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LICENSING HEARING - LICENSING OFFICER'S REPORT

EVENT NAME: Soul Circus Yoga and Wellbeing Festival

EVENT DATES: Friday 18th August 2017 to Sunday 20th August 2017

EVENT ADDRESS: Hollow Farm, Elmore, GL2 3SG

APPLICANT: Soul Circus Ltd

APPLICATION TYPE: New Premises Licence (time limited)

APPLICATION REF: 17/00536/LAPRNW

HEARING DATE: 11th July 2017

APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 Location Plan
- Appendix 2 Application Form
- Appendix 3 Site Plan
- Appendix 4 Event Management Plan

1 INTRODUCTION:

- 1.1 Soul Circus is a 3 day event that provides yoga classes and music entertainment. The intention by the applicant is have the event over 3 days from Friday through to Sunday 18th to 20th of August 2017. The event is to take place in fields near Hollow Farm Elmore and will include a main arena as well as camping areas and car parking. Attendees can start arriving on the Thursday evening and can depart on the Monday morning. Appendix 1 is a location plan
- 1.2 Soul circus held a similar event at this location last year between 19th to 21st August 2016. The event was run under a time limited Premises Licence which permitted licensable activities including sale of alcohol and music until 02.00 hours.
- 1.3 This application is for a similar event this year. Again the application is time limited and is just to cover the 2017 event.

2 APPLICATION:

2.1 The application is for a new premises licence. The full application is Appendix 2 and a site plan for the event is Appendix 3. The actual event is 3 days from Friday to Saturday however the application also covers sale of alcohol for persons arriving on the Thursday and the site will be open to the public until Monday. 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 11.00 – 01.00
	Saturday 11.00 – 02.00
	Sunday 11.00 – 23.00
Live Music	Friday 12.00 – 23.00
	Saturday 12.00 – 23.30
	Sunday 12.00 – 20.00
Recorded Music	Friday 23.00 – 01.00
	Saturday 23.00 – 02.00
	Sunday 19.00 - 22.00
Late Night Refreshment	Friday 23.00 – 01.00
	Saturday 23.00 – 02.00
Opening Hours for the public	17.00 on Thursday through to 12.00 on Monday

2.2 The applicant has made the following comments in the application regarding performance of music:

- From noon until 5pm there will be a light schedule of live music
- Live music will be performed on the main stage from 19.00 and end by 23.00 on the Friday, 23.30 on Saturday evening and 20.00 on Sunday
- A live DJ will perform on Saturday night 23.30 until 02.00
- Other live and recorded music will not be loud and will be to create ambiance

2.3 Prior to submitting the application the applicant had meetings with Environmental Protection Officers that deal with noise and with Police Licensing. Following these discussions the organisers produced an event management plan that was submitted with the application. Appendix 3 is the event management plan

2.4 The Environmental Protection Manager has advised that they would not submit representation provided that the licence has a condition that the event will be operated in accordance with the Event Management Plan submitted with the application.

3 REPRESENTATIONS:

3.1 Responsible Authorities

3.2 There have been no representations from the responsible authorities

3.4 Other Parties

3.5 The Authority has received one representation against the application from a local resident. The resident states that she was disturbed last year by noise from music and loud speakers when the event took place and does not want to be disturbed again this year.

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.