

APPENDIX 6 - PREMISES USER/SOUTHERN VIBRATIONS LTD RESPONSE TO HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY OBJECTION

The prevention of crime and disorder

Is this a pay to enter event?

Yes this will be a pay to enter event, the cost is set at between £50-70 for the weekend (4-5th September 2021), with a lower rate set for family and friends.

How are you controlling numbers of people?

The number of people will be controlled by securing the perimeter prior to the event and the hiring of an external security company whose guidance we will take on the necessary steps to prevent trespass, (eg. blocking off access points, monitoring the perimeter, clear signage) and to make the event secure and safe.

Will a refusals book and incident log be kept?

The aforementioned external security firm and all other staff on site will be made aware of the incident log and refusal log. This is something we will have on site. The event will be strictly over 18s only, and ID will be checked at the door and at the bar. This relates to your next question.

Is there a policy for dealing with altercations, excess alcohol, missing child?

I will briefly answer these here, but I will also attach to the bottom of the document a copy of our EAC (Emergency Action-Plan). I will briefly outline what I feel is the most likely situation that would require enactment of our policies. We will do everything reasonably possible to prevent these things from occurring, but our staff will be trained and ready should any of these circumstances occur.

Firstly any trespass on the property will result in expulsion. With regards to guests or invitees: we set certain standards of behaviour for guests at our event to follow. To any violence of any kind, trespass to a person, over consumption of alcohol, or aggression towards staff or other attendees we have a zero tolerance policy. This will result in automatic expulsion. Our guidance for staff relating to this behaviour is of course to not put themselves in harms way. If circumstances arise

that they cannot deal with, our advice is to contact one of the private security firm, failure to remove someone after this will result in us contacting the police. After expulsion we will do all that is reasonably possible to ensure that the individual gets home safely (eg. call a taxi, have a friend take them home). This statement also refers to those who voluntarily leave. This will reduce the risk of crime and ensure safety of guests and persons of the local community.

Aforementioned our policies on alcohol over-consumption. Further to this, the car park will be monitored by staff to ensure drink-driving does not occur. The event will be staffed by us, and other local people who will be trained as to the requirements of the jobs and our policies, and most importantly the security and SIA stewards we hire to staff the event. Distribution of alcohol will be run by an external local business with trained bar-staff, not us, or associated staff. We will ensure these areas are secured, and train staff to make sure the alcohol area is secured.

With regards to your other example, a missing child is not a likely possibility as the event is over 18s only. We would love to welcome people of all ages at some stage but to reduce risk and our liabilities this is a stance we have taken. If a child were to trespass onto land, the policy on trespass will occur, however ensuring that the person is treated as a child and will be removed from the land safely, ensuring means to get home, or the police will be contacted. (please see our EAC).

It is mentioned that with a large attendance, live music and alcohol, there is likely to be crime. Would you specify what crime you believe could be caused so we could ensure preventative measures are put in place? Your input would be greatly appreciated in forming further control measures. The safety of guests and the community is paramount and any crime or harm caused to the local area would run contrary to the very ethos of our event, which is community focused.

Public Safety

Is the area being sectioned off? If so by how many entrances or exits?

The car park will be monitored by staff at the entrance to the field. Into the event field there will be one entrance/exit, which will be monitored by the SIA registered staff.

Can people bring their own alcohol to the event?

The alcohol that one can bring into the event at any time is 12 x 500ml < 5% ABV, or 2.5L < 14% ABV. Thus, one cannot leave and then reenter the event with more alcohol. Of course these limits are subject to your discretion and if you were to advise that limiting these further would impact upon a reduction in potential crime we would implement this and be grateful for your advice in any and all matters. All alcohol served at the bar will be decanted into an 'eco-cup', given to a guest upon entrance (given evidence of valid ID), that will be given out by SIA staff. These will not be glass.

What traffic-management plan is in place?

With regards to parking, we are again subject to your discretion. Our reasoning behind 175 parking spaces was to reduce pedestrian use of B3054 to prevent potential congestion and reduce the risk of harm to road users and pedestrians. Due to the camping available we expect that the congestion that may be caused by our event, along the B3054, will be limited to only arrival and leaving times. Nearly all our attendees will be local and will be aware of the risks of this area, however we intend to supply information to ticket holders as to the best way to travel safely. Furthermore, there will be clear signage and marshalling from the top of the B3054 to the event entrance. As mentioned, this is our reasoning behind having car parking at our event-site.

We have published the event online, however before making the local community aware of the event through more direct means we were depending on the approval of this application. We will however ensure they are made aware and communicate with local residents on how we can manage traffic and or any other concerns they may have, if they did not want to attend in gratitude themselves.

Camping

There will be camping on-site. Again this is a policy we would hope reduces congestion, potential crime, and any other harms in the community by containing people at our event in a controlled environment where they will not have to make their way home. The campsite will be staffed to reduce any risk of crime occurring internally.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

What will the sound levels be?

