, I'll call on <u>my considerable past</u> <u>experience dealing with how 'The Lambing Shed' managed or 'enabled' previous events.</u>

Whilst I take full note of the fact that you highlight that the application has been submitted by a different company, I note that that company is <u>Cheshire Fest Ltd</u> – 'CFL' (whose directors were last stated to be Benjamin Edward Harris & Philip David Osborne). However, the key is that although <u>CFL is the 'event' company</u>, it would have no event to run, here, if 'The Lambing Shed' did not open up their land as the venue.

Whatever formal papers are therefore signed for this event, Cheshire East should please be very careful to note that it is the inherent agreement and partnership between these two companies that has been and will be needed for any event to take place. The Lambing Shed may not be making the application but they are unquestionably involved in the most obvious way by providing the location and adding their name to the event. It could not be more obvious. And there must be maximum agreement and understanding between both for the event to function effectively.

Whilst I readily note that CFL is a separate legal entity from The Lambing Shed Farm Shop Ltd – 'TLSFSL' (whose directors are Kathryn Jane Mitchell and Michael Mitchell) the only way that this event will be completely unobtrusive to local residents is if every aspect of planning, ongoing review, event-monitoring and feedback afterwards is managed fully and co-operatively with a group of local residents. The past-experience of The

Lambing Shed's events (irrespective of the fact that they brought in a different 'events' company partner) has been extremely disruptive to a large number of local residents.

#### **Public Nuisance & Public Safety**

Many of those leaving The Lambing Shed's previous Pub-In-The-Park events in 2018 and 2019 showed a considerable lack of concern for the disturbances they were creating as they left the events in the late pm and the late evening.

<u>Those walking out</u> of the site down Goughs Lane on the first night decided that a group conga was the way to go and that carried on for a quarter of a mile til they were out of sight. Some revellers returned to cars parked off the site on the Lane (without any bollard-management) when on-site parking had been extensively arranged at Booths Park.

Others waited for taxis — this was chaotic. The taxi drivers quickly realised that they did not want to enter the designated taxi pick-up within the site (and become unable to get out quickly) so they hung around the entrance to St George's Close, adjacent to the A537 roundabout at Booths Hall, semi-parking ON the roundabout, creating a dangerous traffic problem and becoming involved in aggressive physical altercations and arguments with locals. No amount of requests or reasoning had any effect. The feedback to the organisers about a lack of marshals brought out some marshals the following evening — 18-year olds, mere youths, fresh from Uni who couldn't manage to control mature inebriated adult revellers (not their fault — they weren't experienced — they were poorly-paid kids — completely inappropriate choice as marshals .... unless your focus is minimising cost).

To cap off the evening, countless revellers decided that <u>urinating along Goughs Lane</u> was either their only solution or their preferred solution. The following mornings, there was a stench of urine in the air. This is an unbelievably inappropriate location for that behaviour and it happened on numerous nights as revellers awaited their taxis.

From both a **Public Nuisance** and **Public Safety** aspect, TLSFSL have shown an utterly detached concern for participating. They are reactive not pro-active, not ensuring that their 'events-partner-company' created an effective and controlled management to ensure protection for Goughs Lane residents and others.

I note that 'the applicant company has proposed multiple conditions in their operating schedule which may alleviate your concerns'. May I return that suggestion to you? Will CE Licensing please especially note that I had extensive meetings and phone calls with Kathryn Mitchel (owner) at The Lambing Shed and three separate senior directors and event-managers at their previous partner-company, Brand Events, about such preparation and monitoring. Both parties must take extensive blame for the events' failures. I am a Business Consultant – I acquire detail, examine it, evaluate it and reconsider how it might best be protected or improved. I used those professional skills and experience to enable me to judge the areas of weakness in the previous events' plans but in spite of this, failure was rampant. Please understand – I prefer not to take at face value such promises and it might be beneficial if CE Licensing was similarly circumspect.

My great concern, therefore, is that approval of this licensing application 'would undermine the licensing objectives'

### **Prevention of Crime and Disorder**

Whether it is Crime or Disorder, given these previous events at The Lambing Shed, it seems likely that the Cheshire Fest event will supply it. It must be well-known to CE Licensing that licenses for city-centre or town-centre locations can create problems, but providing a licence – in-perpetuity (?) – for alcoholic/musical events to be held on countless nights in any week in an area immediately adjacent to established residential housing and a Conservation Area is tempting fate to the extreme. Is that not realised by senior staff at CE Licensing? The location is hugely contentious.

#### Protection of Children from Harm

<u>Parking</u> – the problem created by inconsiderate parking off-site on Goughs Lane – without effective supervision by experienced marshals – proved disastrous. Cars parked on both sides of a busy, narrow road and blocked the only

pavement on the Lane, such that parents with pushchairs could not use the pavement and had to walk down the middle of the road during the pm concerts and at the evening ones, being passed by cars and facing oncoming cars. Goughs Lane is an unlit road. Late in the evening, this was a chaotic area of movement – cars, vans, taxis, pushchairs, parents, homegoing revellers and walkers. The words 'protecting' and 'children' were impossibly separated. I can see every reason for believing that we face a repeat.

