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From: Lucy Beech [REDACTED]

Sent: 15 February 2024 08:49

To: Licensing (Ext E Mail Address) <Licensing@Doncaster.Gov.UK>

Subject: Askern Music Festival

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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to inform you that I am for Askern Music Festival taking place. There are many benefits for having the festival take place. It brings so much to the local area, helps local businesses and brings huge names to Doncaster. It's an opportunity to bring people together and put Doncaster on the maps. Not to mention the festival is of an affordable price for people to attend. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss further.

Email: [REDACTED]

Kind Regards,
Lucy Beech

From: Cllr Jake Keeble [REDACTED] >
Sent: 21 February 2024 11:13
To: Licensing (Ext E Mail Address) <Licensing@Doncaster.Gov.UK>
Subject: Support for Askern Music Festival Application

Dear Doncaster Council Licensing Department,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing on behalf of Askern Town Council regarding the application made by Askern Music Festival for an event in our field. We, as the landowners, wish to express our full support for their application.

Throughout our discussions and meetings with the organisers of Askern Music Festival, they have consistently demonstrated a high level of professionalism and responsibility. They have taken the time to address any concerns we have raised and have shown a genuine commitment to ensuring that the event is well organised and thought through.

We believe that the Askern Music Festival will not only bring joy and entertainment to our community but will also have a positive impact on the local economy. We are confident that they will adhere to all necessary regulations and guidelines to ensure the safety and well-being of attendees and the surrounding area.

Please consider this email as our official endorsement of Askern Music Festival's application. If you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,

Jake Keeble
Chairman of Askern Town Council
Mayor of Askern

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Premises / Club Name	Askern Music Festival
Premises / Club Address	Askern Events Field, Askern, Doncaster,
Post Code	DN6 0A

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The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The lack of evidence of a cohesive planning model, together with ad-hoc responses out of context with any such process gives doubt about the ability to fulfil safety requirements with any credible solutions leads to serious doubt that safety processes will be reliable.

The fact that there are 3 public houses nearby puts into scope possible post event disorder, together with the local takeaways.

There has still been no credible solution to this and clearly there is a potential drain on emergency services should disorder occur.

There is considerable doubt regarding the calculations for this event and as such it is extremely difficult to validate any of the crowd safety calculations. These would need to be presented in an acceptable format. To date they have not been.

Public Safety

Repeating the comment - There is considerable doubt regarding the calculations for this event and as such it is extremely difficult to validate any of the crowd safety calculations. These would need to be presented in an acceptable format. To date they have not been.

Entrance and egress routes have been changed and in the case of the 2 emergency additional routes, there is considerable concern as they are hastily added and in one case would

potentially cause funnelling of people with the possibility of progressive crowd collapse. In the other case the structure is not yet built, and, in any event, it leads into an un-maintained path with no clear final dispersal destination or infrastructure. As such it could only ever be a last resort emergency egress to a place of relative safety in the event of a catalytic event in the main arena as things stand and remedial measures would be required.

These issues cast doubt on the egress during an emergency and add to the wider issues which remain at the red and blue routes.

There is no current detail regarding disabled access or egress, only mention of 1 disabled toilet and some disabled parking. This cited possible safety issues and does not comply with The Purple Guide, Health and Safety Regs and the Equality Act.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

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There is, as such a high risk of disorder post event and a potential drain on 999 services and the event organisers are obliged to establish a policy to reduce this.

The Protection of Children from Harm

This point should be included against a background of the previously mentioned lack of transparent calculations and a coherent planning process. The fact that capacities, access egress and routes, such as crossing the A19, and arterial route, possibly at night have yet to be explained by the organisers indicates that such safety cannot be established at this time and as such must form part of an objection.

There is at this time no evidence of 'Show-stop' details, variable mitigation for weather or other incidents. Nor is there a Counter Terrorist plan under what will be The Terrorism Protection of Premises Bill or 'Martyn's Law'. This would be an upper-tier event, requiring such a plan.

This points to the safety of children and I don't see how a license can be issued at this stage without such measures.

