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Subject: Licensing: TR Events - Land South of Franks Farm Lode Fen Lode - 25/03608/LIQ_02 - Response to agent's mediation letter - Thomas Pellegrini

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Subject: Response to response

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Hello Peter, thanks for the response.

I do disagree with alot of what you say so I'd just like to give my opinion on that.

Lodestar festival as far as i am aware was the only multi day event? Since that stopped i would guess most events are single day/evening so the new variation doesn't really reduce the days as the festival hasn't run now for years. In fact I would predict if the licence was granted so you could operate in the warmer months the quota would be filled to capacity substantially increasing the amount of days compared with current usage.

Highlighting 25 events over 20 years in my opinion counts against your application as this is just over 1 a year (I appreciate lately it has been more), this is less of a problem as people can plan / go away etc, this is less practical if the usage is increased.

Although you say most events will be between 500 - 2500 I've got to assume the maximum as this is what your application says and I would assume that if all went well you would like to continue on your trajectory of growth and achieve this.

I understand that you think spreading the 28 days throughout the year would be better however i disagree. In turn you must understand my opinion that hosting them when more members of the public will be out enjoying the area is dangerous.

It makes sense that the majority of the events will be held in summer, cutting heating costs, avoiding bad weather more desirable to clients etc. It's not to much of a stretch to assume 20 + events to be in the summer and 8 for winter, xmas / nye parties etc. That's potentially a large party every weekend for may, june, july and august. Fen road is the access to white fen and multiple areas where people enjoy walks, cycling, nature observation etc. It is especially used by the public in the summer when the weather is good. During December and January I feel that not many people go out in the dark and cold so the impact is less. This was my reason for saying it would affect the area negatively.

I approached a member of the parish council for their opinion, they were unaware of the variation, I'm concerned that this variation has gone under the radar of most villagers. I think they will be in for a big shock if granted.

Im not sure how you could say granting permission for 5000 people to use that single track road during very concentrated periods of time (1-2 hours) 56 times a year (in and out) is suitable. This is why I said the road is unsuitable. I appreciate you have used this road for previous events of this size and I would argue it wasn't suitable for them either. The village will testify that there was gridlock for hours on one of the events last year, people couldn't get in or out, leave their houses etc. You say you have liased with relevant authorities but if there was an accident down fen Road at that time there would have been no way to get emergency services there except maybe the helicopter. All the planning in the world will not allow an ambulance to fly over the traffic on that single track road.

Not really sure what you mean by 'new access road' but if you mean widening fen Road, putting in a footpath or cycle path or somehow re routing traffic so it avoids fen Road then this might be a solution, could you please explain?

The truth is im a concerned parent looking out for the safety of his kids who knows they (and there friends) will be out on the summer nights on there bikes, playing etc and I think this will be dangerous. I live on fen road on one of the most affected areas. Would the council (if granted) issue warnings at times of events for the public not to use this area? I think it's irresponsible to allow 5000 people in cars or buses to share busy public areas where you know people enjoy walking and cycling etc with no dedicated pedestrian/cycle areas.

The more I think about this the more it seems ridiculous, I hope common sense prevails.

Lin hope you are well, could you please confirm you have received this and please use in the hearing.

Many thanks, Tom