Inebriated adults – at the event, in a queue for food, an inebriated adult slapped a child across the face. It was reported to the police. In my experience, the 'mood' at events in towns and cities is quite different from the 'innocence' of it in or adjacent to a residential area. It's as if locals living nearby, who would not travel to visit major events elsewhere, were attracted to the novelty of it. It does not seem to me that it obviously carries a 'suitable for young kids' label. That's not to say kids shouldn't go – it's a comment about suitability.

### Summary

As a resident living very close to The Lambing Shed, I have long had concerns about their desire to run these events through 'event-partner relationships. They started two events with a London-based company, **Brand Events**. The website for that business seems to be dormant/historical. They now choose another Partner. The accounts for Cheshire Fest Ltd do not suggest it's a company of substance. The financial information is what would be expected from a small 'owner-business' with little evidence of any 'substance'. A couple of Oct 2017 entries on their filed accounts refer to 'Compulsory strike-off action has been discontinued' and 'Director's date of birth incorrectly stated on incorporation'.

Could you please tell me what if any investigation or assessment takes place to ascertain potential suitability of such a company to receive a CE License? In-perpetuity?

This ends my representation to CE Licensing – thank you for absorbing it. Given all the above, I hope that you will consider the application to be an unsuitable case for supporting.





From:

LICENSING (Cheshire East)

Sent:

23-Nov-2021 07:36

To:

HASKELL, Tony

Cc:

ROWNEY, Jennifer

Subject:

FW: Cheshire Fest @ The lambing Shed WA16 8RB.

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Sent: 22 November 2021 19:57

To: LICENSING (Cheshire East) < Licensing\_CE@cheshireeast.gov.uk >

Subject: Cheshire Fest @ The lambing Shed WA16 8RB.

To whom it may concern,

We would like to raise our concerns and object to the application for a premises licence. We have a young family, previously similar events namely the party in the park have kept them awake well in to the night. We feel that a licence extending to 23:00 is simply too late for a residential area. With previous events litter and inappropriate behaviour due to the consumption of alcohol have been witnessed and we wish to avoid similar issues as a result of the above proposal.

Kind regards

From:

LICENSING (Cheshire East)

Sent:

22-Nov-2021 16:19 ROWNEY, Jennifer

To: Subject:

FW: Cheshire Fest @ The Lambing Shed, Moseley Hall Farm, Chelford Road,

Knutsford WA16 8RB - Application for a Premises Licence: Licensing Act 2003

From:

Sent: 22 November 2021 10:30

To: LICENSING (Cheshire East) < Licensing\_CE@cheshireeast.gov.uk >

We refer to the above application by Cheshire Fest Ltd.

We live at properties away from the Chelford Road roundabout, and therefore within ¼ mile from The Lambing Shed. We have lived here since 2008.

We wish to make various representations against this application, by reference to relevant Licensing Objectives. Our representations are based on our experience of previous events at or from or in the vicinity of The Lambing Shed. Our representations are as follows:-

#### 1. The prevention of public nuisance

a. Goughs Lane and its surrounding areas are residential roads, bordering the Conservation Area. This includes spurs off Goughs Lane such as St George's Close and Rutherford Drive, as well as Carr Wood. The character of this area is not compatible with the grant of a licence for Live Music, Recorded Music, Performance of Dance and Supply of Alcohol Thursday to Monday which would have a severe and adverse impact on the peaceful enjoyment of these residential areas.

During the Pub-in-the-Park event a couple of years or so ago, we and our neighbours could hear music from the event well into the late evening. We were unable to enjoy our garden in the way we normally would, and it disturbed our sleep. We believe that we are entitled not to be disturbed in the evenings and that this should not happen in a residential area.

The Lambing Shed is not a public house. It is a farm shop/deli with associated activities such as the cafe during normal working hours. As a farm shop/deli, The Lambing Shed is tolerated as a local business within its current activities. The licensable activities the subject of this application do not sit well with those current activities and represent a fundamental change to the nature of business carried on there. Knutsford is already very well served with licensed venues, including Tatton Park for larger events.

b. We note that there is no restriction on how often in a year the activities proposed to be licensed can take place. (By contrast we have noted a current application for licensable activities by Pop Up Concepts Limited for a Tatton Park Pop Up Festival which makes it clear that licensable activities will only take place once a year between 1 June and 5 September each year).

It is interesting to note that Toft Cricket Club, just down the road from The Lambing Shed, is not allowed more than a very limited number of licensed events (we believe that it is 2 a year) due to its proximity to this residential area.

