

H Fest – Responses to Notice of Hearing

Applicant

Hospitality Events, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	N/A
Attending	Yes
Supporting documents	Yes – attached at appendix G1

Interested Parties

1.	Environmental Health Officer, EDDC
Hearing Unnecessary	No
Attending	Yes
Key points	Prevention of public nuisance – I am looking to reach an agreed position for the regulated entertainment to cease at 22:30hrs on both days. Sound measuring locations. Sound level readings set at 65 dba. 15 mins LAeq and measurements to be sent to EH the next working day. No music allowed on campsite over night.

2. Devon & Cornwall Police Licensing	
Hearing Unnecessary	Agreed position
Attending	Agreed position – not attending

3. Exmouth Town Council	
Hearing Unnecessary	No
Attending	No
Supporting documents	Yes – attached at appendix G3

4. Mr Dawson, 104 Halsdon Avenue, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	No
Attending	No – Sue Dawson representing
Key points / other comments	<p><u>Prevention of crime and disorder</u> – People have been found in our communal grass area at the back of bungalows. I wonder for what purpose?</p> <p><u>Public Safety</u> – The whole avenue becomes a parking lot for the people who attend these functions, which causes the local residents to have to park elsewhere, and as most are disabled this causes problems for them.</p> <p><u>Prevention of public nuisance</u> – People have to wait for taxis at the bottom of our avenue and we have in the past had piles of sick, discarded food. Also they queue for taxis and make a lot of noise which we hear at night.</p>

5. Mrs S Dawson, 104 Halsdon Avenue, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	No
Attending	Yes
Key points / other comments	<p><u>Prevention of crime and disorder</u> – Festival going on for 12hrs with loud non stop music and alcohol available all day means in experience of other events, there will be rowdy festival groups leaving very late into night possible vandalising to property/vehicles, people being sick on the streets.</p> <p><u>Public Safety</u> – Lots of the properties rear gardens back onto the farm land and field used. Residents feel unsafe when strangers can gain access to their properties and could force entry.</p> <p><u>Prevention of public nuisance</u> – The loud music until midnight and a great number of people talking loudly, shouting until well after midnight in a residential area is unacceptable. The event should finish by 10pm. Residents would still suffer loud noisy drunken people leaving venue. Not all will camp for 2 days.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FURTHER CONCERNS RAISED BY RESIDENTS LIVING IN THE NEAR VICINITY OF LOWER HALSDON FARM</p> <p>The main concern of residents is that of loud music all day on both days and alcohol being available all day during the event. This is advertised as a family event, and as such is not setting a good example to children.</p> <p>The residents would like the event to finish at 10.00pm on each day, as they feel this is long enough for such an event.</p> <p>Residents have children they need to put to bed and loud music till 00.00 hrs will make it impossible to get children to sleep. Festival goers will still be about long after midnight, making a noise. Not all festival goers will be camping on site.</p> <p>Older residents fear strangers can access their property and cause damage and harassment. These residents feel they are unable to go to bed at a reasonable hour while the festival is on, one they will not get to sleep and two they fear going to bed while festival is still on as they fear strangers being about late into the night when the festival does finish.</p> <p>Have the local police force been informed of this event, if not who will police the event and any issues arising from the event, be it vandalism to cars or property or unsociable behaviour. Inconsiderate parking of vehicles, that is across dropped kerbs, making it impossible for disabled in wheelchairs to cross the roads.</p> <p>Residents are worried about the consumption of alcohol all day</p>

