

DECISION NOTICE - LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB-COMMITTEE

APPLICATION OF THE PREMISES LICENCE – NENE VALLEY ROCK FESTIVAL, HORSE MEADOW & LYNCH FARM, NENE PARK, PETERBOROUGH

7 JULY 2023

This Decision Notice refers to the application of the premises licence Nene Valley Rock Festival, Horse Meadow & Lynch Farm, Nene Park, Peterborough.

There have been 70 representations against the application.

The Sub-Committee considered the representations made at the hearing and in writing in support of the application by:

- Andrew Little, Nene Valley Rock Festival (NVRF) Ltd
- Tony Castle, NVRF Ltd
- Stephanie Peachey, Nene Park Trust

The Sub-Committee also heard from the following objectors at the hearing:

- Cllr Day, Ward Councillor
- Dawn Sadler, Resident
- Bob Bailey, Resident
- Steve Swan, Resident
- Sue Cox, Resident

The applicant applied for the following licensable activities:

- Sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises
- Monday to Sunday - 1100hrs to 2300hrs
- Provision of films, Live and recorded music and dancing
- Monday to Sunday - 1100hrs to 2300hrs
- Provision of late-night refreshments
- Monday to Sunday - 2300hrs to 2330hrs
- The opening hours are to be 1030hrs to 2330hrs.

The festival was due to last four days and take place over the weekend of the 31st August to 3rd September 2023. It had been expected that there would be no more than 1,000 attendees on each day, with a number camping. The Sub-Committee noted the revised plan for the camping area.

The Sub-Committee had read the committee papers containing the Licensing officer's report; the application and operating schedule; and the representations against the application; and latterly, the additional information.

Representations referred to the following licensing objectives:

- Prevention of Crime and disorder

- Prevention of Public Nuisance
- Public Safety
- Protection of Children from Harm

The Sub-Committee noted that there were no representations from any responsible authorities; although the Environmental Pollution team had made representations, but these were successfully mediated away.

The concerns, that were relevant to one or more of the licensing objectives, raised were:

- Noise pollution effecting residents' use and enjoyment of their properties, before and after events
- Light pollution
- An increase in traffic both vehicular and pedestrian causing nuisance and pollution issues
- An increase in alcohol fuelled anti-social behaviour
- Frequency of events
- Waste and general littering
- Children having access to alcohol

The Sub-Committee disregarded matters that had not related to the licensing objectives in question, and those that fell outside of this Sub Committee's remit.

In the Sub-Committee's deliberations the had been referred to:

- Peterborough City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy
- The Government Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003
- Licensing Act 2003
- The amended conditions offered by the applicant

Where there were relevant representations made, the Sub-Committee could take one or more of the following steps to promote the licensing objectives:

- Grant the licence as submitted subject to the operating schedules and mandatory conditions
- Amend, alter or delete a condition in the operating schedule
- Reject a proposed licensable activity
- Refuse to grant the licence

The Sub-Committee therefore **GRANTED** the licence for the premises, known as Nene Valley Rock Festival, Horse Meadow & Lynch Farm, Nene Park, Peterborough, subject to the operating schedule, mandatory conditions, and additional conditions.

There appeared to be sufficient steps in place to support and promote the four licensing objectives.

Any party in objection to the decision may appeal to the Peterborough Magistrates Court within 21 days of receiving this formal notice at:

Peterborough Court House, Bridge Street, Peterborough, PE1 1ED. Tel No. 01223 376000.
There is a fee to pay.

Councillor Wiggin

Sub-Committee Chairman