

Licensing

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 February 2023 17:22
To: Licensing
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Festival at St Giles Estate

Categories: Kathryn

Hello Kathryn, and thank you for the information.

It isn't widely known that Dorset Council is a partner in this AONB and statutorily its policies are contained in our AONB Management Plan 2019-24. That Management Plan is a statutory requirement of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. Those policies have been formally adopted by Dorset Council and are its policies for this AONB.

The purposes of AONB designation are conserving and enhancing natural beauty. Key characteristics of this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty include its tranquillity and, therefore, we do have to consider events and developments that could impact adversely on that tranquillity. Gatherings of thousands of people, and the additional traffic, can impact adversely on the tranquillity of the AONB as well as the aesthetics and natural beauty. Noise can be an issue, and because this AONB is also the 14th International Dark Sky Reserve in the world we are particularly concerned about light pollution. In this IDSR the local authorities have an obligation to reduce light pollution, not merely limit the increase in light pollution.

Whilst the legislation you work with regularly relates specifically to licencing matters and topics that can be considered relevant, the duty under section 85 of the CRoW Act is overarching, applying to Dorset Council, its staff and councillors, as a whole. The potential impacts of the Festival on this AONB do, therefore, have to be assessed and, as described in the DEFRA guidance document [*Duties on relevant authorities to have regards to the purposes of National Parks, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads 2005 rev 2007*] the Council should be able to show a trail how it has assessed impacts and taken them into account in each decision it makes in relation to land within this AONB.

This AONB is happy to work with others to achieve mutually beneficial / satisfactory outcomes but we do need to have the details and with adequate time to evaluate the situations. The Festival appears to seek approval for films indoors and outdoors between 11am and midnight, and midnight to 6am, together with live, recorded, and amplified music and dancing for similar times both indoors and outdoors. Permission for late night refreshment appears to be being sought from 11pm through midnight to 6am for at least 5 days along with the supply of alcohol for similar times.

Section L, p16 of the application, appears to show 24 hour operation for the period of the Festival. This AONB Partnership is mindful that in addition there will be an extended period of set up and also one of take down.

The statements of public nuisance, p18/19 appear to contradict the time periods for live, amplified, and recorded music in earlier sections of the application. It also appears to seek a licence for more than one year, a further reason for consulting with the AONB in advance of making definitive arrangements. The Festival is within a Registered Historic Park and Garden and it would be prudent to consult with Historic England as well. We are aware that the landowner understands the implications for light pollution risking the loss of the IDSR designation, and that potential loss is something the Council should be aware of as well as its statutory section 85 duty.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 23 February 2023 15:35
To: Licensing <licensing@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Festival at St Giles Estate

Thanks.
Yes there were about 30 blue notices all up the Sixpenny Handley-Cranborne road, just tied to trees/shrubs, many are now flying around the road & no one would read them as they drive up/down that road...not a particularly good indication of the care that might be afforded to a nationally designated landscape.

Nevertheless, there is a duty under Sec 85 of the CRoW Act 2000 for all public bodies to have regard to the purposes of AONB designation (conserve and enhance) in their activities and programmes of work and also as an International Dark Sky Reserve we will have concerns re the lighting being utilised over these days. We are attempting to contact the organisers through Lord Shaftesbury who assisted admirably when it was to be the original 6 week glamping event.

With our stretched, PT team we will endeavour to get a response to you by end of play Monday.
Thank you for your swift response,

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From: Licensing [Redacted]
Sent: 23 February 2023 14:53
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Festival at St Giles Estate

Dear [Redacted] thank you for your e-mail regarding the festival that has applied to be held at St Giles Estate. Under the Licensing Act 2003, the person making the application shall advertise the application prominently, at or on the premises which it relates where it can be conveniently read from the exterior of the premises and on pale blue paper, this notice has to stay up for 28 consecutive days starting on the day after the day which the application was given to the authority. In the case of the this particular premises, as it covers an area of more than 50 square metres, further notices in the same form have been placed every 50 meters along the external perimeter of the premises abutting any highway. The same notice also needs to be published in a newspaper that is circulated in the vicinity of the premises.

We are not required under the Licensing Act 2003 to notify nearby residents, however, every week we send an e-mail out to all Parish Councils and Ward Members which lists all our current new and variation applications. These applications can be viewed on our [website](#).

As there are strict timescales laid down by the Licensing Act 2003, we are unable to extend the deadline for comments. The last date for representations is 27 February 2023.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 23 February 2023 13:09

To: Licensing [Redacted]

Subject: Festival at St Giles Estate

Regards,

We have not received any notification of the festival due to be held at St Giles Estate in August but a local councillor has now forwarded us the licence application.

As we have only just seen this, may I politely request that we might have one additional week to respond.

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