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	<p>and music being played no stop all day. There should be a break from the music during the day.</p> <p>If it is warm weather residents cannot sit out and enjoy their own peace because of the noise, they also have to have windows and doors closed in staying inside because of the constant noise. This is unpleasant in very warm weather.</p> <p>What is the reason behind wanting the festival to continue till midnight. Other local events finish some time before midnight. The farm is in a residential area and will cause distress to local residents, spoiling their right to a peaceful, secure and safe place to be.</p> <p>Exmouth has a very successful Armed Forces Day, surely this would be a wonderful opportunity for this proposed festival to take place on the same weekend and could be held in Manor Gardens. Those attending the Forces Day could then carry on enjoying the celebrations by walking the short distance to Manor Gardens and this would truly be a family event.</p> <p>As all of the residents are unfamiliar with the licensing laws, could we ask, does a premises licence, if granted last for just one event or is it for a full 12 months, in which case this could mean the farm having events anytime it wanted during that 12 month period. Residents would be unaware of such events until they happened. With this in mind the residents would respectfully ask that the objections to this event be placed on file and looked at in any future licence applications for Lower Halsdon Farm, Exmouth.</p> <p>Original representation and covering letter also included.</p>
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6. Mr Hunt, 22a Highbury Park, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	No
Attending	No / No representative

7. Mrs Hunt, 22a Highbury Park, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	No
Attending	No / No representative

8. Ms J Williams, 19 Highbury Park, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	Yes
Attending	-
Additional comments	I attended a mediation meeting and they agreed to stop loud music at 10:30 and all music at 11pm. I thought this was a fair compromise. I wished the stage direction to be altered but their

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	compromise would be just other residents would be effected so there was no solution.
9. R Jacob, 7 Highbury Park, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	No response
Attending	No response
10. Ms A Bradford, 94 Halsdon Avenue, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	No response
Attending	No response
11. S Shorrocks, 100 Halsdon Avenue, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	No
Attending	Yes
Key points	<p>This area is a vital spot for wildlife and migrating birds which is already encroached upon by activity on water and noise from Halsdon Farm events and endless cyclists.</p> <p><u>Prevention of crime and disorder</u> (*see additional comments below) – See under item 3. It is well known that alcohol lowers inhibitions and can lead to crime, especially from 12 noon till midnight. There are many places for people to drink alcohol it should not be in a peaceful estuary setting on a farm disturbing wildlife and people.</p> <p><u>Public safety</u> – See under item 4. Litter – both on Halsdon Ave and Mudbank Lane. Broken glass. ‘ditto’ Slippery plastic wrappers can be lethal to many elderly or disabled people in this area.</p> <p><u>Prevention of public nuisance</u> – Based on previous functions at Halsdon Farm, I know that there is a very high level of noise – both music and loud voices both during the function and then impossibility of sleeping until vehicles and groups of people with loud voices waking up Halsdon Avenue until 11:30/12pm after events. Also litter left on avenue. So far I am unaware of criminal behaviour – but we all know alcohol lowers inhibitions.</p> <p><u>Protection of children from harm</u> – If children attend these events – which they often do, they grow up thinking its ok to drink alcohol and perhaps make a nuisance of themselves. Alcohol and sun together are dangerous. Broken glass would be dangerous to people, children and animals – farm and domestic pets.</p> <p>Other points – We do not need yet more light pollution which I fear may follow next between farm and road with the farms increasing number of events which are already frequently causing noise disturbance to residents and wildlife. Another problem is parking, this is a residential area, with already very many vehicles already. It is often difficult for some of us in bungalows to park outside our homes, this will be worsened.</p>

*Does this mean we will need police involvement, another waste of police resources and finances. Also how do we know there won't be drug taking causing possible criminal acts, do we have to be fearful for our homes so close to the farmland? I only now realise people will also be camping with possible consequences – litter etc etc. They might also drink during a.m.

FURTHER CONCERNS RAISED BY RESIDENTS LIVING IN THE NEAR VICINITY OF LOWER HALSDON FARM

The main concern of residents is that of loud music all day on both days and alcohol being available all day during the event. This is advertised as a family event, and as such is not setting a good example to children.

The residents would like the event to finish at 10.00pm on each day, as they feel this is long enough for such an event.

Residents have children they need to put to bed and loud music till 00.00 hrs will make it impossible to get children to sleep. Festival goers will still be about long after midnight, making a noise. Not all festival goers will be camping on site.

