

APPENDIX 2

Good Morning Sarah,

I write further to receipt of the Application for a Premises Licence, submitted by Mr Day of Lacey's Solicitors, on behalf of the operators of *High Tide* Festival, Bournemouth, proposed to take place on the 1st and 2nd July 2022.

On behalf of the Chief Officer of Dorset Police, I wish to object to the grant of the Premises Licence on the grounds that to grant the licence will risk undermining the licensing objectives to Prevent Crime and Disorder and ensure Public Safety.

Dorset Police have given due consideration to the application and its contents and at this time are not satisfied that the licence is fit for purpose in promoting the licensing objectives detailed above. Most significantly, the application relies heavily upon the contents of an Event Management Plan and a variety of other documents which have yet to be completed and produced by the applicant to the Responsible Authorities.

This application is being made in respect of one event, held over 2 days, and it is our expectation that the conditions detailed within the licence application would appropriately reflect the operating schedule of the event. Dorset Police are concerned that the intention of the applicant to rely upon policies and documentation which exist alongside the licence application will restrict, and in some cases prevent Dorset Police, and indeed our partners, from enforcing the measures expected for a safe event to take place using the powers and procedures available under the Licensing Act 2003.

Throughout the past 5 months, Dorset Police and our partners have been engaging with the operators of *High Tide* Festival and other key agencies and partners through the Safety Advisory Group process and concerns have been raised by Dorset Police and our partners in relation to the management and delivery of this event. This is reflected in the poor standards of documentation received to date and confusion as to which parties will be responsible for the safe and compliant delivery of the event. At the time of submitting this objection, Dorset Police remain concerned that there is a distinct lack of management and control during the planning phase of this event which will likely result in significant shortfalls and increased risk to public safety and increased demand on public services during the operational delivery of the proposed event. It is the intention of Dorset Police to comprehensively detail these concerns in the forthcoming Sub-Committee hearing.

Dorset Police remain in constant dialogue with partners and those associated with the delivery of this proposed event. Whilst we endeavour to continue to mediate and support the applicant to deliver a safe event where we can be confident and reassured that the applicant is capable and willing to make significant improvements to their overall management and planning of the event, at this time Dorset Police currently have no confidence that the applicants will deliver a safe and compliant event and consequently request that the Licensing Sub-Committee give consideration to refusing this application.

Dorset Police reserve the right to introduce further causes for concern and evidence as they become known to us between the date of this objection and the date of the hearing. We will consistently endeavour to provide supporting documentation/evidence to the applicant and all parties as soon as possible and certainly in advance of the Sub-Committee hearing.

If the Sub-Committee have any queries or concerns in advance of the hearing, they are welcome to direct these to me via the Licensing Authority and I will endeavour to answer them as soon as possible.

Regards,

Gareth



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Dear Philip

**Licensing Act 2003 – Application for New Premises Licence
The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005**

Address of Premises: High Tide Festival, Pier Approach, Bournemouth, BH2 5AA

I refer to your application dated 1st March 2022 for a New Premises Licence for the above premises.

Based on the information received, I wish to inform you of the following.

I am unable to comment, as the information contained within the application is not enough to enable it to be processed. Following the recent attendance by the event organisers to a Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole SAG it was evident that the Event Management plan (EMP) and subsequent risk assessments required substantial improvement and further details in order for public safety to be assessed.

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

Articles 9 & 11 of The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 require that a suitable and sufficient fire risk assessment is completed, and the significant findings are recorded.

- Further guidance can be found in the “Fire Safety – Risk Assessment” publication for this premises type, available as a free download from www.gov.uk (fire safety law and guidance documents for business).

Chief Fire Officer Ben Ansell

I take this opportunity to remind you that fire safety is a dynamic process to be considered on a daily basis, and the assessment of fire risk should be constantly under review and updated as required, especially where the risk in the premises has been affected by alterations, changes in procedures, use or occupancy.

Additional Support and Information

If you require further information about your responsibilities on how to comply with the law or access additional help or guidance, please visit our website; dwfire.org.uk.

Yours Sincerley

Andy Downton
Fire Safety Team Leader

Hello Sarah

I am responding to the Application for a Premises Licence, submitted by Mr Day of Lacey's Solicitors, on behalf of the operators of *High Tide* Festival, Bournemouth, proposed to take place on the 1st and 2nd July 2022.

On behalf BCP Council's Director of Destination and Culture, I object to the grant of the Premises Licence on the grounds that granting the licence will risk undermining the licensing objectives.

The application relies heavily upon the contents of an Event Management Plan and a variety of other documents which are yet to be received from the applicant.

As this application is for one event the conditions within the licence application should reflect the operating schedule of the event. There should be no reliance of the applicant on any policies and documentation that may sit alongside the licence application which could prevent colleagues in BCP Council and responsible authorities from enforcing the measures to ensure the event is run safely.

BCP Council has been liaising with the organisers over the past 8 months, and with other Safety Advisory group members for the last 6 months, and concerns have been raised in relation to the management and delivery of the event.

The documentation so far received has provided little detail on how the organiser plans to deliver the event or the key management responsibilities for delivering the event and therefore there is an increased risk to public safety which would be unacceptable.

We expect the applicant to make significant improvements in the overall management and planning of the event but at this time of making our objection there is little confidence that the event can be delivered safely and therefore we must ask the Licensing Sub-Committee to consider refusing the application. In the meantime we will continue dialogue with the organiser between now and the date of the hearing.

If the Sub-Committee have any queries or concerns in advance of the hearing they are welcome to direct these to me via the Licensing Authority and I will endeavour to answer them as soon as possible.

Regards
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