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Police Representations: Premises License – Mutiny in the Park 19th July 2014

Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police to formally lodge a representation with regards to proposed premises license that has been applied for reference the event known as 'Mutiny in the Park', due to take place on the 19th of July 2014 in Victoria Park Portsmouth. This representation focuses on The Prevention of crime and Disorder and the protection of Children from Harm.

Mutiny in the Park has applied for a premises license on two days on the 19th and 20th of July 2014. The organisers are promoting this and selling tickets for this to be a one day event on the 19th of July, and all of their planning and management plans focus on this date. It is promoted as dance festival and to quote their publicity is an "outdoor dance event". It has already signed up a number of artists and is backed by MTV. It is a major concern to the Chief Officer of Police that this application has come in so very late. An event of this size (the organisers forecast no fewer than 3000 customers) will have a significant impact on the city centre on a Saturday afternoon in July.

Whilst we have made considerable progress towards agreeing conditions for the premises license the Chief Officer of Police is not able to agree conditions to a level at this stage where no representation would be necessary. Had the planning and consultation in relation to this event started earlier it is possible that there would have been no such representations.



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The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

As you will see from Annexe A the Chief officer of Police has provisionally agreed a number of conditions with the organisers. The conditions involving numbers of persons on security duties and medical duties are yet to be agreed as per the annexe. Despite the conditions it would be remiss of the Chief Officer of Police not to highlight that a dance festival such as this will have the potential to raise the levels of crime and disorder in the immediate vicinity of the venue.

The organisers of this event have themselves highlighted the dangers of drug use for example at a festival such as this. The organisers will be putting in place extensive searches and other preventative measures to try and combat drug use, however given the size of the event this will not be straight forward. Victoria Park is also an area where there will be several quieter corners, and as such tracking any suspicious people or activity within the park will be difficult.

These quiet corners and obstructions will in deed make the prevention of crime difficult throughout the event. It will require careful planning in relation to the crowd management and security plan to ensure that these obstructions are not a barrier to the safe running of the event. The Chief Officer of Police and Hampshire Constabulary Operations are yet to be satisfied that this has been resolved. Despite this work is ongoing to try and reach a point where Hampshire Constabulary is satisfied.

It is also a concern to the Chief Officer of Police that this event will add further people into the cities late night economy on what would otherwise be a busy night. Various venues in Portsmouth will be holding after parties and this will add pressure to those venues which may lead to issues with crime and disorder. A number of venues have applied for temporary event notices and provides clear evidence that venues will seek to take advantage of the extra customers in the city centre. It is a concern that there will be issues with crime and disorder as many venues will look to extend until at least 0300 hrs on the 20th of July, meaning there will be 15 hours of licensable activity to contend with. Whilst it is acknowledged that policing the city centre is a day to day function, the extra pressure this will place on the city centre venues cannot be ignored.

The Protection of Children from Harm

The Chief Officer of Police would also like to outline areas of concern in relation to this objective. The main concern is preventing those persons who are under 18 from obtaining and consuming alcohol. Although the license is conditioned to try and put measures in place to prevent this, it is still of concern.

The reason that these concerns have been raised is that this is a dance festival, and dance music is often associated with drinking and drug use. Whilst the event organisers will no doubt do all that they can to prevent these issues causing problems, it cannot be ignored that having children on site will potentially lead to higher risk of harm. I have compared this



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festival to other festivals around the country and can find examples of festivals that allow under 18s and some festivals that do not.

The Chief Officer of Police's preferred stance is that persons under 18 are not permitted on to the site. The organisers have been approached in relation to this however they state that allowing children onto the site is an important part of making this event commercially viable. The conditions that have been agreed should children be allowed on to the site are also contained in the license. The Chief Officer of Police Strongly urges the Committee to consider a ration of 1 adult to 1 child should they consider allowing children to be part of this event. This will mean there is an adult responsible for every child on site.

Conclusion

In conclusion the Chief Officer of Police current position is that we have significant concerns in relation to the granting of a premises license for this event, however the organisers have managed to satisfy up to a point that they will be able to run this event in accordance with the licensing objectives. The issue is that due to the short time frame, lack of previous history (particularly around running events allowing children) and the fact that the event management plan which will run in tandem with the premises license is not yet agreed with Hampshire Constabulary Operations Department, we cannot make no representations.

