

Sidmouth Folk Week 2024 – Blackmore Gardens  
Responses to Notice of Hearing

Applicant

<b>Sidmouth Folkweek Productions Ltd</b>	
<b>Hearing Unnecessary</b>	-
<b>Attending</b>	Yes, applicant's agent John Radford, JR Event Services Ltd
<b>Supporting documents</b>	-
<b>Summary of key points</b>	-

Other Persons

<b>1.</b>	<b>Mr Stephen Pemberton</b>
<b>Hearing Unnecessary</b>	
<b>Attending</b>	Yes
<b>Supporting documents</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Objections already sent to EDDC Licensing</li> <li>2. It is the responsibility of EDDC Licensing to uphold the rights of residents, and not accept unacceptable applications.</li> <li>3. And for the hearing Cllrs to do the same.</li> </ol>
<b>Summary of key points</b>	<p><u>PREVENTION OF CRIME &amp; DISORDER</u>  These concerns are always elevated by late night drinking and events.</p> <p><u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>  These concerns are always elevated by late night drinking and events.</p> <p><u>PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE</u>  Event is in the middle of a quiet residential area. There are families, children, the elderly and dying people. The hospital with in-patient wards is there.  The lateness of alcohol and music is excessive for residents.</p> <p><u>PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM</u>  These concerns are always elevated by late night drinking and events.  Young teenagers from all around will be encouraged from all around.</p>

<b>2.</b>	<b>Mr Garland Pickard</b>
<b>Hearing Unnecessary</b>	
<b>Attending</b>	No

**Supporting documents**

EMAIL RECEIVED 16/02/23

Dear Lesley, Many thanks for your email the contents of which I note with some concern, especially as to the timing of Licensing at all venues. The worst is for Blackmore Gardens and as I have previously told you I believe that it is disgraceful that the FF have even applied to hold a part of their festival in this particular place, due to it's extremely close proximity to the Hospital: EDDC should cancel this venue and tell the FF to hold it instead in the Connaught Gardens where it would have a far lesser impact, especially as last year the volume was far too high. It may well be within the limit agreed, but being in that area with all of the buildings surrounding it the sound is amplified to a horrendous volume and I , living in (*address removed*), could not use my rear rooms due to the volume, and the same applies to the J & B Festival. It is bad enough having to suffer the volume from the Ham and now we are accosted by such a noise from the Blackmore Gardens as well and I am sure that we could have a case in Law to limit the noise because it impinges on our ability to use our houses as we should be able. I find it appalling that this volume is allowed.

Unfortunately I shall not be able to attend the Meeting although you have a list of my objections. Do not forget that YOU are in charge of everything pertaining to Licensing and it is within YOUR remit to refuse any application to use Blackmore Gardens, and the Applicant has NO say in this, even though they have been allowed to use this venue in the past. It is time for EDDC to think of the locals and those having to work in the Hospital, and even more so for those poor Patients who have no say whatsoever. Also I have not received any correspondence from you so will you kindly resend it to me in an email format.

Yours sincerely,

Garland Pickard

EMAIL RECEIVED 22/02/24

Dear Lesley, I am in receipt of the documentation regarding the Licensing hours for this year's FF: it was delivered well after your last email telling me that I should have received it. Unfortunately, due to health reasons, I shall not be able to attend either meetings, however I should appreciate it if you could answer a question. I have sent in to you my objections to both Applications and as I am not able to attend will these objections be available to the Licensing Committee members to view, or will not being able to attend invalidate these objections, and the Committee will not have them in front of them? I ask this as I am afraid that I do not understand how these proceedings work. I believe that the main objection is the close proximity of the FF stage in Blackmore Gardens, and by that I mean the whole gardens, to the Hospital as it seems that those who work there and including the Patients do not have any right to object as it seems that they are included in the same group as the local householders. If the volume is too

	<p>excessive for me in the rear of my property as it stops me from the use of my property, then in the Hospital it must be awful. Many thanks in this matter.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yours sincerely,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Garland Pickard</p>
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<b>3.</b>	<b>Mr James Walker</b>
<b>Hearing Unnecessary</b>	
<b>Attending</b>	No
<b>Supporting documents</b>	<p>Good Morning Ms. Norsworthy,</p> <p>Thank-you for your e-mail.</p> <p>Please be advised that I shall not be attending the licence application hearing either. My view is quite straightforward - and I believe that I have expressed myself adequately in writing. How your office chooses to deal with the matter is for your office. You are experienced professionals, and the Licensing Act is very clear.</p> <p>Let us be quite clear, NO outdoor event producing noise between 11.00 p.m. and 7.00 a.m. should be allowed in residential areas. This 'noise' should include the egress of people, and an end of event clearing-up (similarly early starts too).</p> <p>Blackmore Garden is in the heart of a residential area - accordingly, I reiterate my objection to the licensing of <b>any</b> events there that do not conclude - restoring total quiet, before 11.00p.m.</p> <p>The 'noise nuisance' produced by the Jazz &amp; Blues Festival (JBF) is a separate matter. As my m.peg clips clearly reveal, the event produces significant noise levels that deprives residents of their right to quiet enjoyment of their homes</p> <p>This constitutes a 'nuisance'. .....noise that goes on for 10-12hrs each day for four days. Your colleagues in 'Environmental Protection' have actively facilitated this - utilising false constructs. Their lack of bona fides is then compounded by the fact that they are appointed to investigate any complaints about the 'noise nuisance' they helped create.</p> <p>I will therefore also leave this matter with your office.</p> <p>Thank-you for your attention.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>James Walker</p>

<b>4.</b>	<b>Mr Graham Wardle</b>
<b>Hearing Unnecessary</b>	
<b>Attending</b>	No
<b>Supporting documents</b>	<p>My response to your requirements are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. I will not be able to attend a hearing on 6th March as I will still be in Australia at that time.</li><li>2. From my viewpoint a hearing is unnecessary. I am only suggesting minor amendments to the licence application (i.e. recommending that the sale of alcohol should be stopped on the site from 2200 to allow a full clear up so the area is cleared and quiet by 2300, which I understand is a basic legal requirement in a residential area).</li><li>3. No request</li><li>4. I have nothing to add to my original objection/representation</li></ol> <p>Yours faithfully,</p> <p>Graham Wardle</p>