



Leicestershire Police

Licensing Act 2003 – Representation in respect of New Premises Application

Details of person or body making representation	
Your Name:	Paul Hardwick
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Details of premises representation is about	
Name of Premises:	Y2k Entertainment Music and Arts Ltd (ABBEY PARK – AFRICA MUSIC FESTIVAL)
Address of premises:	Abbey Park Abbey Park Road Leicester LE4 5AQ
Application No. (if known)	

Please tick one or more of the licensing objectives that your representation relates to:	
Prevention of crime and disorder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Public Safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prevention of public nuisance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Protection of children from harm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Please summarise your concerns about this application:
<p>I write in my capacity as a licensing officer for the Leicestershire Police on the authority delegated to me by the Chief Constable.</p> <p>My representation to this new grant application is based upon the licensing objectives as per the Licensing Act 2003.</p> <p>The application in its current format if granted would undermine all four licensing objectives.</p>

The event will be run by Y2k Entertainment Music and Arts Ltd at **Abbey Park** on **Saturday 24th August 2024 between 10.30hrs-22.30hrs**. It is a one-day commercial music festival for up to 9999 people in which live and recorded music will be provided until 22.30hrs and the supply of alcohol ceasing at 22.00hrs.

It is worth noting that the event operating times requested on the Leicester City Council booking form to use Abbey Park differs to the above.

Location

Abbey Park is situated just on the outskirts of the city centre and is only a short distance from the city centre. It is hemmed in by Abbey Park Road, St Margaret's Way (A6) and The River Soar.

There are numerous entry and exit points to the location including various bridges across the river.

The park itself (where the proposed event will be) is surrounded by the remaining grounds of the public park including various football and hockey pitches which again are used daily by members of the public.

Also, very close to the proposed site are numerous ponds (which are hazardous due to the deep silt that has built up in them over the years), and a river (which runs along the edge of the licensed area).

Within close proximity to the venue are residential dwelling houses on both St Margaret's Way and Abbey Park Road, there are also various businesses and commercial units that surround the park.

Licensing Objectives.

With the complexities of running a large event at Abbey Park the police object to this application as they feel that **insufficient details have been provided to explain how each of the licensing objectives will be achieved.**

The applicant hasn't been in contact to discuss this application with the Police despite holding a like event on Nelson Mandela Park in August 2023.

A previous festival operated by Y2k at Nelson Mandela Park last year (2023) resulted in serious shortfalls being exposed, especially in relation to the number of security provision. The event did experience incidents of crime and disorder, public nuisance and public safety. To run the event safely and successfully this year a number of changes would be required.

This application doesn't address some of the concerns raised by the responsible authorities in the post event debrief meetings last year.

The details in each of the licencing objective section is vague and lacks the required detail to assess the suitability of the applicant to run a safe event and promote and uphold the licencing objectives.

Y2k have submitted another application to run a smaller event at a local community centre and have used identical words and phrases in both applications.

Leicestershire police accept that a large event will provide an economic benefit to the city; however, the police believe that this application fails to promote the four licencing objectives.

Therefore, Leicestershire Police respectfully requests that the application is refused.

**Paul Hardwick
Deputy Licensing Manager
Leicestershire Police**

26th February 2024