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Premises / Club Name	Askern Music Festival
Premises / Club Address	Askern Events Field Askern Doncaster South Yorkshire
Post Code	DN6 0AA

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The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

<p>Public Safety</p> <p>On the basis that any objections to the above-mentioned application for an Event(s) to be held at Askern Events Field, Askern, Doncaster, DN6 0A needs to be received by the end of this week (8th March 2024) from a Highways perspective we are unable to support this application indeed we would formally object to it on the grounds of Public Safety /Protection of Children.</p> <p>The reasons for this decision is that whilst the Council has received a Road Traffic Management Plan, titled 1st draft which was described as part of the Event Management Plan, on 3rd March (our office on the 4th March) notwithstanding two ESAG meetings with the Event Organiser and his colleagues the most recent on the 4th March and the previous on the 22nd February, at this time we have no formal documentation / to include drawings or traffic management arrangements to review, especially with regard to the locations shown for the car parks, to include the fields sites shown as Car Park A and the adjacent Camping Field located on the eastern side of the A19 to the north of Askern, and how these will operate.</p> <p>All the locations currently highlighted as possible accesses to these fields are single track farm accesses, with no forward intervisibility for those vehicles wishing to exit the site and traffic using the main A19, due to a dense line of trees and hedgerow. Therefore, even if the entrances could be widened / visibility increased to highway standards, due to the numbers of vehicles likely to be using them at certain times of the day and night there are</p>
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safety risks associated with these turning manoeuvres.

This will include queuing traffic on this main 'A' road, which will be at it worse when there will be a significant number of vehicles that will be exiting the site at the end of the event.

Another safety concern is that there is no pedestrian footway on the side of the parking / camping fields which will result in all pedestrian 'Event Goers' having to cross the main A19 to walk on the footway on the opposite side of the road.

This same crossing of the A19 would needs to be carried out during the hours of darkness when large numbers of people to include children return to the site, many of which who will have been drinking and therefore likely to be even more vulnerable when trying to assess when and when not to cross the road, albeit the road is subject to street lighting in this area.

After yesterday's meeting it has also been noted there is no formal pedestrian crossing provision of the A19 between the point of the Sutton Road parking locations and the venue, which is another safety concern of this plan.

In addition and from previous experience with unknown weather patterns / risk of rain preceding / during the event a foreseen problem is unless the fields are protected from damage due to heavy flows of vehicle usage and especially the sections of the fields leading to the junctions with the A19 there is a high risk of mud being dragged onto the highway and the safety implications this can create for traffic on the main road, which will need to be addressed.

However as suggested, if this application is ultimately agreed to, then perhaps conditions can be added to include: -

- Control measures need to be put in place to safely control vehicles entering and exiting Car Park A / Camping Zone, to include adequate ground conditions within and on the approaches to the main A19.
- Control measures need to be put in place to safely allow pedestrians to cross and recross the A19 Selby Road to use the footway as they leave or return to Car Park A / Camping Zone

And the same conditions for the Field Car Park located off Sutton Road

In conclusion given the short timescales we are working to, (which has to be said is no fault of the Council) and with a Traffic Management Company yet to be employed, there is little confidence / reassurance (albeit many promises being made) that the necessary hard documentation will be available to be reviewed and agreed to prior to this week's pending deadline.

Again, from previous experience any subsequent submission will almost certainly require some further information / amendments all to take place by the end of this week. This fact coupled with Kasim, and I who have been dealing with this issue are either at College / on leave or on flexitime retirement by the close of play today, hence why we are submitting this objection now.

I have however briefed another colleague in my Team – Tom Goundry with regard to this application and if anyone needs any further information then please contact him.

Many Thanks

Steve

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

The Protection of Children from Harm

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Public Safety & The Protection of Children from Harm
<p>This representation is being made as part of my role as a Responsible Authority representative, under the Licensing Act 2003. I act as the relevant enforcing authority under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974. The representation is being made in relation to public safety and the protection of children from harm.</p>
<p>1. Introduction</p> <p>1.1 The location of the proposed 2024 Askern Music Festival (the Event), with its current topography, infrastructure and site design is not suitable or safe for an event of its size and duration. Askern Music Festival Limited (the Company) have failed to provide a satisfactory event management plan to show how they intend on controlling the risks associated with a festival of this size in accordance with relevant health and safety legislation and associated guidance, such as the Purple Guide. There has also been a failure to adequately demonstrate their competence to manage such a large event and associated risks. The Company also demonstrated a lack of competency and failed to reduce risks to as low as reasonably practicable during their previous event at Thornhurst Manor, in July 2023.</p> <p>1.2 Consequently, I believe the Company will be putting the health and safety of their customers, employees, and others at risk by not adequately ensuring that health and safety risks will be</p>

reduced to as low as reasonably practicable. I believe this for the reasons listed below in sections 2-5 of this document.

