

From: Lower Withington Parish Council [REDACTED]
Sent: 07-Apr-2019 18:52
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Jodrell Bank Observatory, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 9DW

To whom it may concern,

Lower Withington Parish Council wish to raise concern regarding the proposed increase in capacity for the annual Bluedot Festival. The application seeks to increase the capacity of the event by 10,000 individuals. The Parish Council considers that this is a significant increase which is likely to have a negative impact upon the local community.

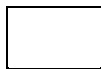
Due to the rural location of the Jodrell Bank Observatory site it is considered that the increased capacity will have a negative impact upon traffic within the local area as the majority of attendees will need to access the site by car. The increase in vehicles accessing the site will likely lead to disruption for local residents and an increased risk of public nuisance, crime and disorder in the local area.

Unfortunately, no evidence has been made available to demonstrate that sufficient on-site parking provision is available or that comprehensive traffic management strategies are in place to cope with the proposed increase in capacity.

Lower Withington Parish Council also notes that Jodrell Bank Observatory is presently progressing through the nomination stage of World Heritage Site designation, therefore, is opposed to any licence clauses which may have detrimental implications for the nomination and/or the proposed future designation of the site.

Kind regards,

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From: Lower Withington Parish Council [REDACTED]
Sent: 08-Apr-2019 16:55
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Jodrell Bank Observatory, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 9DW

Good afternoon,

Many thanks for your earlier telephone call. I have contacted Members of the Parish Council regarding the present position, however, there is reluctance to withdraw their objection to the proposed increase in capacity of the event. Members would prefer for the application to proceed to a Hearing in order that they are able to address their concerns to the Committee prior to a decision being made.

In addition, members have queried whether all local residents are fully aware of the proposed significant increase in capacity given that the advert on the Cheshire East Council website only specifies the proposed changes to timings of activities.

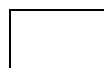
I am sure you can appreciate that the existing festival is a very significant event for the small rural community of Lower Withington, therefore, the proposed increase in capacity by 10,000 individuals together with associated cars/campervans causes concern for the community as a whole.

The event is not just increasing in capacity but, at the same time, increasing in duration by the simultaneous increasing of the operating hours. The compound impact of these factors on this rural community is considered to conflict with the residential amenity of the area. Many local residents are active within the agricultural industry which predominately operates within hours in direct conflict with the proposed Festival operations. This disturbance to local residents and businesses is not considered to be appropriate.

It would be appreciated if the original objection, together with the above comments, can remain and that the application is referred to the Hearing Meeting.

Kind regards,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 08-Apr-2019 17:23

To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)

Subject: Jodrell Bank Observatory, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 9DW - APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE: LICENSING ACT 2003

I have just read the following:

Notice is hereby given that Discover the Bluedot Ltd have applied on 11 March 2019 to Cheshire East Council in respect of the premises known as Jodrell Bank Observatory, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 9DW for a premises licence to provide the following licensable activities.

- No more than 1 event per annum. The event will take place for no longer than five consecutive days.
- To permit the sale of alcohol between 12:00 and 02:00 Thursday, between 12:00 and 04:00 Friday, between 12:00 and 05:00 Saturday and 12:00 – 04:00 Sunday.
- To permit regulated entertainment between 12:00 and 02:00 on Thursday, between 09:00 and 04:00 on Friday, between 09:00 and 05:00 Saturday and 09:00 and 04:00 Sunday.
- To permit the provision of late night refreshment between 23:00 and 05:00 on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday only.

Can you please let me know what the current licensing is for this event. I am concerned if we are increasing the times as this disrupts the village already especially with school children ages as they can't get to sleep and have to be in School on the Monday and Thursday/Friday.

Thankyou

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