

Burton on Trent,  
Staffs.

DE13 9TQ.

11<sup>th</sup>. July 2020

The Licensing Team,

East Staffordshire Borough Council.

Re Licence application by Postern Leisure Ltd., National Forest Adventure Farm, Postern Road, Burton on Trent for Live music, Recorded music and the Supply of Alcohol.

Whilst I hope to see local businesses prosper, and have no objection to the sale of alcohol at the above venue, I am however deeply concerned about the application for live and recorded music, especially if the music is intended to be performed or broadcast out of doors, as it would be extremely inappropriate in a sensitive semi-rural location.

As you may be aware, the venue stages an annual "Screamfest" every October, and my windows need to remain closed in order to sleep, but being very much of a "live and let live" persuasion, I raise no objection. However, music broadcast from 10.00a.m. until midnight every day of the week, every month of the year, would be utterly anti-social, and an intolerable intrusion into the everyday lives of their neighbours.

The Adventure Farm originally began as a working farm open to the public and later became well known for its "Maize Maze" to which I enjoyed taking my grandchildren. The Screamfest was just within acceptable limits, but this latest application well and truly oversteps the mark.

What next; music festivals? After all, there are acres of suitable land...

Yours faithfully,



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16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

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Direct Line 01283 508310  
Reply to Mrs Helen FARMAN-McKENNA  
Our ref: HWF/Nat

Dear Sir / Madam

**LICENSING ACT 2003  
APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE – NATIONAL FOREST  
ADVENTURE FARM, POSTERN ROAD, TATENHILL, BURTON UPON TRENT,  
DE13 9SJ**

I acknowledge receipt of your Representation received by post on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020 but dated 11<sup>th</sup> July 2020 concerning the Application for a new Premises Licence for the above.

To enable me to accept this objection, please find attached the relevant Representation Form and Guidance Notes. The form will need to be filled in accordingly along with any supporting documents (i.e. your letter) and sent back to me before the end of the Consultation period of 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020. If this is not received in time, unfortunately the representation will be invalid.

For ease, please see below link to our website as well:

<http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/licence-and-permits/alcohol-licences/premises-licence>

Please note it will be quicker to email me the documentation due to COVID-19 and the current postal situation.

Should you have any queries or if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours faithfully

Helen Farman-McKenna  
Licensing Officer

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Further to my previous letter to you dated 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020 whereby this was asking for further information, I note to date I have not received any further correspondence concerning the Application for a new Premises Licence for the above.

I can confirm we have accepted your letter as a valid representation under the Licensing Act 2003 albeit our relevant Representation Form is awaited.

In relation to your letter, I am able to confirm the following has been applied for:

- Live Music – Monday to Sunday 1000 to 2345hrs – both indoors and outdoors
- Recorded Music – Monday to Sunday 1000 to 2345hrs – both indoors and outdoors
- Anything of a similar description to that falling within Live Music, Recorded Music and Performances of Dance – Monday to Sunday 1000 to 2345hrs – both indoors and outdoors
- Supply of alcohol – Monday to Sunday 1000 to 2330hrs – both off and on sales
- Hours Premises are open to the public – Monday to Sunday 1000 to 0000hrs

When representations are made and accepted the Application is referred to the Licensing Sub Committee for a decision to be made. Usually, you would be required to attend the Hearing to discuss your representation but due to the current situation regarding Coronavirus, we are currently carrying out Remote Hearings using Zoom.

A copy of your representation has been sent to the Applicant for their information.

Should you wish to withdraw your Representations at all before the Hearing them please do so in writing.

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24<sup>th</sup>. July 2020.

The Licensing Team,  
East Staffordshire Borough Council.  
Your ref: HWF/Nat

Dear Mrs Farman-McKenna

Thank you for your second letter dated 21<sup>st</sup>. July 2020 regarding the Application for a New Premises Licence for the National Forest Adventure Farm, Tatenhill, and for further information contained therein.

Also, my thanks for accepting my original letter as a valid representation, and for the representation form subsequently received.

However, we appear to be at cross purposes, as my letter was in response to a public notice in the Burton Mail, stating "Any representations must be made in writing by 29<sup>th</sup>. July 2020" (not 21<sup>st</sup>. July as stated in your letter).

Having thoroughly re-read this notice, whilst it clearly states that any representations must be made in writing - which I have done - it does not state that anyone making a representation "will be expected to attend a meeting of the Licensing Sub Committee and any subsequent appeal proceeding". I have no wish to attend, either in person or by "Zoom", confident my letter will speak for me and make my objections clear.

Yours faithfully,

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29<sup>th</sup> July 2020

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Thank you for your letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020, that I received on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

I note that there was an error in my previous letter and can confirm that the last date for representations to this Application is the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020, and not the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020. Please accept my apologies for the confusion.

In respect of the Blue Notice and Advertisement, which was in the Burton Mail, regarding representations this is the standard Notice that has to be displayed under the Licensing Act 2003, whereby anyone wishing to make an objection can do so. It does say in writing but representations can be accepted via email especially due to the current issues with COVID-19 and the delay in receiving post.

Once someone makes a valid representation to an Application this instigates the Hearing process whereby the Application cannot be Granted as applied for and has to be determined by the Council's Licensing Sub Committee. The Objector is invited to attend the Licensing Sub Committee to put their representations forward and answer any questions the Committee might have. All this information is accessible via our webpage on our website or under the Licensing Act Legislation.

If you are wishing to withdraw your representations to this Application then the Licence will be granted on the terms that the Applicant has applied for as no other representations have been received.

Therefore, can you please confirm, as soon as possible, whether or not you wish to withdraw your representation?

Should you have any queries or if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours sincerely

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