2. Site

2.1 The Company have not demonstrated an understanding of the critical factors which are relevant to safe site design, such as reducing factors on capacity, stability of the ground and capabilities/provision of emergency exit(s). These factors are expanded upon in sections 2.2-2.5 below.

2.2 Capacity calculations

2.2.1 The Company have not demonstrated that the site is safe to accommodate a crowd of 9,999 people. They appear to have disregarded restrictions on available space when determining capacity. It is not clear if the Company are fully aware of the restrictions that are present at the site.

2.2.2 Capacity calculations were provided in an email dated 27th February 2024. However, I am unable to determine if the figures are accurate. The Company have not provided an accurate representation of the site to assist with this. The Company have not identified all the site features that would have an impact on any final capacity figures, such as trees, all proposed temporary structures, areas of sapling growth and a playground, for example. The Company has also not identified a P and S factor, which is an essential part of completing accurate capacity calculations, as stated in industry safety guidance.

2.3 Ingress and egress

2.3.1 Documents received on 21st February 2024 included a site plan. This identified a 'pedestrian entry and exit route' and a separate 'vehicle and emergency services route.' Both these routes meet at the main entrance to the field. The organisers had not identified a requirement for a separate dedicated emergency exit for festival goers. There is a requirement in industry safety guidance that there should be adequate emergency exits.

2.3.2 If an emergency incident were to occur, and access to the main entrance jeopardised, this left no designated alternative routes off the site. This also shows to me a lack of competency in event safety awareness and planning from the organisers.

2.3.3 On 28th February 2024, I received further information and documents by email. This included an amended site plan with the addition of two emergency exits, one in the southwest corner of the field and one in the northwest corner. Amongst other things, the email states that the Company were exploring use of land to the south of the site as a safe space in the event of an emergency. This could be accessed via a footbridge in the southwest corner.

2.4 Emergency exit - southwest corner

2.4.1 The proposed emergency exit at the southwest corner of the field is identified on site

plans provided by the Company. It consists of a narrow footbridge which crosses the perimeter dyke into an area which is currently muddy and overgrown with a narrow path running through it. I observed this during a site visit on 1st March 2024.

2.4.2 During a meeting with the ESAG members on 4th March 2024, the organisers indicated that, if it were to be designated an emergency exit, they would construct a 6-metre-wide bridge over the dyke. Other than this, they have provided no further details of how, and why it is safe to use as an emergency exit and how it meets the requirements of industry guidance. I have visited the site, the land on the other side of this bridge is muddy and overgrown. Large scale remedial works would be required to bring it up to a safe standard.

2.4.3 I do not know where this proposed emergency exit leads to and if it could be considered a safe evacuation route to a place of safety, as is required. A review of google maps indicates a vast green space adjacent to what appears to be a brownfield site.

2.4.4 The organisers have provided no further information regarding it, or how they would ensure this is fit for people with disabilities. As far as I am aware, the organisers have not gained permission to use the land onto which the footbridge leads. It is understood that they are not aware of who owns the land. I believe the organisers have put very little thought and planning into the effectiveness of this route off the field as safe.

2.5. Emergency exit - northwest corner

2.5.1 On the second site plan, the Company also identified a 6-metre-wide emergency exit to the northwest corner of the site. The route from this emergency exit feeds straight back into the main pedestrian entrance and exit to the event field. There is a potential of risk to the health and safety of festival goers from crushing due to the possibility of high crowd densities in the event of an emergency.

3. Competency

3.1 Health and safety law requires that employers must appoint a 'Competent Person' to enable them to meet their health and safety obligations. A competent person being someone who has sufficient training and experience, or knowledge and other qualities that allow them to assist.

