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LICENSING HEARING - LICENSING OFFICER'S REPORT

PREMISES NAME: Soul Circus Yoga and Wellbeing Festival
16th – 18th August 2019

PREMISES ADDRESS: Hollow Farm, Elmore, GL2 3SG

APPLICANT: Soul Circus Limited

APPLICATION TYPE: New Premises Licence (time limited)

APPLICATION REF: 19/00411/LAPRNW

HEARING DATE: 17th May 2019

APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 Application Form**
- Appendix 2 Application Plans**
- Appendix 3 Event Management Plan**
- Appendix 4 Noise Management Plan**
- Appendix 5 Location Plan**

1 BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 Soul Circus is a 3 day yoga and wellness festival which includes yoga classes and music entertainment. The applicant intends to have the event from Friday 16th August 2019 through to Sunday 18th of August 2018. The expected attendance is between 2,500 to 3,000 persons per day. The event is to take place in fields which are part of Hollow Farm, Elmore and will include an arena with a main stage as well as camping areas and car parking.
- 1.2 Soul Circus Ltd has held this event at this location for the past 3 years. Each year the event was run under a time limited Premises Licence.
- 1.3 In July 2017 the application for the 2017 event was considered by a hearing panel following representation from a resident who lived in Elmore. The licence was granted with conditions similar to the conditions imposed in 2018 (see below).
- 1.4 In July 2018 the application was again considered by a hearing panel following representation from residents who live in Quedgeley with concerns about noise from the event. The licence was granted with the following conditions.

HEARING CONDITIONS - 2018

- 1 The event shall be operated in accordance with Version 5 of the document entitled “Elmore Event Management Plan”;
- 2 No variation to the document referred to in Condition 1 shall be made without the prior written consent of the Council’s Principal Licensing Officer;
- 3 The Production Manager and the Noise Management Officer (as designated in the above mentioned Event Management Plan) shall be contactable at all times during the event on a number provided to the Council’s Environmental Protection Team in advance of the event; and
- 4 The Applicant, the Production Team and the Noise Officer shall comply without delay with all directions in connection with noise mitigation given by any authorised officer of the Council during the event.

2 APPLICATION 2019:

- 2.1 This application is for a premises licence covering the period Thursday 15th August 2019 (pre-arrival day) to Sunday 18th (closing day) August 2019.
- 2.2 The full application is Appendix 1 and a site plan for the event is Appendix 2. Appendix 3 is the Event Management Plan and Appendix 4 is the Noise Management Plan.
- 2.3 The application is for the following hours and activities.

Activity	Days
Sale of Alcohol For consumption on the premises	Thursday 17.00 – 23.00
	Friday 10.00 – 01.00
	Saturday 10.00 – 02.00
	Sunday 10.00 – 22.00
Live Music	Friday 12.00 – 21.45
	Saturday 12.00 – 21.15
	Sunday 12.00 – 18.00
Recorded Music	Friday 12.00 – 23.00
	Saturday 12.00 – 23.00
	Sunday 12.00 - 20.00
Late Night Refreshment	Friday 23.00 – 01.00
	Saturday 23.00 – 02.00
Opening Hours for the public	Thursday 17.00 – 23.00
	Friday 08.00 – 01.00
	Saturday 06.00 – 02.00
	Sunday 06.00 – 22.00

- 2.4 The application explains that there will be bands performing live music on the main stage on:
- Friday 20.45 to 21.45
 - Saturday 20.15 to 21.15
- There will be two DJ sets on the main stage each night on:
- Friday and Saturday between 19.00 and 23.00
- 2.5 Outside of the times applied for there will be incidental background live and recorded music to accompany fitness classes and in the cafe and lounge. The applicant has stated that background music will not be audible at the site boundary. Under the Licensing Act 2003 incidental music is exempt and so is not licensable.
- 2.6 The applicant has been in discussions with Stroud District Council's Environmental Protection Team and agreed a Noise Management Plan which is appendix 4 of this report.
- 2.7 The applicant has volunteered the following conditions on the application

VOLUNTEERED CONDITIONS BY THE APPLICANT - 2019

1. The event shall be operated in accordance with Version 3 of the document entitled "Elmore Event Management Plan – 2019 Final"
2. No variation to the document referred to in Condition 1 shall be made without the prior written consent of the Council's Principal Licensing Officer.
3. The Production Manager and the dedicated Noise Complaint line (onsite production office) shall be contactable by telephone at all times during the event on a number provided to the Council's Environmental Protection Team in advance of the event. This will be the same number provided on all leaflets and posters prior to the event.
4. Roman Wroath – Managing Director of SoulCircus Ltd will be contactable by phone all weekend
5. The Applicant, The Production Team and The Noise Officer shall comply without delay with all directions in connection with noise mitigation given by any authorised officer of the Council during the event.

3 REPRESENTATIONS:

Responsible Authorities

- 3.1 There have been no representations from the responsible authorities

Other Parties

- 3.2 The Authority has received one representation against the application from residents that live in Quedgeley who state that they experienced noise disturbance from the Soul Circus events in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

4 THE HEARING:

- 4.1 The Hearing Panel should seek to focus on concerns and comments raised in the representation that is relevant to the licensing objectives.
- 4.2 The Hearing Panel may, with the consent of all parties to the hearing, allow the introduction of additional evidence at the hearing that supports or amplifies the existing representation or the application. However the introduction of further representations to those disclosed to the applicant prior to the hearing will not be allowed.
- 4.3 Having considered the application and the representation the Hearing Panel may take the following actions:
- Refuse the application
 - Grant the application in the terms applied for
 - Grant the application with conditions (this could include restrictions in hours and/or activities permitted).
- 4.4 If the Hearing Panel decides to attach conditions to the Premises Licence, those conditions must be appropriate to promote the Act's objectives and proportionate to the type of premises.