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Licensing Team

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OUR REF: 16/03835/PNCNLI

DATE: 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016

**Licensing Act 2003 – New Application.**  
**Application Ref: 081723**  
**Prevention of Public Nuisance.**  
**Drewsfest, St Andrewes Football Club**

I wish to make a representation in connection with this application as I consider this proposal will be detrimental to the licensing objective of preventing public nuisance.

This application is for a new premises licence for Drewsfest, an outdoor music festival to raise money for a local charity, the event is planned to take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016 between 13.00 - 23.00 hours.

I believe the music played at the proposed event will cause a nuisance to the nearby residents. The nearest residential property is across the river and approximately 50m away, The football club is also in a raised position relative the houses which results in very little in the way of volume drop off. This problem is intensified as the area is very quiet with some of the lowest background noise levels in the city, with the normal dominant noise coming from bird song/people noise.

This would mean that if the event goes ahead, either the local residents have to put up with loud music throughout the event or that the music played with be so low on site that event would struggle to be viable.

The effect on the local residents is evident as multiple complaints about music were received from both of the similar outdoor events held at the club in 2015.

Another major concern I also have about this proposed event is the noise from people coming and going.

The site has one entrance which is over a small humped back bridge which means that at some point after 23.00 hours there could be over a thousand people all leaving via this bridge which directly passes a number of residential properties.

Even a small group of people talking laughing etc at this time so close to houses could cause a nuisance, with a group of this size is almost impossible not to cause a nuisance.

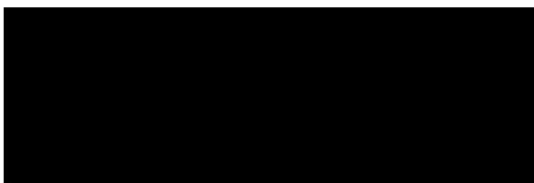


I am also concerned about the event management at the club as although the 2015 Drewsfest did finish on time, the charity event in November 2015 was allowed to run until about 01.00 hours when it should have finished at 23.00 hours.

Drewsfest 2015 was on a much smaller scale and we still received a number of complaints from the local residents. This year's event is planned to be two to three times as big, and as such even more likely to cause a nuisance.

I do not believe that an event of this size and type at this location can be suitably conditioned to prevent a public nuisance, therefore I have no option but to recommended refusal of this application as it stands.

Kind regards



Chris White  
POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER  
NOISE CONTROL TEAM

**Amy Day**

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**From:** Cllr Adam Clarke  
**Sent:** 15 April 2016 08:54  
**To:** Amy Day; Licensing  
**Subject:** Re: Message from Terry Mason

Dear Amy

If this event is to go ahead, satisfactory conditions will need to be identified, primarily relating to the prevention of public nuisance (noise and parking).

I am currently actively working with the applicant and the community to explore whether there are any conditions that would satisfy those with genuine concerns.

Please provide me with papers and the hearing date once confirmed.

Many thanks

Cllr Adam Clarke  
Assistant City Mayor - Energy & Sustainability Labour Councillor for Aylestone

**Amy Day**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 17 April 2016 14:16  
**To:** Amy Day  
**Subject:** Festival application on 4.6.16

Hi

I have been passed your details by councilor adam. We are due to get married on the above date at St Andrews church along with another couple whom I have never met. I am absolutely gutted and disappointed today to find out about the application for the festival on the same day. Not only is parking a huge issue in this case but music and noise is a huge issue. This will be picked up by our video grapher regardless of what excuses are made. I'm all for charity and fundraising. I have 3 children myself and wholely support the charity however there are other days this could be done. One of which isn't my wedding day that we have spend 3 years planning and saving for. We have paid £850 to marry at St Andrews and I don't appreciate loud music and parking worries on the day. There will be 33 children at my service on the day and I don't think nor feel very safe having a music festival on the same Street. I will be attending the meeting on Thursday to express my concerned and views. I'm not saying no I'm saying change the day. I have 150 guests coming to me ceremony plus there's the wedding before mine. I now feel like this has ruined my day and caused me nothing but stress. I'm livid.

**Amy Day**

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**From:** Cllr Adam Clarke  
**Sent:** 18 April 2016 10:19  
**To:** Licensing; Amy Day  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Drewsfest - St Andrews FC, Canal Street, Aylestone.

Please see below which St Andrews Church has asked me to pass on formally as an objection.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 April 2016 17:39  
**To:** Cllr Adam Clarke  
**Cc:** rowena bass  
**Subject:** Event on 4th June at St. Andrew's football club

Hi Adam,  
I'm writing to you with my church hat on because I'm the weddings co-ordinator for St. Andrew's.

██████████ has contacted me about the above event and copied me into correspondence you and she have had. As you know, ██████████ is getting married at 1.30 p.m. that afternoon and we also have a second wedding at 3 p.m.