3.2 The Company have employed the services of a Safety Officer for the Event. This person was identified as being responsible for overseeing health and safety during a meeting I attended on 22nd February 2024. I have queried the qualifications and experience of this individual and their relevance to the type of event the Company propose. The Company have failed to provide sufficient evidence that this individual has the necessary knowledge and experience. I do not deem that this person meets the requirements of a 'Competent Person' in accordance with Regulation 7 of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999

3.3 I was informed on 1st March 2024 that the Company had employed the services of a second individual to assist with the Event's safety. I have requested details to determine if this individual is competent, but they have not been provided to me. During a meeting I attended on 4th March 2024, it was obvious to me that this individual was unfamiliar with the current safety plans and

some key site details. I have been informed that this person is employed as the Safety Officer at a football stadium. However, I have no evidence that indicates this person has experience of safety roles at events of this nature and size.

- 3.4 The Company have failed to demonstrate sufficient competency within their organisation to plan, manage and deliver a safe event of this scale and nature.

4. Camping

4.1 The Company's plans in relation to the provision of a camping field as part of this application appear to be in their infancy. The Company have not provided certain key documented plans relating to,

- the safety provisions relating to vehicular and pedestrian ingress and exit to/off the site,
- segregation of vehicles and pedestrians on site,
- suitability of the land for a safe environment,
- risk assessments,
- sanitary facilities and refuse,
- Manner in which potable water is supplied and the testing regimes in place for this.

5. External zone

5.1 The Company have a legal duty to reduce the risk to the health and safety of festival goers outside the Event field. The extent of this is likely to encompass main pedestrian and vehicle routes leading from the Event field to car parks, camping location, train station and bus stops. The Company have failed to adequately demonstrate that they have done this or are capable of doing so. I am concerned regarding the following,

- The rail crossing on the A19 which will potentially be crossed by a thousands of people in a short space of time as they make their way to the camping and car park site.
- Crossing the road on the A19 where it reduces from a pavement on both sides to just one. The speed limit is 40 mph.
- Crossing the A19 to access the camp site and parking facilities. The entrance to which is on the opposite side of the road.
- Access to the public right of way over the rail crossing at the southeast corner of the site.

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The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Plans submitted by the event organiser do not reflect the Purple guide, a document designed to give guidance to event organisers involved in the outdoor events industry and establish consistently safe standards.

Risk assessment documentation supplied is scant in detail and does not reflect Chapter 26 of the guide whereby consideration should be given to the provision of an initial response to low level criminality, anti social behaviour, thefts, possession and use of drugs/other prohibited substances, and crucially, the provision of crime reporting procedures and care for victims.

This creates concern from a Policing perspective, as the event is likely to create extra demand for Police resources not only within the event field but within the immediate community and outlying camp sites/car parks linked to the event.

The likelihood of crime and disorder would undoubtedly be increased in the areas outlined above by the influx of large numbers, and the lack of attention to this in any plans is a concern from a South Yorkshire Police perspective.

Public Safety

Safety team – There are concerns around the qualifications of the safety officer/s and crucially their experience and competence in crowd management and public safety provisions at this scale of event.

Venue – The event organiser has failed to adequately assess the proposed venue in relation to suitability/safety as outlined in Chapter 3 of the Purple Guide (Venue and site design).

Having conducted a site visit, it is apparent that many issues have not been adequately addressed which are outlined within the guide, in relation to topography within the event site, existing structures and hazards that would impact upon the safety of attendees.

The lack of detail in supplied plans is a public safety concern, casting doubt upon the abilities of the organiser to carry out rudimentary capacity calculations for the site, as those supplied are confusing and do not appear to reflect industry standards.

The actual capacity of the site is not determined on plans supplied, as the organiser has not identified the effect of concessions/bars, lighting towers/mixing desks etc upon available area for spectators. It is concerning that the topography of the site is not included in plans to determine capacities.

P&S factors outlined within the Purple Guide Chapter 3 (Venue and site design) have not been used, where, by way of risk assessment and in order to calculate the holding capacity, each part of the venue's viewing accommodation should be assessed according to its physical condition. (P) factor. Similarly, each part of the venue's viewing accommodation should be assessed according to the quality of the safety management of that area. (S) factor.

The site is bounded by many physical hazards to the attending public which are not reflected in the risk assessments of the organiser, unfenced live rail lines, drainage ditches and dikes, sloped viewing areas, etc.

