

From: TJ

Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 11:52 AM

To: External Email for Licensing <Licensing@sstaffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Application for Premises Licence for Wolverhampton Halfpenny Green Airport

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I object to the application being granted for the following reasons;

1. The rural location of the airport, and inadequate public transport locally, will necessitate travel to and from the events by revellers to be by car or other private transport. This will undoubtedly create an increased danger to public safety on the narrow country lanes that surround the airport.
2. Serving alcohol, especially for extended periods of time in a rural location will increase the likelihood of revellers driving home under the influence of alcohol. This will undoubtedly create an increased danger to public safety, and an increase in the crime of drink-driving.
3. Local residents choose to live in Halfpenny Green and the surrounding areas because of the peace and quiet it offers, especially once flying ceases early in the evenings. The noise pollution from such events will travel far and affect the peace and tranquility of the area. Add to this the increased road traffic and the public nuisance would be considerable.

I would not have objected if the events planned were smaller in capacity of for example 200 attendees rather than up to 4,999, a limited number of events per year, and with a cut off time of 10pm. The application for a potentially limitless frequency of events, and for the extended hours and huge number of attendees is simply not acceptable and the license should not be granted in the interest of public safety, public nuisance and potential for crime and disorder.

Yours faithfully,

TJ

From: MP

Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 3:23 PM

To: External Email for Licensing <Licensing@sstaffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Representations against the premises license for Wolverhampton Halfpenny Green Airport

We are writing to express our objections against the granting of a license to Dangerous Sheep Events Ltd to operate from Wolverhampton Halfpenny Green Airport as set out in their application.

We have lived in this semi rural area for 30 years and our property borders the perimeter of the airfield. Firstly I would like to point out to the license committee that the way in which this application was advised, although probably within the law, was totally inappropriate as most of the local population I have spoken with know nothing about it. Hardly anyone walks around the lanes surrounding the airfield because of the lack of footpaths and speeding traffic. We think that properties that will be effected should have had the decency of being contacted by post.

We have nothing against the small events that have been had over the years at the airport and have attended several ourselves. But when events like the resurrection attempt at outdoor/carboot markets that are occasionally made, the local population lives are made miserable.

If you look at this company's website you will see that their past events and future ambitions suggest larger events are inevitable.

It is to this extent that our objections lie, because the scale of attendees, up to 4999, the hours of attendance, the range of events and the supply of refreshments to include food and alcohol will bring about this misery for locals. In theory we could have a Glastonbury type scenario going forward, every weekend of the year.

The lanes from the outlying conurbation are not even classified as b roads so the increased traffic from these events will cause problems for their capacity, their existing state of dereliction and add to rubbish already left by traffic passing through. People travelling to the local Highgate Nature Reserve will also suffer from these increases.

We note that the applicant has outlined submissions regarding noise, crowd control and nuisances but we all know that even with the best goodwill, it is inevitable this will be breached.

Due to the very nature of "public entertainment". In fact we have direct experience of this with the local wedding venue, when the parties spilling out onto the terraces on warm evenings with the sound of voices never mind the music traveling for a great distance, especially the lower bass notes of music.

Once it happens it's already too late and we fear that if you grant this license it will be almost impossible to rescind it, no matter the complaints.

Please consider carefully and reject this application.

Regards

MP

From: RB

Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 2:07 PM

To: External Email for Licensing <Licensing@sstaffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Dangerous sheep events Ltd

I am a resident at XXXXX Gospel Ash Road DY7 5EF, I would like to strongly object to Dangerous Sheep Events Ltd application request for a license to operate from Halfpenny Green Airport.

1/ I am very concerned about crime and disorder. Everyone at these events would have access to the rear of all the properties backing on to the airport. This is a major concern for potential crime with people being able to come onto all the properties and trespass for crime.

2/ This license will cause a public nuisance because of the loud music especially the times they will be able to play music and have live events late into the night with noise in the early hours of the morning.

3/ I feel public safety is a big issue as the amount of vehicles that would be driving to these events could be in excess of 2500 at any one time. The road network here would not sustain such an amount of vehicles and would cause chaos on the roads therefore I feel a safety issue.

> 4/ I do have worries and concerns about the safety of the local children coming to any harm.

> 5/ Parking is a big concern as I explained the roads here are not designed for so much traffic.

> 6/ This license if given will devalue my property as I have for 22 years enjoyed peace and quiet and anyone thinking of buying a house so close to events like this would look elsewhere. I hope you understand my concerns and not give Dangerous Sheep Events this license. Regards Roy Badger To John Chislet.