There is a balance to be made between making this event for the city of Portsmouth and ensuring it is as safe as possible. This is one of those occasions where the Chief Officer of Police has enough of a concern to raise the issues in front of the committee, but not quite enough to give a view on whether or not the license should be granted. It is therefore our view that the committee need to decide whether they feel the event organisers will be able to meet the licensing objectives. Making the representation in this way allows the committee to ask our opinion in open hearing, and should the organisers manage to get to a stage where they have satisfied our concerns then this representation will be updated.

Yours Faithfully

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On behalf of the Chief Officer of Police
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Annexe A – Provisional Premises License Conditions – Mutiny in the Park ***(Conditions still under consultation are written in italics)***

BARS

- The licence holder shall ensure that all members of staff are informed of the objectives of the Licensing Act 2003 and the statutory requirements in order to ensure compliance with all relevant provisions of the Act.
- The licence holder must ensure that all staff selling alcohol have received adequate training to a recognised national standard on the law with regard to age restricted sales and that this has been properly documented and training records kept as a hard or digital copy for a period of 6 months after the event. These records must be made available to the Police and Licensing Authority on request. The trained persons contact details must be included in these records.
- No one shall take part in the retail sale or the supply of alcohol prior to being trained.
- A challenge 25 policy shall be in place at the event. Any person appearing to those engaged in selling or supplying alcohol to be under the age of 25 and who is attempting to buy alcohol will be required to produce satisfactory photographic identification as proof of age. Acceptable ID shall be a Valid Passport with hologram; Valid UK Photo card Driving Licence, PASS approved ID or Valid Military ID bearing a Date of Birth. An age checked wristband alone will not be sufficient.
- Any person involved in the sale or supply of alcohol shall have a lanyard to be worn on their person detailing the training they have received for easy reference.
- Challenge 25 Signage advising customers of the Policy shall be in place at each bar.
- A refusals log shall be in operation at each bar. The refusals log shall be maintained throughout the event and be made available to Police or the Licensing Authority on request. The refusals logs shall be kept in paper or digital copied format for 2 years after the event.
- Each individual bar as detailed on the map and agreed with the Police will have a personal license holder designated as its manager.
- All staff involved in the serving of alcohol will be made aware of the festival license conditions. All bar managers will have a copy of the license easily accessible in their bar area. These requirements will be documented. Police and the Licensing authority shall have access to this documentation when requested and these records kept as a hard or digital copy for 2 years after the event.
- No glass shall be dispensed to members of the public. All alcohol products shall be sold in plastic bottles, served in polycarbonate or plastic drinking vessels. Any alcohol



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in a glass container shall be decanted into a plastic container prior to supply to customers.

- All bar managers shall have access to a radio link with the event management and security.
- Each bar shall have on display a document showing a photo of the Manager of the bar, their name, their Personal Licence number and the hours the bar is open until.
- No shots or shooters shall be available for purchase at the event with the exception of the VIP Bar. Police Licensing Officers have the discretion to remove this exception should concerns be raised about the way this area is managed, and will do so by written notice to the DPS.
- Any person under the age of 18 attempting to purchase alcohol or any adult attempting to purchase alcohol for someone under 18 shall be asked to leave the event after event organisers have considered that it is safe for them leave the site.
- A minimum of one SIA accredited person shall be present at each bar at all times that alcohol is being sold or supplied and have access to a radio link with the event control
- Any person deemed unfit due to drink or drugs at the event shall be asked to leave the event after organisers have considered that it is safe for them to leave the site.
- The sale or supply of alcohol shall only be from the fixed bars as shown on the plans with this licence.
- There shall be on site at all times a person nominated by the licence holder to liaise with the Police and Licensing Authority in order to deal with any issues arising as a result of Licensing checks performed at the event.
- No alcoholic drink shall be priced below £2.50.
- A sign shall be placed at each bar encouraging persons to drink responsibly and to be aware that it is an offence to be drunk in charge of a child.

SECURITY

- There licensable area as defined by the map will be secured by a perimeter fence. This can include but is not limited to the any permanent fencing already in place in the park.
- All staff shall be issued with a wristband identifying them as staff working at the event
- The Licence Holder shall ensure that there are appropriate levels of staff on site for the maximum attendance levels of 4,999 at all times the site is open to the public.
- *There shall be a minimum of persons employed to perform a security function on site whilst the venue is open to the public. A minimum of 33% of these persons shall be front line SIA trained. When the licence holder wishes to use the area on the plans currently unused in the first year, then a proportionate increase in SIA staff shall be identified by risk assessment 6 months in advance of the next event.*
- The licence holder shall maintain a register giving details of each and every person employed in the role of a security and shall provide upon request by any Police Officer or Council Officer, the following details:-



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- (a) The licence number, name, date of birth and residential address of that person;
- (b) The time at which he/she commenced that period of duty
- (c) The time at which he/she finished the period of duty
- (d) Any times during the period of duty when he/she was not on duty;
- (e) If that person is not an employee of the licence holder, the name of the person by whom that person is employed or through whom the services of that person were engaged;
- (f) The register shall be made available to Police or the Licence Authority on request

This register shall be in paper or digital format.

