



## Hampshire Constabulary

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Station : **NEWPORT**

Area : **ISLE OF WIGHT**

Department : **LICENSING**

Date : **01 January 2015**

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Subject : **Application for a Grant of Premises Licence**  
**V-Dub, South Fairlee Farm, Mews Lane, Newport, Isle Of Wight,**  
**PO30 2LB**

By virtue of Section 13 (4)(a), Hampshire Constabulary is a responsible authority and may make representations to the Licensing Authority over applications for Premises Licences.

In relation to the above application we are concerned that the applicant has not adequately addressed three of the four licensing objectives in the Operating Schedule as required under section 17(4)(g) of the Act.

Unconditional approval of this application may not promote the licensing objectives which are the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and the protection of children from harm.

The application contains insufficient information to allow us to properly assess whether this event will promote the licensing objectives. In an attempt to overcome this, a site visit was conducted with the applicant and his team with a view to obtaining further details of how the event would operate so as to be able to apply appropriate conditions. Numerous suggestions of measures which the police see as necessary were also made but as yet none of these have been incorporated into the E.M.P. other than the use of a 'clicker' counting device.

An example of this lack of detail can be seen on page 3 of the E.M.P. under the heading of 'crime and disorder'. A statement of intent is made that the organisers wish to work with the police and will take advice from the police on additional measures. They also state that SIA and stewards will be used to maintain order and control the event perimeter. No further details of measures to be put in place are given, however this is described only as an 'outline'.

The 'outline' is hardly expanded on however, in the small paragraph on page 6 under the heading of 'crime prevention'. It simply contains a further statement that, 'the organisers and police are committed to reducing the possibility of any criminality at the event'. This is followed by the opinion of the organisers that 'the profile of attendees at the V-Dub Island 2015 would translate into a low probability of significant criminal activity', 'based on experience of the event from 2012-2014'.

This lack of detail of procedures and of the measures that will be put in place is repeated in many other areas of the E.M.P.



Police licensing are happy and willing to work with the organisers to provide assistance and advice on documented policies, protocols and procedures. However, few of these are recorded within the E.M.P. at this time.

Areas of particular concern are,

1 Lack of information on how are you going to ensure the number of people on site remains below 4999. A brief mention is made of a clicker device being used at the box office and Festicred being used to monitor trader numbers but there is still no detail about what systems are in place or will be put in place. These details should cover the relevant parts of the process from start to finish, i.e. when will entry point be staffed, who by, who will be recording numbers and where is a running total going to be recorded centrally. Also what measures will be put in place to ensure that no entry can be gained to the site other than at monitored entry/exit points, i.e. type/location of fencing, use of towers and lighting, how the perimeter will be monitored and patrolled and how many stewards/SIA will be used to do this.

2 Lack of information on the number of SIA and stewards to be employed. How many will be employed and in what roles, i.e. response teams; perimeter and campsite patrols; bar security; campsite security, searching for bottles/glass at entrance to the main arena, etc. What is the security plan?

3 What is the drugs policy for this event? What measures will be put in place to minimise the use/sale of controlled drugs within the site and what protocols are in place to deal with those caught using/dealing controlled drugs. What is the policy regarding legal highs.

4 There are site specific dangers to public safety such as the pond. A potential electricity hazard was also identified by the organisers. What measures have been/are to be put in place to minimise the risk to public safety?

5 A children's play area is to be created. What provisions will be in place to protect these children from harm whilst using this area? What are the policies regarding it's use i.e. can parents simply leave their children there or will each child be supervised by at least one parent?

6 What is the policy regarding under 18's being allowed in the bar areas?

7 Mention is made that the bars will be housed in marquees. How will entry to these bars and customers behaviour within be monitored and who by?

8 Page 8 of the E.M.P. gives one paragraph, four lines in length to the running of bars. It states 'challenge 25' will be operated along with refusals logs and that bars will be run in accordance with V-Dub island 2015 existing operational procedures. What existing operational procedures relate to the running of the bars other than the discouraging of bringing glass into the event?



Blunt events bar risk assessment and staff briefing documents are mentioned as being relevant in showing how the bars will be operated.

Blunt events bar procedure document listed from page 23 onwards of the E.M.P. does not inspire confidence that every effort will be made to ensure alcohol will be sold responsibly. This is a basic briefing document for staff which lists what is expected from them. There is still a heading for the practice of 'upselling' on page 23 and more space is given to cash handling than I.D. and refusing to serve.

9 There is a lack of information about the bars and how they will be operated. Information such as the experience/age of the staff who will be employed in each bar, what type of drinks will be sold, whether plastic/polycarbon vessels will be used exclusively, what training package will be in place for the staff, who will deliver it, will a personal licence holder be present at each bar, how will the alcohol be stored securely etc. etc.

10 I also object to the proposed timings which do not promote the licensing objectives.

I am uncertain whether the timings referred to in the application relate to desired timings in the arena, the campsite area or both. It is therefore difficult to suggest timings with this lack of information.

I would suggest the following timings as appropriate for both arena and campsite.

Films - Timings agreed as per application – No adult films and measures to be taken to ensure age of viewing audience complies with the certification of the film.

Live music – Objection to live music on Mon, Tues and Wed.

Thursday 12:00 – 23:00

Friday 11:00 – 00:00

Saturday 11:00 – 00:00

Sunday 11:00 – 23:00

Monday Objection to all live music.

Recorded music – Objection to recorded music on Mon, Tues and Wed.

Thursday 12:00 – 23:00

Friday 11:00 – 00:00

Saturday 11:00 – 00:00

Sunday 11:00 – 23:00

Monday - Objection to all recorded music.

Performance of dance and anything similar – Objection to all performance of dance or anything similar on Mon, Tues and Wed.

Thursday 12:00 – 23:00

Friday 11:00 – 00:00

Saturday 11:00 – 00:00

Sunday 11:00 – 23:00



Monday – Objection to all performance of dance or anything similar.

Late night refreshment – Thursday 23:00 – 01:00  
Friday 23:00 – 01:00  
Saturday 23:00 – 01:00  
Sunday 23:00 – 01:00

Supply of alcohol – Timings for campsite bar on Mon, Tues and Wed are supported.  
Thursday 12:00 – 00:00  
Friday 12:00 – 00:00  
Saturday 12:00 – 00:00  
Sunday 12:00 – 23:00

Hours premises are open to the public.

Campers - 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 07:00 – 2nd Monday 12:00.  
Day ticket holders – Thursday 10:00 – 01:00  
Friday 10:00 – 01:30  
Saturday 10:00 – 01:30  
Sunday 10:00 - 00:00

The concerns I have raised in the above paragraphs are by no means the only ones, they merely highlight the lack of detail in the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Police licensing Dept.