> I am a resident at School House Gospel Ash Road DY7 5EF. My garden

> backs on to Halfpenny Green Airport. I am very worried and concerned

> that Dangerous Sheep Events Ltd are applying for a license to hold

> events there. I like many of my neighbours have disturbances from the

> Blacklands already and many a night I been kept awake with fireworks

> and music. As I am 70 and live on my own I feel that Sheep Events will

> cause my life to be very disrupted and put a lot of stress on me. I

> have lived here since 2002 and expect only aircraft noise from the

> airport. I strongly object to this license and would be happy to

> discuss this further with you on 0XXXXXXXX. Kind regards RB

From: KH

Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 2:37 PM

To: External Email for Licensing <Licensing@sstaffs.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Representations Against a Licence Application - Wolverhampton Halfpenny Green Airport

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to the above application for licencing at Wolverhampton Halfpenny Green Airport by the Dangerous Sheep Events Ltd, I would ask you to note that I strongly object to this application.

Having looked at the application it would appear that when this was first indicated to local residents that this was a 'one off event'. However, it transpires that the licencing application is for 7 days a week and the hours that have been requested are totally unacceptable.

I have lived in the area since 1996 and it is a very rural area with plenty of open countryside. The Roads themselves would no way take any increase in traffic as they struggle with the amount of traffic on the roads as it stands.

I have always supported the local community on any events that have been put on, be it in the village or be it on the airport ie, the Bobbington Bash, but these are controlled and they are only a one off events.

If this licence was allowed then the activities of sale of alcohol, films, plays, live music and recorded music, all these activities would generate quite a considerable amount of noise and disturbance which would have an impact for residents living in the area. The residents who live down there at the moment have chosen to live in a rural area for a reason, if they wanted to live in an area where these proposed licencing applications are looked at then surely they would live in a less rural area ie, town or city.

I would therefore appreciate it if you would reject the application and I look forward to receiving your advices once the application has been rejected.

Yours faithfully

KH

From: TG

Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 11:42 PM

To: External Email for Licensing <Licensing@sstaffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Dangerous Sheep Events Ltd - Application for New Premises Licence

Importance: High

Dear Sirs

I wish to raise the following concerns in objection to this application.

1. Prevention of Public Nuisance.

Noise Concerns:

Our house lies directly adjacent to Wolverhampton Halfpenny Green Airport. Due to the topography of the land between proposed event site and our house, three of our bedrooms are roughly on the same level. This makes them more vulnerable to noise coming from activity taking place on the Airfield and therefore from the proposed events. This is further exasperated by the absence of any other buildings between the sites, and as the house name suggests the wind direction normally blows across from the airport to our house. Therefore noise will carry easily and unhindered to our house and specifically our bedrooms. We are very concerned about the noise levels created by; the music( probably amplified), ancillary equipment eg: generators, possibly anywhere from a few hundred to potentially few thousand additional cars(attending and leaving the site), and the noise from a people audience of up to 4999 fuelled by alcohol.

We are also very concerned with the requested operating hours as they cover the entire week and especially those proposed for the weekend which cover from Friday 9am until Sunday to 5pm. These operating hours, if granted, will give no rest bite and severely restrict our ability to enjoy our own property.

There is also an added concern as to the impact this proposal may have on the airport activities, which is likely to move the low flying aircraft, such as hovering helicopters, closer to the residential properties thereby creating even more noise and nuisance.

I believe it is important to say that my daughter suffers from a number of chronic health conditions(which we can provide evidence on a confidential basis if required). We are really concerned for her well-being, and expect the noise from the proposed events will lead to her experiencing difficulty sleeping and some level of sleep deprivation. This will have a serve detrimental impact on her health and well being. We are both retired people in our mid sixties and would also be subjected to sleep disturbance or deprivation.

Light pollution:

We also believe that it wouldn't be unreasonable to assume that events such as those outlined within the application would require some types of lighting arrangements, be it stage, strobe or artificial which again has the potential to disturb or disrupt sleep either directly by shinning in the direction of the house or indirectly by lighting the surrounding areas.

Fumes and or obnoxious smells.

It would also be reasonable to expect there to be a level of nuisance from fumes generated by equipment such as generator, and smells from food stations selling hot food at these events.