Older residents fear strangers can access their property and cause damage and harassment. These residents feel they are unable to go to bed at a reasonable hour while the festival is on, one they will not get to sleep and two they fear going to bed while festival is still on as they fear strangers being about late into the night when the festival does finish.

Have the local police force been informed of this event, if not who will police the event and any issues arising from the event, be it vandalism to cars or property or unsociable behaviour. Inconsiderate parking of vehicles, that is across dropped kerbs, making it impossible for disabled in wheelchairs to cross the roads.

Residents are worried about the consumption of alcohol all day and music being played no stop all day. There should be a break from the music during the day.

If it is warm weather residents cannot sit out and enjoy their own peace because of the noise, they also have to have windows and doors closed in staying inside because of the constant noise. This is unpleasant in very warm weather.

What is the reason behind wanting the festival to continue till midnight. Other local events finish some time before midnight. The farm is in a residential area and will cause distress to local

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	<p>residents, spoiling their right to a peaceful, secure and safe place to be.</p> <p>Exmouth has a very successful Armed Forces Day, surely this would be a wonderful opportunity for this proposed festival to take place on the same weekend and could be held in Manor Gardens. Those attending the Forces Day could then carry on enjoying the celebrations by walking the short distance to Manor Gardens and this would truly be a family event.</p> <p>As all of the residents are unfamiliar with the licensing laws, could we ask, does a premises licence, if granted last for just one event or is it for a full 12 months, in which case this could mean the farm having events anytime it wanted during that 12 month period. Residents would be unaware of such events until they happened. With this in mind the residents would respectfully ask that the objections to this event be placed on file and looked at in any future licence applications for Lower Halsdon Farm, Exmouth.</p>
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12. S Pike, 83 Halsdon Avenue, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	No
Attending	No – Represented by Sue Dawson
Key points	<p><u>Prevention of crime and disorder</u> – Fear of people breaking into property after 12 midnight. Noise of drunken festival goers, criminal damage to properties.</p> <p><u>Public Safety</u> – Will feel unsafe with people about late at night coming back to vehicles.</p> <p><u>Prevention of public nuisance</u> – Event on until 12 midnight both days with alcohol and music all day long will be a nuisance to residents. Vehicles parked over dropped kerbs prevents wheelchair users crossing the road.</p>

13. A Stacey, 85 Halsdon Avenue, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	No response
Attending	No response

14. K Penny, 87 Halsdon Avenue, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	
Attending	No – Sue Dawson representing
Key points	<p><u>Prevention of crime and disorder</u> – Criminal behaviour. Damage. A.S.B. Damage to residents vehicles. Late into the night general noise. Car doors banging.</p> <p><u>Public Safety</u> – Fear for own safety at night. Safety to homes. Threat of forced entry to homes.</p> <p><u>Prevention of public nuisance</u> – Yes. Noise. Loud voices. Drunk</p>

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	disorderly behaviour. Vomit, urinating in public. Banging of car doors.
15. C King, 79 Halsdon Avenue, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	No
Attending	Yes – and Sue Dawson representing
Key points	<u>Prevention of crime and disorder</u> – my concern is noisy revellers <u>Prevention of public nuisance</u> – In this area which is sheltered accommodation for elderly and disabled. 10pm is late enough for music.
16. Ms B Hearn, 80 Halsdon Avenue, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	-
Attending	-
	<p><u>Public safety</u> - Access to the Farm, site of the festival, is along a very narrow road which forms part of the cycle path to Lympstone. At the weekends the cycle path is very busy with people walking dogs, families with young children and cyclists. To add large numbers of cars to this situation is a recipe for an accident. If cars try to park in the residential roads nearby this too will cause problems for the householders and their visitors. Most of the older tenents of the council bungalows at the bottom of Halsdon Avenue need access for carers to visit and possibly paramedics. These homes were designed for disabled and very elderly residents, who will not appreciate music till late.</p> <p><u>Prevention of public nuisance</u> - The noise of a music festival going on for many hours will make life difficult for the local residents. Even with windows closed I hear the noise of music from Powderham. This is considerably further than the field at the end of my garden. I object to this intrusion along with my neighbours. Most of the houses in Halsdon Avenue are owned by retired people who enjoy the quiet and beautiful views.</p> <p><u>Prevention of crime and disorder</u> - Visitors to the festival will have access to alcohol for many hours and will then have to drive home in their cars at the close of the festival. This could lead to antisocial disorder and excessively noisy behaviour.</p>
17. Mr P May, 13 Carberry Avenue, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	No
Attending	No – Represented by Sue Dawson
Key points	<u>Prevention of Public nuisance</u> – Disturbance and nuisance to neighbouring properties caused by the late hour of the request.