We will monitor our sound output to ensure noise levels at the nearest property will be no higher than 75dB.

Is the event area being sectioned off? If so, how many entrances and exits?

Please see the annotated map attached below, this should provide a clearer, visual representation of entrances and exits and the general layout.

As mentioned the event perimeter will be secured and separate even to the car park, all of which will be staffed. There will be one entrance and exit into the car park and one entrance and exit into the event field. The emergency entrance will provide access for an emergency vehicle to travel between the fields through these entrances.

As mentioned, alcohol sale will be controlled by an external local business. These bars will check for valid ID every time, despite checks also occurring upon entry. This will ensure a trespassing child cannot obtain alcohol on our site.

A company we have in mind for security has been advised by Brian Goodall, the owner of the land we are using. He has recommended them based on prior good experiences.

With regard to potential ticket fraud we have made contact with company 'EventBrite' to run a QR code system. You may be aware, however this system generates an individual, private code for each ticket duplication of which will be detected on scanning with a device. In this way we will limit the number of people at our event.

Protection of Children from Harm

Will you have SIA registered door staff or/and stewards?

There will be both SIA registered door staff and steward to prevent trespass by a child, or anyone. Further to this we will secure the area beyond reasonable expectation to prevent such unauthorised entry.

With regards to the COVID action plan, we asked your advice on this matter. I accept that legal restrictions under the Public Health Act 1984 are not lifted, and there are no legal nor official guarantees that it will be or how it may be amended. However, the expectation these will be amended, I would argue go beyond implied speculation, however this is irrelevant. We are planning this event to be run in circumstances where these restrictions will be lifted. If this does not happen, and these regulations remain in force, we would have to cancel our event completely since we cannot see how we can run an event of this nature, or secure an train enough staff to safely run this event with COVID risk level being at the high level that would demand a COVID management plan. Thus, the action plan remains that if there remains public health restrictions we will not risk the safety of our staff and guestsby running our event.

Comment

We are embarrassed that you were not able to contact us on this matter. Excuses I find generally provide little merit, however we were checking our email consistently. Unfortunately as we have a new email account we did not see it had slipped into the 'junk' folder. Upon not hearing from you we tried to contact you and hence we write a reply to you as soon as we can. Furthermore, all members of this staffing team balance full-time jobs with this planning, thus weekdays can be a hard time to balance and manage responsibilities. We can only apologise for not replying sooner and hope you may have some sympathy and understanding.

I do not believe your summary of consequence is accurate. Are you establishing these on any factors that fall outside the bounds of those laid out in Licensing Act 2003 4(2)? The plans and measures described above I hope will alleviate some of your concerns about consequences about those four areas of importance and we would be grateful for any insights you have that may help us run a safe event. Your comments that you have "little to no confidence that will have nothing

but a negative impact on the local area and community” we do however reject. This is an event designed specifically to bring together a community who have suffered over the last year. We will bring local businesses, local artists and local people together to celebrate the local environment and local people themselves. Our ethos is just this: community, and the local environment. The organisers of this event are four local men who have grown up in the Lymington area. We are part of families who have lived in the area their whole lives and provide essential services to the community. We endeavour to give back to people and the place we grew up in and give them a good time, which everyone deserves.

From this the positive consequences that will follow from our event are as follows:

- a) A community activity, people have missed each other!
- b) Showcasing local businesses. (particularly the catering industry, who also have suffered.)
- c) Showcasing local artists.
- d) Education about the environment, and local projects. (we have contacted charities, to enquire about having a stand at our event, and our running an eco-cup, and a eco-bond scheme, to prevent waste).

It was mentioned that whether it was a ‘cultural event’ might depend on your taste in music. Cultural events are performances and displays of artistic expression. Thus, the dependence on subjective preference is not a factor in determining a cultural event. Our event will have local art, growing up in Lymington we know a wide-range of brilliant local artists, and even have family who run the local art shop ‘Tradewinds’ in Milford on-sea. We have local musical artists of all ages and to please all generations.

To outline this further here is our previous description outlining the purpose of our organisation:

“We aim to provide cultural events, with a focus on art and music, from the local community. We aim to promote community values and be a place where people can come together. Due to the location of our festival, in the New Forest, a huge part of what makes our community special is the nature and environment we live in. This, coupled with our emphasis on localism, drives an ambition to provide events that are sustainable, with an aim in the future to be carbon neutral. Furthermore, we will aim to educate those who attend in the benefits of local consumerism and both the magnificence and dangers facing local wildlife today.”

EAC – Emergency Action Plan

In the event of a person on the premises having had excessive alcohol consumption –

The offender will be removed, if they refuse the trained security firm will try to remove them. If this fails we will call the police. We must do all that is reasonably possible to get this person home safely. If we believe this person is likely to commit a crime we cannot prevent, the police will be called. This **must** be noted in the incident log.

