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LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HEARING

Members' Record of Determination

**Little Linford Lane, Newport Pagnell
Temporary Event Notice Notification
3 May 2017**

Constitution of the Sub-Committee: Councillors Miles and Wallis
Chair Councillor Morris

Others Present:

Legal Advisor: Lee Gardner
Committee Manager: Jane Crighton

Licensing Officers: Simon Teesdale Licensing Team Leader
Ed Fisher Senior Practitioner
Matthew Barnes Senior Practitioner

Applicant/Licence Holder Mr Andy Black Applicant
Ashley Kellett
/Licence Holder's Representative Ryan Coley RC Sound Services
Unrepresented.


Also Present:

Documentation: Report of Licensing Officer and documentation

Apologies:

Disclosures of interest: None

Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the Chair read an opening statement which constituted the strict procedure to be followed at the hearing, the process for all parties giving evidence and the rights of persons attending the hearing.

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The Sub-Committee considered a Temporary Event Notice notification for Little Linford Lane, Newport Pagnell, covering Saturday 1 July to Sunday 2 July 2017 between midday and 2.00 am. The notification was for the following

- (a) the supply of alcohol;
- (b) the provision of regulated entertainment; and
- (c) late night refreshments.

The premises was a field and the applicant had held events in this location for the past five years. The event was a private function and was by invite only.


At last year's event, complaints had been received regarding noise disturbance specifically from residents of Redhouse Park. The Senior Practitioner, the officer on duty for the Out of Hours service, had visited the event and had spoken to a gentleman who had confirmed that Thames Valley Police had visited the site earlier and music volumes had been reduced but if any further complaints were lodged for the officer to call him and the volume would then be further reduced.

The officer, following complaints from residents of Haversham and Newport Pagnell, had visited these areas and confirmed that the event was not causing a public nuisance.

However, in the early hours of Sunday 28 August 2016, he had responded to a complaint received from a resident in Redhouse Park. He confirmed he had heard a faint 'rave type' noise from the direction of the event. He then visited the site again and was assured that the noise levels would be reduced further.

Where a Temporary Event Notice notification was submitted, Thames Valley Police and / or Environmental Health were the only bodies permitted to object. In the case of this notification, Environmental Health had objected on the grounds of public nuisance. Thames Valley Police had not objected but had wished for noise restrictions to be put in place.

In addition to the documents contained in the Sub-Committee report, the applicant had submitted additional information, the content of which included the following:

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- (a) to monitor noise levels produced at source and to ensure these levels were not exceeded, taking into consideration ambient noise levels during the event;
- (b) to pay particular attention to Redhouse Park when monitoring off-site levels;
- (c) to position the marquee away from the area of Redhouse Park;
- (d) to position the speakers inside the marquee inwards towards the M1 motorway;
- (e) to intend to reduce the noise levels on-site at 10.00 pm to account for the reduction in ambient noise levels and again at midnight to a very low subtle on-site level until 2.00 am; and
- (f) the PA company, RC Sound Systems, had been fully briefed on the requirements and expectations and would ensure noise levels were adhered to. This would be achieved by regular on-site and off-site monitoring and liaising between the sound engineer and party organisers.

In addition to the above, the applicant confirmed that, if noise complaints were received, he would provide direct telephone numbers for complainants and, if necessary, would provide silent DJ headphones for partygoers.


Findings

The representation against the application related to noise nuisance but the applicant had provided detailed measures for the management of amplified noise.

Decision

That, on the basis of the assurances received and noted below by the Sub-Committee, it was resolved that a Counter Notice should not be issued for the Temporary Event Notice notification:

1. That the event was for invitees only.
2. That the sound system and marquee set up be positioned away from Redhouse Park.
3. That direct telephone numbers be provided if complaints arose.
4. That, if complaints were received, the applicant cease the use of music or instigate a 'silent' disco.

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