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18. Mrs May, 13 Carberry Avenue, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	No
Attending	No – Represented by Sue Dawson
Key points	<u>Prevention of Public nuisance</u> – Disturbance and nuisance to neighbouring properties caused by the late hour of the request.

19. E Bancroft, 22 Highbury Park, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	No response
Attending	No response

20. F Thomas, 14 Carberry Avenue, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	No response
Attending	No response

21. Mr Brown, 8 Carberry Avenue, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	-
Attending	No

22. Mrs J Brown, 8 Carberry Avenue, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	-
Attending	No

23. THE OCCUPIER, 21 Highbury Park, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	No response
Attending	No response

24. J Wright, 9 Highbury Park, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	No response
Attending	No response

25. Mr J Gittings, 8 Highbury Park, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	No
Attending	No – Represented by Sue Dawson
Key points	<u>Prevention of Public nuisance</u> – Music until 00:00hrs each day in an area of housing of retired people is unacceptable, cars will be leaving site in early hours disturbing residents. Alcohol should not be served so late at this event, if at all. This area is in a nature area, quiet and peaceful, surrounded by housing very close to the event area, not a place for music events. Wildlife will be disturbed by such a late running event, cars will be parked in front of resident's house like last year.

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26. Ms B Berry, 20 Carberry Avenue, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	
Attending	Represented by Sue Dawson
Key points	<u>Prevention of Public nuisance</u> – Noise element

27. THE OCCUPIER, 121 Halsdon Avenue, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	No response
Attending	No response

28. Ms L Foxley, 81 Halsdon Avenue, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	No
Attending	Yes – Represented by Sue Dawson
Key points	<p><u>Prevention of crime and disorder / public safety</u>– We are a community of elderly and disabled people from sheltered and private dwellings. It has been shown already at festivals in town that those even closing early experience drunkenness, violence and loud noise.</p> <p><u>Prevention of public nuisance</u> – Therefore a festival so close to our dwellings so late (until 12) including alcohol would be totally unsuitable.</p>

29. Ms I Flanagan, 108 Halsdon Avenue, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	No
Attending	No – Represented by Sue Dawson
Key points	<p><u>Public Safety</u> – Feeling threatened by crowds of people next to my bungalow waiting for taxis.</p> <p><u>Prevention of public nuisance</u> – The noise of the concert lots of people up and down the lane. Possibly worse for wear.</p>

30. THE OCCUPIER, 110 Halsdon Avenue, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	No response
Attending	No response

31. Mr G Dunn, 106 Halsdon Avenue, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	No
Attending	No – Represented by Sue Dawson
Key points	<p><u>Prevention of crime and disorder</u> – Break-ins to property. Damage to vehicles. Loud noise. Anti-social behaviour.</p> <p><u>Public Safety</u> – Personal safety. General fear for community. Parking issues, parking across dropped kerbs. Disabled unable to access crossing road if dropped kerbs blocked.</p> <p><u>Prevention of public nuisance</u> – Too much noise caused by</p>

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	drinking for 12hrs, music for 12hrs with no break. General disorder by festival goers.
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32. THE OCCUPIER, 96 Halsdon Avenue, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	No response
Attending	No response

33. THE OCCUPIER, 84 Halsdon Avenue, Exmouth	
Hearing Unnecessary	No response
Attending	No response