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Dear Ms Davison

Thank you for your emails, and my apologies for the delay in responding. Thank you also for forwarding on the sound management plan and the letter from the applicant, both of which I have reviewed. Having done so, I wish for my objection to remain.

As noted in my original letter, my particular concerns are around the application to serve alcohol until the early hours, the sound management, traffic disruption and security. I note the applicant's answer with regard to alcohol and security seems to be an assurance that there will be no readmittance to the festival 'except in an emergency', but it is not clear (1) what the applicant would consider to be an emergency, or (2) in practice how rigorously that would be enforced or (3) how the applicant would realistically prevent readmittance to a site with such a long perimeter. As I noted in my original letter, it is difficult to understand why a wellness festival needs to serve alcohol until the early hours of the morning. I note that the applicant fails to address this in their letter.

With regard to noise management I am pleased to see noise monitoring will take place, but am concerned that the proposed levels seem unreasonably high, late into the night. Again, in reality it is difficult to envisage a situation where the noise is switched off if levels are exceeded.

With regard to traffic management the applicant seems to anticipate that directing people to use the main road will solve the problem. However, many festival-goers will use sat navs, which are likely to direct them through the local villages, and in particular through West Raynham.

Unfortunately, I am unlikely to be able to attend the licensing committee in person, but would be grateful if my original letter and the points above could be considered when it meets to consider this application.

Kind regards,

David Owens