Furthermore, there is no indication whether the proposed licensable activities would be provided *inside* enclosed buildings forming part of The Lambing Shed, or wholly or partly *outside* on its surrounding land. This is an open-ended application, for activities which are wholly unsuitable so close to a residential area. We question on what basis the Cheshire East Licensing Team could consider it appropriate to consider this application.

c. Goughs Lane is a busy road, which has become busier and faster over the years. It has a 30mph speed limit, which reflects the nature of the area, the narrowness of the road, the lack of pavements and the fact that there is no street lighting. Even so, it is used as a short cut for traffic, including traffic heading, often at speed to Booths Park as well as buses and lorries travelling to and from the M6 and to Knutsford/Macclesfield. Where vehicles park along Goughs Lane (and they frequently do in connection with house building/alterations), the road is effectively single track.

When a Bonfire Night event for the Scouts is run each year on the corner of Booths Hall, Goughs Lane suffers extreme disruption, dangerous parking and litter dropping. This is not acceptable, but we have never registered a complaint as it happens once a year and finishes at 9.30pm. This application by Cheshire Fest Ltd for live music and alcohol provided 5 nights per week across the year is a completely different matter. We question why residents should be put to this inconvenience.

During the Pub-in-the-Park event, we observed a significant increase in traffic along Goughs Lane, as well as inconsiderate parking by those attending the event (including on pavements, partial obstruction of drives, and partly on the roundabout) and taxis waiting along/turning in Goughs Lane. We did complain to the organisers, to very limited effect. We have therefore direct experience of the inconvenience caused to local residents by events of this nature, and in our view, the granting of a licence to Cheshire Fest Ltd would have a similar adverse impact on local amenity, including access to our property.

### 2. Public Safety

- a. As you are aware, there is no public transport access to The Lambing Shed. Granting this licence would inevitably increase traffic by car or taxi, adding to the burden on already busy roads, making road conditions even more dangerous, particularly on Goughs Lane which is frankly an accident waiting to happen.
- b. There is no need to add to what is already an over serviced licensed area within Knutsford, As noted above, Knutsford, easily accessible by public transport, is already well served with licensed venues.

#### 3. The prevention of crime and disorder

a. Allowing the sale of alcohol in a location where no public transport is available will in our view encourage anti-social behaviour by those who are either unable to afford a taxi or decide to avoid that cost by driving under the influence of alcohol. This must be in breach of both criminal law and public policy and we would be surprised if the Council is considering this application without reference to these 2 issues. We will be asking our local Councillor to

raise at a council meeting on what basis any decision is made by reference to these factors.

In conclusion, this is an open-ended application by Cheshire Fest Ltd for licensable activities 5 nights a week, right across the year, without any restriction beyond the hours of provision. To us this is no different from an application to open a public house. It is not in our view consistent with the Licensing Objectives referred to above, and as such, we hope that the application will be rejected.



Sent from my iPad

From:

LICENSING (Cheshire East)

Sent:

18-Nov-2021 11:36

To:

HASKELL, Tony

Subject:

[OFFICIAL] FW: CHESHIRE FEST@ LAMBING SHED, CHELFORD RD KNUTSFORD

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From:

Sent: 18 November 2021 11:23

To: LICENSING (Cheshire East) < Licensing\_CE@cheshireeast.gov.uk >

Subject: CHESHIRE FEST@ LAMBING SHED, CHELFORD RD KNUTSFORD WA16 8RB

#### To Cheshire East Licensing Committee

South Knutsford Residents Group [SKRG] wish to be associated with and to support the OBJECTION submitted by

Many SKRG members experienced the same levels of disturbance as the Pub in the Park three-day events.

Without repeating the below objections, which SKRG wholeheartedly supports, the location for the proposed events is unsuitable as it is just beyond the edge of quiet residential districts - including a Conservation Area. The location is NOT the equivalent of licensed events held in Tatton Park or at Worthy Farm in the remote countryside.

SKRG wishes to raise once again the lack of online information to access details of the proposed licensable activity. This situation must be equally frustrating for the Committee and its officers in having to wade through submissions that may be irrelevant or already accounted for in the full application.

For the majority of those who wish to examine the full application, a car journey to Crewe or Macclesfield will be the only option. This seems to be at variance with the Authority's declaration of a climate emergency and its measures to reduce car travel by residents.

If the Committee is minded to grant the licence, SKRG members asks the Committee to examine the appropriateness of the type of events proposed in this location; their timing and duration; the number of attendees allowed; the measures to monitor and contain musical and other noise, and manage vehicle movements and parking on the site and in the environs.

SKRG members look to the Committee to condition reasonable measures to ameliorate the impact of the events. The Committee is the only means residents have to protect their amenity and well-being,

Thank you for considering these community expressions of concern.

From: LICENSING (Cheshire East)

**Sent:** 22-Nov-2021 08:12

**To:** ROWNEY, Jennifer; MURPHY, Nathan

Cc: HASKELL, Tony

**Subject:** FW: License application Cheshire Fest, The Lambing Shed

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From:

Sent: 21 November 2021 17:24

**To:** LICENSING (Cheshire East) < Licensing\_CE@cheshireeast.gov.uk > **Subject:** License application Cheshire Fest, The Lambing Shed

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## Yours sincerely

