

Chesil Bank Parish Council

FAO – Dorset Council licencing department

Response to application from Mr T Warren for a premises licence for Chesil Rocks

The village of Langton Herring has a population of approximately 120 people.

All the roads in the village are narrow lanes and have no footpaths.

Many of the houses front directly on to the lanes, especially the older properties and the properties in the village centre.

There is no parking at all within the village apart from the Elm Tree Inn car park.

Over recent years, as the Chesil Rocks event has evolved into a music festival, we have received a growing number of complaints from residents with concerns about safety and the difficulties they experience during the event, due to its increasing size and duration.

During the event, parking is provided for one day only on the Saturday by a local farmer in his field. Access to this field is via a public bridleway leading from Angel Lane which is an extremely narrow lane with no passing places.

The preparation for the event and the dismantling of the event result in a large increase in traffic in Shop Lane outside of the days the event is running.

The Parish Council we would request that if this licence is granted the following conditions be placed based on the following licencing objectives:

- * The prevention of crime and disorder
 - * The prevention of public nuisance
 - * Public safety
 - * The protection of children from harm.
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- 1) The numbers attending the event be limited to 500 people onsite at any one-time including staff and volunteers.
 - 2) The event should be restricted to the days it is presently held, which are Thursday, Friday and Saturday and not extend into the Sunday as per the application.
 - 3) At the Parish Meeting, Mr Warren assured the village that he would reduce the timing to finish earlier. We request that the finishing time for food, refreshment and acts should be by 10.30pm allowing ample time for attendees to vacate the village quietly by midnight.
 - 4) We request that the Public Liability Insurance Certificate for the event is in place and on display at the event and that the council advise Mr Warren of the level of cover required.
 - 5) Highways department should devise a safe traffic management system for the event and ensure that this is controlled so that emergency vehicles are not impeded, and residents can access their homes safely.
 - 6) That suitable parking arrangements are made for the Thursday and Friday as there is only public parking being provided on the Saturday. This is in order to ensure that the narrow roads are accessible to locals and emergency vehicles if required.