

Licensing Team
Tewkesbury Borough Council
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08th June 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Witcombe Cider Festival

The Brockworth Parish Full Council meeting was held on Wednesday 6th June 2018 and agenda item 38/FC 2 under Planning and Licensing Matters was discussed as detailed below: -

38/FC 2 -To reconsider the licensing application number 18/00412/LIQPRM for the Witcombe Cider Festival 2018 as per standing order 7 (a).

The Full Council had read a copy of the Risk Assessment for the event which was presented by the organisers after the Councils Extraordinary meeting held 23rd May 2018 and heard representation from Gloucestershire Constabulary. After reading and discussing its content and listening to Police concerns The Council would now like to "WITHDRAW THEIR PREVIOUS OBJECTION 24TH MAY 2018 and now "FORMALLY OBJECT TO THE APPLICATION" for the following reasons: -

1. Inadequate lighting on an unlit narrow B Road without pavements presenting a High risk of injury to pedestrian's attending event.
2. The time to clear people from event each night is anticipated to take an exceptional long time; the numbers attending projected at 9,999 will also generate more than anticipated noise levels from vehicles and people into the very early hours of the morning. This could be amplified by potential anti-social behaviour as result of intoxication.
3. The Cider Festivals Noise Monitoring Document presented for this application is dated **10/08/2017** and relates to the event held **25th-28th August 2017**.
4. Disorderly behaviour through intoxication may not be contained due to the lack of SIA approved Security staff. It will require approximately 134 SIA trained security personal to police event with ratio of 1:75 and this does not take into account breaks for these personnel, the car park area and the promised mobile patrols along the B road and in Brockworth. The Risk Assessment for event clearly states 30 SIA personnel up to 8pm each day and 40 SIA personnel after 8pm which is well below the required amount to safely police the event. Further concerns around the number of planned searches of attendees; organisers stated at meeting on 23rd May 2018 that they would search everyone but Risk Assessment states 1:20. Will there also be appropriate numbers of female staff to conduct searches.
5. There is concern that people attending the event by vehicles will not pay the £10 car parking charge and decide to park on the B road (which has no parking restrictions) or in Brockworth Village instead. This will restrict access for the planned buses service for the event, emergency service vehicles, disruption to other road users, increase risk to pedestrians, increase noise levels and cause traffic related gridlock in and around the area.
6. The Events Safeguarding Policy states "Due to the time frame in getting people DBS checked, the procedure will ensure that no one is left alone with a child or vulnerable

adult at any time” therefore Safeguarding Officers for the event may not be Basic or Enhanced DBS checked. If this is the case it is therefore deemed an unsafe practice and may put Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults at risk. Stating that the “no one is left alone” will not reduce the risk. It is also noted that the Safeguarding team for event consist of the organisers family members, this has the potential to increase the risk to Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults. What training have the proposed Safeguarding Team received and to what level?

7. In the Event Operating Schedule, Simms Security (company number 07792477) is being used for the event, the company appears on Companies House register with Darren Simms as Director with a Cheltenham based address however this company was **Disolved following liquidation on 26th Oct 2017.**

Yours faithfully

Mariska Smook
Parish Clerk