

Notes from the meeting of
Working Group – Worcester Park Concerts
Date -8th March 2023

Members present: - Cllrs J Pearce, J Hammond, H Turner, S Hewlett
Officer: -Clerk Fiona Thornton.

The working group collated and considered information sent to them from parishioners and on the licensing application consultation C/23/00255/PRMA.

In line with the objectives of the Licensing Act 2003, which are: -

- (a) the prevention of crime and disorder.
- (b) public safety.
- (c) the prevention of public nuisance; and
- (d) the protection of children from harm.

And the District Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2021/25, Parish Council would comment as follows: -

1. The overall license: -
 - is not detailed enough. It needs to be specific.
 - There should be a submission of a detailed traffic management, noise management, site security and environmental reports. Along with an overall event management plan. Until these documents are submitted, comments can only be made in relation to the information provided it would not be appropriate for Cotswold District Council to determine and approve this application.

2. Section 5 - Operating Schedule comments: -
 - Start date of license is 1 June 2023 with no end date. However, the letter issued to villages from Badminton Estate quotes timescales of 23 June 2023 to 20 July 2023. These should be the appropriate dates to be considered.
 - The start day is a Friday for the event and to supply of alcohol and allow public access, however only Saturday and Sunday events are planned. The contract Robomagic have with Badminton Estate is for the current period only, possibly only 2 but a maximum of 4 concerts. Any approval should therefore be for the current period and quoted timeline only.
 - The start time is 12noon for event and alcohol, 10am for public access. As the programme is not yet known, these access timings are too wide.
 - Car parking opening times are not specified but it is indicated, at a public meeting in Didmarton Village Hall, that it is likely to be 15.30hrs. If this is the case then why is there 10.100am for public access?
 - The end time is 23.00hrs for alcohol, 23.30hrs for concerts and 24.00hrs for public. The communications from Badminton Estate to the Parish indicates that the concert end time is 23.00hrs but with a possible extension to 23.30hrs as a 'contingency'. Therefore, the alcohol limit should be 22.30hrs.
 - As the car parking is listed on the license as an 'ancillary area' more detailed information should be provided – where will safe crossing of the A433 to the licensed area be? What public nuisance avoidance measures be taken by restricting parking and pedestrians to 100 metres away from nearby residential area? Who is in control of the ancillary area in terms of safety and security? Who will be the holder of 'temporary permitted development rights' in the ancillary area?

3. Section 7 – Films – this section should be removed from the application.

4. Section 8 – Indoor Sports - this section should be removed from the application.

5. Section 9 – Boxing/Wrestling - this section should be removed from the application.

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6. Section 10 – Live Music Friday to Sunday, indoors and outdoors. This should be outdoors only.
7. Section 11 – Recorded Music Friday to Sunday, indoors and outdoors. This should be outdoors only.
8. Section 17 – Hours Open to the Public. As per communications above relating to Section 5, the application is Friday to Sunday 10.00am to 24.00hrs. This should be Saturday and Sunday only and from 15.30pm as per the car park opening times and advised at the Village Meeting by Robomagic.

It is the Parish Councils opinion that careful consideration must be given by Cotswold District Council as to whether the application has sufficient detail to allow it to be determined and then enforced.

Summary: -

License comments to be submitted as per above. At this stage this is all that can be done.

If the license is subsequently granted, then all of the previously raised concerns/comments will be addressed with the event organisers.

Council would expect Robomagic and Badminton Estate to involve the Council in detailed discussions about the proposed Event Management Plan, and in particular the traffic management proposals, approval of which by Cotswold District Council should/will be a condition of agreeing the license.