██████████ is understandably worried about both noise and car parking.

Regarding car parking, we will ensure our car park is only used by people using the hall or the church and will police it during the day.

This will not fully solve the problem however, partly because we have an event on in the hall as well. The car park is quite small and normally we expect wedding guests to park in surrounding streets if we run out of car parking space and this is not usually a problem. Because some of the streets will be coned off, or already parked to capacity because the event starts in the morning, then parking is likely to present major problems.

One or two things spring to my mind and I wondered what your views are and whether you think either/both options could be viable.

1. Could wedding guests (only) use Aylestone Hall gardens car park?
2. If some streets are to be coned off, could an area be coned off until just before the wedding and we could police it and let wedding guests know it was available as normal on street parking? Maybe Old Church St. would be one possibility.

Regarding noise nuisance, I've had a chat with Rev. Rowena and we both agree that it's unreasonable to try to deny an organisation a once a year charity bash such as this. Having said that, we do have lots of weddings in the summer, and had we known about this event well enough in advance we would have warned prospective couples about the possible disruption. We are concerned that it will have a detrimental future effect because if couples have a bad experience they tell other people about it, and before long the word gets out that St. Andrew's is unsuitable for weddings. I shall try to attend the meeting on Thursday on behalf of the church (subject to being finished with a hospital appointment earlier). We were wondering whether there was any chance of the organisers trying to work the programme round 1.30p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

and then 3 - 4p.m. by programming in breaks, having quieter bands on during these times and turning the sound down. Would this be something you could support? Do you have any other suggestions?

I shall be asking organisers if in future they can plan these events at least 18 months in advance and let us have dates because we can then advise prospective wedding couples of the situation. As it is, these couples have planned their big day with all the major financial, organisational and emotional implications and they fear it will be marred by an event which seems totally out of their control or the church's.

Best wishes,

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**Amy Day**

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**From:** Cllr Adam Clarke  
**Sent:** 28 April 2016 11:16  
**To:** Amy Day  
**Subject:** FW: St Andrews FC Application for Muic Licence 4th June 2016

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 April 2016 12:28  
**To:** Cllr Adam Clarke  
**Subject:** Re: St Andrews FC Application for Muic Licence 4th June 2016

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2016 12:21 PM  
**To:** [lic](#)  
**Subject:** St Andrews FC Application for Muic Licence 4th June 2016

Dear sirs with regard to the above application I strongly object to this as the the noise will be horrendous.

Based on the previous functions they have had we have closed all windows and doors but we still cannot stop the noise being heard

in our home to a very loud level. We have had to turn up the volume on our t.v and even when we have gone to bed the noise has been so loud we could not get to sleep.

We appreciate that it is being done for a good cause but the local residents should not have to suffer noise at this level.

In the passed we have rang the club to ask if they could turn down the sound but the nothing ever happened in fact the last time

I was told .....no this is for a charity..... and the phone then went dead.

My details are [REDACTED]

thank you

**Amy Day**

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**From:** Cllr Adam Clarke  
**Sent:** 22 April 2016 10:54  
**To:** Amy Day  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: St Andrews

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 22 April 2016 at 10:48:29 BST  
**To:** Adam Clarke <[Adam.Clarke@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:Adam.Clarke@leicester.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** St Andrews

Dear Adam

As I have still not been able to access the public register I would be grateful if you could forward to the relevant department, my objections to the application to hold a "Drewfest" event at St Andrews football ground on 4 June 2016.

I object to the granting of the license on the following grounds:

1. St Andrews ground is not a suitable venue for an open air live music event. It is situated in the heart of the village next to the church and residential houses. It is part of Aylestone meadows nature reserve and next to the canal towpath - popular walking areas for city dwellers to enjoy nature and tranquility. The area is a city gem and is widely valued as providing peaceful surroundings in contrast to busy city life. Holding such an event may give publicity to the club but I would argue is not the sort of publicity that will enhance the image of Aylestone village as conservation village.

St Andrews do regularly host disco, live music and fun day events at the club house during the playing season. I assume these do not need a license and we therefore get no prior warning. The noise from these has been horrendous making my garden unusable and sleep impossible. This event may be promoted as being an annual event but it needs to be considered within the context of all the other social events that the club runs during the season.

2. I have lived directly opposite the club for over 30 years and can testify to the unacceptable levels of noise from the bands, disco music etc. that the event last year caused. It was impossible to be out in my own garden and even indoors with windows and doors shut it was impossible to cut out the noise and throb of the base sound.



The City Council Noise Team have in the past noted my complaints (and the complaints of others) about loud music at the club. They were not able to help because they had no prior notice and they do not provide a 24 hour service. Approaches directly to the club management have also failed to get music turned down.

Regards



Sent from my iPad