

FAO: Licensing, Dorset Council, County Hall, Dorchester DT1 1XJ

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Date: 10th February 2023

Dear Licensing,

Application for Permanent Premises Licence by We Out Here Ltd in respect of St. Giles Park, Wimborne St. Giles BH21 5NA.

I am writing in support of the above application which relates to a music festival which will last from August 10 to August 14 this year (2023).

My house is three and a half miles from the site across open fields which means that any sound emanating from the event will be clearly audible in my property.

Even so, I believe this festival is just what is needed in the area – and I think this application should be granted.

There has, unfortunately, been a decline in the number of local festivals in recent years.

The Larmer Tree festival in the neighbouring village of Tollard Royal is now an irregular event and the chilli festival which used to be held at St. Giles Park has moved elsewhere.

To be brutally honest, the type of music planned by We Out Here Ltd for the coming occasion is probably not my first preference but it has wide appeal across all age groups.

To those who are worried about noise and disruption, I would claim that this is much more likely to happen with private house parties than a well organised and properly supervised event of the kind proposed for St. Giles Park this summer.

In the same way, injuries from rockets are generally far more common at private firework displays than public ones.

I would draw the council's attention to the End Of The Road festival which has taken place at Tollard Royal every September without incident. There is no reason to suppose that the August event at St. Giles Park will be any different.

There has been some slight concern locally at the wording of the application form which refers to "permanent premises licence," giving the impression that this could open the door to more frequent events throughout the year in the future.

I am assured by a representative of St. Giles Park that this is definitely not the case, so it might be wise for the organisers to make this clear in order to allay any fears.

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