A lack of any contingency/emergency plans is also a public safety concern, with initially only one entrance and exit identified for attendees that would be shared and conflict with any emergency response in the event of incident.

Subsequent additions of extra emergency exits to the plans by the event organiser are unsuitable, exiting directly into existing crowd flows or into unlit and uneven private land with no apparent means of escape from the identified "holding area".

The advice within the Purple guide Chapter 4 Resilience (Contingency and Emergency Planning) has not been reflected in the event organisers plans.

Of particular concern to South Yorkshire Police is our responsibility to co ordinate an emergency response as defined within the Civil Contingencies Act 2004, which would be adversely affected by the organisers lack of planning and understanding of this area of public safety.

Other public safety concerns exist away from the proposed licenced event site, but should also be considered, the lack of a traffic management plan (the one initially supplied by the event organiser was from a previous venue) that adequately addresses the safe movement of pedestrians and vehicles to and from the site pre and post event, particularly along roads connecting to nearby event car parks, which include roads with footpaths on one side of them and the crossing of a live railway line not being identified as hazards to the public/attendees.

Chapter 36 of the Purple guide (Counter terrorism) is not reflected within the plans creating further public safety concerns.

Event organisers have an obligation under the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 to provide a safe place for their employees to work and for the visitors to their attractions and events.

Consideration of the risk posed by terrorists must form part of the considerations under this act.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

The event organiser has outlined various likely attendance figures for the proposed event ranging between 5000 and the applied for 9999.

It must be recognised that the recorded population of the town of Askern is just over 6000 people, therefore the introduction of such numbers is likely to adversely affect the infrastructure and road networks of not just the town but the surrounding areas and communities.

The organiser has not reflected this in plans submitted or identified any obligations with regard to areas away from the event site.

This is commonly referred to as Zone Ex which is the external zone lying immediately beyond the outer perimeter of the event which can be public domain or privately owned but is integral to the circulation and safe management of people arriving at and dispersing from the venue.

There are identified event car parks and camping sites within the surrounding area of the event field that will significantly increase pedestrian and vehicle movement, which is not addressed within the plans submitted by the organiser.

The car parks are chargeable rather than free, which will undoubtedly lead to attendees looking for closer/free parking on residential streets, again, not addressed within the plans.

Emergency services responding to the event or unconnected incidents within the surrounding community may be hindered by on street parking/obstructions.

Immediately surrounding the event site are a number of public houses and retail outlets that may be adversely affected by the large numbers attending.

This should also be linked to Public safety and crime and disorder objectives.

The Protection of Children from Harm

The event organiser has advertised and already sold a number of tickets for this event, it is described on the Askern Music Festival website as a family event with admission available for children and young persons of any age, including those under 5 years of age.

The previous outlines above therefore apply to the presence of children/young persons and are inextricably linked.

The lack of a safeguarding plan from the event organiser is also a concern.

The further discussion of a proposed small funfair to accompany childrens face painting activities within the event confirms the likelihood of children and young persons attending, facing the same risks as the adult attendees.

From: Victoria Hill [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 March 2024 11:45
To: Licensing (Ext E Mail Address) <Licensing@Doncaster.Gov.UK>
Subject: Askern Music Festival.

Dear Sir/Madam.

I am emailing in support of you granting a multi day licence for Askern Music Festival.

It's an amazing platform for up and coming and established artists to perform. With a variety of music to suit all tastes.

The festival is established, affordable and a great event to highlight the local area. Along with bringing revenue to Doncaster and other local communities.

I am so supportive of the up and coming music scene, who are facing venues being closed all over the country. Allowing the licence would help the artists and bands perform on a larger scale at a brilliant, well run festival. Which is an absolute credit to Doncaster.

Kind regards,

Victoria Hill.

From: Paula Goldthorpe [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 March 2024 12:22
To: Licensing (Ext E Mail Address) <Licensing@Doncaster.Gov.UK>
Subject: License for Askern Music Festival

Representation for Askern Music Festival

Please accept this email as a representation for this amazing Festival to please continue go ahead.

I have been to this festival many times and it is an amazing day and one of my favourite festivals. This festival has such a great atmosphere and is fantastic to attend.