In the event of a person on the premises being aggressive behaviour towards staff or other guests –

The offender will be removed, if they refuse the trained security firm will try to remove them. If this fails we will call the police. We must do all that is reasonably possible to get this person home safely. If we believe this person is likely to commit a crime we cannot prevent, the police will be called. This **must** be noted in the incident log.

In the event of a person on the premises committing crime on the premises eg. drug taking, trespass to person, property theft or damage, battery –

The offender will be removed. If they refuse, the trained security firm will try to remove them. The police will be called. This **must** be noted in the incident log.

In the event of staff becoming aware of a missing person –

Child – If staff become aware of a missing child onsite, this child will be removed safely by SIA trained stewards. As the child will be trespassing the police advice on this matter will be asked. We will ensure the safety of this child upon expulsion.

Adult – If the adult has become disorientated, lost or confused they can be helped by our trained stewards. We will try to find a friend, or family member they came with. Failing this we may have to contact the police.

These events **must** be recorded in the incident log.

In the event of a medical emergency –

Code 1 (Severe/life-threatening) – Emergency vehicle immediately called, on-site medic attend to person, staff clear emergency entrances and pathways to the casualty.

Code 2 (non-life threatening) – On site medical team will assess the situation, may recommend hospital or other treatment. Staff will ensure safe travel home for casualty if required. Ambulance called if necessary.

Code 3 (minor injury) – On site medical team can treat this.

All treatment will be at request of the patient only, with the exception of an unconscious casualty with life-threatening injuries. All injuries **must** be recorded in the incident log.

In the Event of a Fire -

The Emergency Services will be called. Staff will ensure everyone safely leaves the area affected and heads towards one of two safety points, one will be located in the event field, and one in the car park field. Whichever is decided as the safest to be gathered at will be communicated between staff, and guests will be guided towards these calmly and swiftly to lower risk of harm to them or to staff.

NOP - Normal Operating Procedure

As the exact timings and particularities to provide a complete schedule of the whole event would provide broad estimations which would not be helpful. However, I will preferably outline some of which is 'set in stone' and which is pertinent to the EAP and other queries you have mentioned.

Staff

Staff will be separated into 4 categories:

Us, the organisers: We oversee all operations ensuring safety and timely running of the event. It is our responsibility to ensure the refusal book and incident book are filled in.

Stewards: Our non-SIA trained stewards will help us, and the trained stewards, in these general operations. There will be given training prior to the event to help them safely carry out their role.

SIA-Stewards: These will be hired from a private firm. They will be situated at the entrance, around the perimeter, and helping traffic management in busy periods.

Catering Staff: These will be external staff. They will be responsible for their area of expertise. The bar staff will be trained, experience bar staff and will ensure the alcohol supply is secure.

All staff must be able to be communicated with at all times, preferably by a radio device, failing this by a mobile telephone. This is to ensure that we can quickly put into effect an EAP, if required.

Traffic Management

There will always be stewards on entrance and exit to the car parking field. Upon times where congestion is likely, both SIA-trained stewards and others will monitor Undersnore Ln, and the top of the B3054, making sure traffic is moving safely. Most people will be local but they will make sure people know where they are going and further to this there will be clear signage. We will also make ticket-holders aware of safe ways to travel prior to the event.

Alcohol

Alcohol can only be served by the trained bar staff hired to run the event. They will ID at the bar upon purchase.

Entry

One ticket permits valid entry for one person, valid ID must be shown or entry will be refused.

Risk Assessment

Prior to the event, at the start of each day, and once throughout each day. A safety check and risk assessment will be carried out by one of the organisers, witnessed by another member of staff. These will include checking potential dangers such as: obstructed pathways, exposed electric or gas lines, traffic management ect. This checklist will be finished upon further detailing of plans.

What we expect from our guests

We reserve the right to remove those who do not uphold proper conduct and run contrary to the ethos of our event. We expect our guests to be polite, friendly and well-mannered to staff and each-other. We expect guests to be responsible and safe. We expect our guests to have planned safe travel to and from the festival. We expect our guests to limit their alcohol consumption. And, we expect our guests to have fun!

Parcel details

H GOODALL AND SON LTD

Parcel ID: SZ3296 5569

This is a summary of the land parcel information Rural Payments currently holds for this land.

Summary	
BPS eligible area (ha)	5.21
Total area (ha)	5.21



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If you have any questions, please call **Piers Eveleigh** on + [REDACTED], or failing that myself on [REDACTED]. We will do our best to make ourselves available but please be sympathetic to the fact we all work busy day jobs. Of course we are prioritising this to the best of our abilities and will work to ensure our correspondence with you is as efficient as possible.

Christopher Haynes (Company Secretary)
On the behalf of **Jaq Rashleigh** (Company Director)