## 2: Prevention of crime and disorder

We also have concerns that there is the possibility of increased disorder by members of the audience who have been drinking alcohol, possible over a prolonged periods of time (especially at weekends) and becoming boisterous and rowdy.

There is an increased potential for cars on the roads in the surrounding area, being driven by members of the audience over the drink drive limits when departing the site in the late evening or early hours. This is a potential dangerous traffic problem for local residents and would be in addition to the other risks posed by the sheer numbers of vehicles carrying up to 4999 people on small country roads.

We are concerned, that large crowds gathering will bring with it the increased likelihood of illegal substances being prevalent, being easily sneaked into the venue especially via the boundary gated areas which can be easily breached.

## 3: Public Safety

Without any designated parking identified and the sheer numbers of cars based on attendance numbers there is a strong likelihood that some attendees will choose to park on the adjoining roads creating dangers for both other motorists and pedestrians walking to and from the venue, especially when there is potential for increase levels of drink driving.

Yours faithfully

AG

**From:** FS

**Sent:** Sunday, March 26, 2023 7:30 PM

**To:** External Email for Licensing <[Licensing@sstaffs.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@sstaffs.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Representations against a licence application

I am writing to make representations against the application for a licence at Wolverhampton Halfpenny Green Airport, made by Dangerous Sheep Events Ltd. This request is being made before the deadline of 17.4.23.

My representations are made primarily under the licensing objective of the prevention of public nuisance. Para 2.15 of the [Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003](#) states:

*“It is therefore important that in considering the promotion of this licensing objective, licensing authorities and responsible authorities focus on the effect of the licensable activities at the specific premises on persons living and working (including those carrying on business) in the area around the premises which may be disproportionate and unreasonable. The issues will mainly concern noise nuisance, light pollution, noxious smells and litter”*

I have lived at my current address for over 20 years which is opposite Halfpenny Green Airport. This is a rural area, surrounded by many fields and much open space. The surrounding roads are small and narrow country lanes.

I note that the request for a licence lists the requested licensable activities as the sale of alcohol, films, plays, live music and recorded music. All of these activities will generate noise, as will the associated noise from people attending such events and traffic etc. As stated, much of the area around the airport is flat and open, which means that sound travels very quickly and very far. I have often heard music and indeed individual people speaking and laughing from the Blakelands hotel (the far side of the airport), although this noise has never caused any problem for me, as it is always of short duration and not late into the night. However, the proposed licensing request for the above activities covers every Monday-Thursday between 9.00am and 11.30pm, and then essentially a continuous period from Friday 9.00am right through until Sunday 5pm. This would potentially mean that there could be noise from the airport for almost all of the time, save for a few night time hours on 5 nights a week.

As the proposed activities all involve substantial amounts of noise, I feel that to grant such a licence on those terms would be both disproportionate and unreasonable, as per para 2.15 of the guidance. As stated, this is a rural area where sound travels quickly and the open nature of the surroundings means there is little to no infrastructure which could ‘break up’ the sound to lessen its impact. Noise of that type would cause a severe disturbance to people living around the airport, and indeed even further away, given how easily the sound would travel. I ask that the licensing committee consider para 2.19 of the guidance which states:

*“Where applications have given rise to representations, any appropriate conditions should normally focus on the most sensitive periods. For example, the most sensitive period for people being disturbed by unreasonably loud music is at night and into the early morning when residents in adjacent properties may be attempting to go to sleep or are sleeping. This is why there is still a need for a licence for performances of live music between 11 pm and 8 am. In certain circumstances, conditions relating to noise emanating from the premises may also be appropriate to address any disturbance anticipated as customers enter and leave”*

I point out here that I am very much in support of community events at the airport, and have myself attended many such events, e.g. jubilee celebrations, small concerts in the hangar, etc. My son is a member of the Halfpenny Green Air Scouts which is based on the airport and they also have frequent social events, BBQ's etc which we have been very involved in. The promotion of community events at the airport is something I am very much in favour of, and I would not object to the granting of individual licences for one-off events which ended at 11pm. It is the continuous and late night terms of this application which I feel are disproportionate and unreasonable, and which could constitute a public nuisance. I am therefore requesting that the application, in it's current form, be rejected.

I note also that para 8.81 of the guidance states *“As prescribed in regulations, licensing authorities must also place a notice on their website outlining key details of the application as set out in regulations...”* As of today (26th March) I have been unable to find such a notice on [the council's website](#) - it does not appear to list any outstanding applications? Perhaps that could be rectified so that more people are aware of the application.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

FS