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Subject: RE: Grant of a new premises licence for Edward Marsh Centre playing fields DY7 6ET

Please find below comments from Kinver Parish Council

Recommend Refusal for this application on the grounds detailed below:-

Prevention of crime and disorder

The licence, if approved, allows for events to be held every Saturday and Sunday going forwards.

Events of the scale advertised will result in a large number of people attending an event in a parish with very limited police resources and parking.

Concerns over the financial viability of the company that is organising the event and adequate insurance liability.

Lack of enough public transport provision on Saturdays and no busses at all run to or from Kinver on a Sunday so it would be reasonable to assume there would be issues of potential drink driving which again would put increased pressure on Kinver's very stretched Police service.

Public safety

There is no parking for significant numbers of visitors to use for events of this nature. The Edward Marsh Centre has a relatively small public car park, accessed up a single-track driveway, and which shares it's use with visitors to the Bowling Club, Children's play area, Model Engineers Club, and general visitors to the village. We expect events of this scale will cause those attending these events to park in the narrow side streets around the Parish, this would cause serious issues for emergency vehicles getting around the Parish and to people that need them.

The driveway to the event is a single track in places (Legion Drive) with a footpath and unfenced body of water at the side (The Sterrymere). The driveway is also the only access to the residential dwellings in Sterrymere Gardens.

Although the car park is not part of the licence application, people attending the venue and those accessing the other facilities would have still want to drive down the driveway to gain access. This could have serious implications for public safety for those walking down to the facilities with vehicles driving past.

Emergency vehicle access would be very restricted to this area impacting on the safety not just of attendees of the event, but also the play area, skate park, and other nearby facilities.

The access to the site is along an unadopted driveway with an unfenced body of water to one side (The Sterrymere) and the unfenced, often fast flowing, River Stour to the other. Inebriated people leaving the site along an unadopted track, with no street lighting could pose a significant danger to themselves.

Prevention of public nuisance

This licence application is for every weekend in perpetuity consequently, the noise nuisance would be unbearable for surrounding residential areas.

Protection of children from harm.

The close proximity to the children's facilities in this area, skate park, bike track, PROW, children's park which have to use the driveway of Legion to access the facilities. There is also the Bowling Club and Model Engineers that need access along this road.

The parish council owns the children's play area, and this is the only play area in the parish. The parish council will face the dilemma of either closing the play area every weekend and denying local children of their only recreation area or trying to manage the safeguarding consequences of significant numbers of event goers being in direct proximity to the young children.

In addition there appears to be little support for this event from the community who have had this thrust upon them at very short notice, the site is positioned in such a way that any noise would resonate around the village from Dunsley to Enville, acting as it does as an Roman amphitheatre putting an unacceptable burden on the people who live here.