This festival is an amazing platform for up and coming and unsigned bands, they get to perform in front of a massive crowd, gain new fans and most importantly get the experience of playing at an amazing festival.

I would just add that in these current times this festival is very affordable, tickets, food and drink.

Please let this festival go ahead as it would be a great loss if it didn't.

Thanks for taking the time to read.

Kind regards

Paula Goldthorpe

From: Shaun Butler [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 March 2024 12:34
To: Licensing (Ext E Mail Address) <Licensing@Doncaster.Gov.UK>
Subject: Askern Music Festival

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a big supporter of grass roots music, and I am disappointed to hear that there are objections to Askern Music Festival being granted a multi-day licence.

I obviously am unaware of the reasons for the objections, but can hopefully provide my reasoning on why I support the licence being granted.

This festival provides a great platform for many up-and-coming artists, who are finding it increasingly difficult to showcase their talents due to the ever increasing closure of smaller venues. Many of these artists are local to the area, and performing at the festival would give them exposure to a new audience. Some of the artists already booked for this year are well established in the industry, which will attract a lot of people from outside the area, as well as giving local residents the opportunity to see these artists on their doorstep.

The festival itself is an affordable and well run event, giving consideration to the local community, allowing them the opportunity to voice their opinions and shape the future of the festival at a community consultation. It also showcases the area to anyone travelling from outside the region to attend, and this surely helps the local economy.

I trust all the above factors will be taken into consideration when the decision on whether to grant the licence or not is taken.

Yours faithfully,
Shaun Butler

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The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

<p>Public Safety</p> <p>Following a review of the event safety plans (version 2) I feel it necessary to question the proposed arrangements for the evacuation of all attendees in the event of an emergency. The safety plans indicate a predicted attendance figure and an aspirational attendance figure (maximum 9999). The safety plan capacity calculations are based on the maximum figure. The safety plan lacks sufficient information in order to clarify specific detail relating to the capacity calculations, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum floor space – is this with the overlay, emergency access route (fire lane), any restricted areas (e.g. saplings, children's playground, sightline kills) subtracted? • The risk level (low) appears to be based on the calculated evacuation time. The fire risk level (low, normal, high) is an assessment of risk based on event type / profile and exit route make up. This should be determined first in order to then inform the exit width calculations. • Any structures (e.g. marquees) which aren't 'open air', should be subject to their own capacity / exit calculations.

- Exits x 3 each 6m width – is 6m the narrowest point of each exit along the entire route? Is there any funnelling or pinch points which could lead to density build up and prevent a free flowing exit system?
 - How do the organisers proposes to mitigate the crossing across the dyke at the Southern end to maintain a viable 6m wide exit spanning sloped terrain?
- Does each exit point lead to a place of relative safety with sufficient space from which further progressive movement to ultimate safety is available?
- Is each exit route suitable for all attendees including children and less able bodied. (terrain / topography / crossings).
- Is the extent of proposed exit signage and lighting in case of an emergency in line with recommendations in relation to size and position?

Further clarification is also sought in relation to access arrangements for FRS vehicles. The safety plan indicates an emergency vehicle access route leading from the High Street to the event site via the lakeside and encircling the field. The viability of this route to support the weights and dimensions of a fire appliance is unconfirmed at this stage and I understand ground works to the route along the edge of the lake are currently in progress. Given the weights and dimensions of a fire appliance and that the event site is encircled by a drainage dyke the organisers should validate access to and around the event, for example the structure of any proposed access routes, soft ground, cambers, verges, slopes, corner turn widths. These factors may add delay to the application of FRS resources. Where necessary, contingency plans should incorporate such considerations.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

The Protection of Children from Harm

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To whom it may concern.

As a promoter of new grassroots music and larger scale events ourselves, we strongly recommend Askern Festival.

Although it is fairly new, they had a fantastic 1st festival last year which saw a lot of visitors come to the area, spending money during a current cash crisis and after a pandemic. The music industry was one of the worst hit as a result of the pandemic and it needs as much support as possible right now as it is still on it's back.

This also seems consumers travelling to the area, booking hotels and much much more.

We will attending the festival ourselves and have utmost respect for anyone putting this type of event together.

You know it makes sense!

Regards,

Time To Shine Promotions & Artist Management Ltd