Any person employed by the Licence Holder carrying out security activities shall wear a fluorescent/reflective tabard/jacket clearly marked with their role on the back.

- Every entry/exit point to the venue shall be manned by an appropriately accredited SIA person.
- A front line SIA accredited person shall patrol any area demarked officially for the use of customer car parking at all times whilst the car park is in use for customers at the event.
- All security persons shall be linked via radio
- A response team staffed entirely of SIA shall be available for deployment during the event. This team will have at least one member who will be in possession of a visual recording device of a type agreed with the police. This team will not be used for any other function,
- The DPS shall ensure that bag searches are carried out as customers enter the event.
- The DPS shall ensure that any person appearing to be under the influence of illegal drugs shall be refused entry.
- Customers shall not be permitted to bring their own alcohol onto the site.
- The DPS shall ensure that customers do not bring Glass bottles onto the site.
- The DPS will only allow customers to bring sealed bottles of water on to the site.
- Last entry to customers shall be 20:00 hours. There shall be no admittance to customers after this time.
- Upon request by a responsible authority the holder of the premises licence or an agent on behalf of and under the authority of the licence holder shall provide precise information regarding the number of people present on the site at the given time during which licensable activities are taking place.

Children/Vulnerable adults

- There shall be an area within the licensable area dedicated to dealing with child welfare and vulnerable adults.
- *At least one person shall be in the child welfare area at all times who has been DBS checked. This person will directly supervise any persons who are engaged in the caring or welfare of children.*



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- Staff working in the child welfare area shall work in a minimum of twos when dealing with children and shall not be left alone with them at any time.
- Children shall not be left alone without supervision in the child welfare area.
- Staff working in this area shall have access to a radio connecting with Event Control.
- Children and adults shall be kept in separate areas within the dedicated area and this area shall be kept secure
- There shall be a written policy in place stating how the event management shall deal with lost children and vulnerable adults.
- No persons under the age of 18 shall be permitted entry to the event without being with a responsible adult over the age of 18.
- Wristbands enabling children to have parents contact details written on them must be offered to children attending the event.

Medical

- There shall be a facility on site to deal with persons taken unwell or injured during the course of the event. This facility shall be open at all times that the site is open to members of the public.
- An SIA accredited person shall be present at all times that the facility is open to members of the public.
- *There shall be a minimum of ambulances, first aiders, ambulance personnel, doctors, nurses and NHS Ambulance officer on site all the time that the site is open to members of the public.*
- The medical facility shall have access to a radio connecting to the site control.

Policies

- There shall be a written drugs policy in place for the event. This policy shall be agreed between the licence holder and the Police in writing and this policy shall be implemented whilst licensable activity is taking place.
- There shall be a written ejection policy in place for the event. This policy shall be agreed between the licence holder and the Police in writing and this policy shall be implemented whilst licensable activity is taking place.
- A fire risk assessment shall be performed prior to the event. A copy shall be made available to the Police and relevant licensing authorities on request.
- The licence holder shall comply with the most recent event management plan for the event. The Police shall have access to the most recent event management plan on request. Any breach of the event management plan shall be seen as a breach of the premises licence.

CCTV



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A recording CCTV system will be in use during this event will be fully operational during the course of the event.

The recording equipment shall be stored and operated in a secure environment with limited access, to avoid damage, theft, unauthorised viewing and to maintain the integrity of the system. A record shall be kept of any access made to information held on the system. The system clock shall be accurate.

The CCTV system will have sufficient storage capacity for 7 days evidential quality images.

The CCTV system shall cover all the bar areas within the licensable area, all entrance and exit points on site, all stage areas and all main thoroughfares within the site. A camera shall cover the car park area to the site.

There shall be a facility to burn off Police a copy of CCTV immediately should Police require it.

There will be a facility for someone to operate the CCTV system at all times that the system is in place.

The CCTV hard drive shall be kept for a period of 12 months after the event. There shall be a facility for the licence holder to view images and provide them to Police in a viewable format during this 12 month period.

Although it is accepted that the whole site cannot be covered by CCTV, the minimum expectation is that the entrance and exits are covered, and that any further cameras are positioned following consultation with the Police.