

Fri 28.04.2023 09:01hrs

Hi Chris,

**Please find below a letter from Harry Slade, in response to the letter from Police Licensing. Please could you forward this onto police licensing.**

Could you also advise if we have any further reps and if we have received any responses to the original four reps, previously received, to whom we responded last week.

Many thanks

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Dear Mike Butler,

Thank you very much for taking the time to respond to our application.

I'm very glad to hear that Sussex Police have no objections in principle to us putting on this event. A lot of time has gone into making sure it's planned as comprehensively as possible!

I'm also happy to say that we can agree to each and every 19 additional measures that you have proposed in your representation. Whilst we are also happy to reduce the amount of time alcohol is on sale, we would however ask that the finishing time for live music be kept to 0200hrs for the following reasons.

If this was a one-day event like last year, we'd have absolutely no problem in stopping the music at 0000hrs. However, as it is a weekend long camping event, people are expecting to get more for their money and have more of an experience as they do at every other similar festival.

We believe that if we stop the music at 0000hrs, people may actually feel like it has been cut short and therefore may start looking for something else to do. This could be loitering in the main licensed area causing disturbances to our infrastructure but it could also lead to people wanting to leave the site in search of a bar or club in the neighbouring towns, which will still be open at this time. This would of course, be of concern to us, as we will not be able to stop any public nuisance once they are outside the festival.

If we are able to run until 0200hrs, we will have provided what we believe festival goers expect of a festival and we feel sure that they will then be very much more inclined to 'call it a night' so that we can then safely secure the site until the following day.

As I say, we are more than happy to stop the alcohol being sold earlier than this time so as not to 'fuel' the people until the last moment so they're happy to get into the campsite feeling tired.

In regards to the public's concern of the music going on until late which we of course take seriously, we do not believe that the 2 hour difference will have any hindrance on them, especially if the alcohol sales have stopped before meaning the audience will be winding down in these 2 hours. If we were trying for 4/5am we'd completely understand as that is well into silly territory!

I hope you find this to be a valid explanation of why we'd like to keep to these timings and hope you can agree it is better for the event, yourselves and the public.

I look forward to welcoming your response.

Kind Regards,

Harry