

APPENDIX H

Prior to the submission of any licensing application for the Folk Festival, EDDC's Environmental Protection's EHO was involved in pre-application discussions with the event organiser. During this pre-application review the events noise management plan was evaluated. During the review process any past noise complaints/concerns was taken into consideration together with any past pro-active noise monitoring.

The noise management plan has been very well written offering excellent local liaison, with clear communications for members of the public. Following the review process a number of small recommendations were made to the suggested music noise levels. These included the following:

- Between the hours of 07:00 and 23:00 the A-weighted equivalent continuous music noise level (MNL) emanating from the premises, when measured or determined at the boundary of any noise sensitive property over any 15-minute period must not exceed 70 dB (LAeq15min).
- Between the hours of 23:00 and 07:00 the A-weighted equivalent continuous music noise level (MNL) emanating from the premises, when measured or determined at the boundary of any noise sensitive property over any 5-minute period must not exceed 50 dB (LAeq 5min).
- Should any low frequency noise complaints be received steps will be taken to reduce the low frequency content of the music noise level particularly at 63 and 80 Hz. Decibel levels shall be recorded once any sound engineers adjustments have been made.

The recommendations made encompass the Bulverton site with its later finish (post 23:00) which, previously was under regulated. The aim of these measures are to ensure that there is adequate protection for local residents in terms of the music noise levels from all of the event locations.

Once these recommendations were agreed and written into the event noise management plan, Environmental Health were satisfied that the noise management plan was robust and offered a high degree of protection to local residents from any excessive music noise.

Taking all of the above points into consideration, when the Licensing applications were submitted for the Sidmouth Folk Festival 2024, the EHO had no Environmental Health concerns in relation to the operation and management of the events.