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Licensing Section Port Talbot Civic Centre Port Talbot SA13 1PJ

Dear Sir / Madam,

Grant of Premises Licence – IIT Festival, Old Park Farm, Margam, SA13 2PB

An application has been submitted for the grant of a new licence for the IIT Festival, Old Park Farm, Margam, SA13 2PB.

The main purpose of the application is to propose an increase of capacity as outlined below:-

- In year one of the Licence (2025), the maximum capacity on site will not exceed 35,000 (inclusive of all persons on site).
- In year two of the Licence (2026), the maximum capacity on site will not exceed 40,000 (inclusive of all persons on site).
- In year three of the Licence (2027), the maximum capacity on site will not exceed 45,000 (inclusive of all persons on site).
- In year four of the Licence (2028 and onwards), the maximum capacity on site will not exceed 49,999 (inclusive of all persons on site)

The times and activities are generally identical to what was previously applied for back in 2021, however there has been an opportunity to revisit some of the existing conditions and introduce more specific conditions relating to how the residential areas are policed.

Before the submission of this application there was extensive engagement between the applicants and the Licensing Section, with anticipation we would be in a position where all parties agree with what is proposed.

Due to the pre application dialogue I am overall happy with the application and satisfied that the staggered approach to the increased capacity introduces important safeguards so there is not a huge jump to 49,999.

When this was first proposed there had been some concerns in relation to the potential impact on the road network around that area, as there would potentially be an extra 20,000 people being accommodated. This will obviously cause some disruption and would need an extensive Traffic Management Plan (TMP) prepared each year. I am aware the proposed TMP plans have been scrutinized by the Safety Advisory Group and there have been various subgroups created with partner agencies to review what is being proposed.

It's difficult to really predict exactly what impact 40,000 or 49,000 people will have on the locality but with the event capacity being staggered and scrutinized each year this will give opportunities for all agencies to advise and prepare for the following year.

Ultimately the Licensing Act allows all Responsible Authorities and Interested Parties to initiate a Review of the licence if they have concerns relating to the promotion of the licensing objectives. This would be a "worst-case scenario" but at any rate does give options should the event not deliver what was agreed or expected.

As outlined above I have worked closely with the organisers on the pre application and am happy with the majority of what has been proposed. However, there are just a couple of conditions that I would like to review, as in hindsight, when first dealing with the pre application I did not initially think of these impacts.

I would like the conditions relating to the St Davids estate amended as I think the residents of Eglwys Nunydd will be similarly effected due to the potential for increased anti-social behaviour of customers leaving and/ or parking at the site.

My reason for this amendment is: - In addition to the potential for increased anti-social behaviour that could takes place with an increased capacity, it is proposed that the North Cornelly/Water Street roads will be used more widely with the introduction of

new Park and Walk scheme from 2026 onwards. This could be impactful for both St Davids and Eglwys Nunydd and these conditions would negate some of those concerns of festival customers entering their estate. I have attached a plan which shows the two entrances and propose both are staffed appropriately.

I propose the conditions should be amended and read:-

• Entrances to both The St Davids and Eglwys Nunydd Estates will be staffed with a minimum of 2 x dedicated SIA for the duration of the event (Thu AM - Mon AM). Their roles and responsibilities be will clearly defined in the Security Management Plan

 From year two of this licence (2026, 40,000 capacity onwards), the number of SIA staff on duty at the entrance to St Davids and Eglwys Nunydd Estate will increase to 3 x SIA. Their roles and responsibilities be will clearly defined in the Security Management Plan

Also in relation to the times the stages close there is a condition that reads:-

 Stages will close down in a staggered fashion with the Main Stage ceasing performances at 23:00. Any other performance areas continuing beyond 23.00 will be detailed in the ESMP & NMP.

This will essentially put the times for the stages in the hands of the ESMP and NMP however I think it is important there is a way of controlling/limiting these times. What I don't want to happen is for certain stages to have increased hours entered into the ESMP and there be no legal way challenge of that.

I propose the following

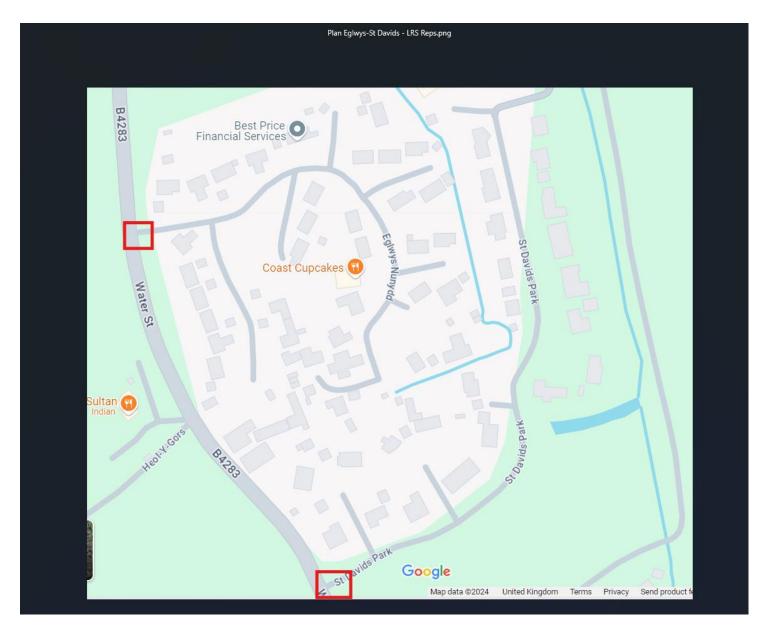
Stages will close down in a staggered fashion with the Main Stage ceasing performances at 23:00. Any other performance areas continuing beyond 23.00 will be detailed in the ESMP & NMP with agreement of NPT Licensing and Environmental Health Officers.

My reasons for this are:- Primaraley apart from the Main Stage and Panchia which have always had dedicated closing times, all other stages have ceased at 23.00. This will then add some control on what times are being applied for on each performance area.

I am making this representation to amend the conditions outlined above as I think these changes will promote the licensing objectives and give clear direction to the premises licence holder and residents what is expected, particularly in relation to preventing crime and disorder and preventing public nuisance.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Malough - Senior Legal Regulatory Officer NPTCBC



From: Peter Malough
Date: Friday, 10 January 2025 at 09:11
To: Rob Dudley
Cc: Kat Lattimore, Oli Bartlam, Matthew Phipps, Sarah Bartle
Subject: RE: IIT Festival -Grant

Hi Rob

Hope you're keeping well, I only got back from an extended Christmas break yesterday so still catching up.

Giving this some thought I think it is reasonable to agree that 2 SIA is sufficient to cover this area for 2025. This additional control measure hasn't been a condition of your licence previously, so happy we can go with the 1 SIA on both entrances for 2025 and then extended that to 3 from 2026.

The resides that live in these housing estates are more likely to be affected by the increased capacity, so I think these SIA roles are vital going forward in limiting the impact on the residents. I also recognise with our commitment to working together if additional support is required to these areas in 2025 than that will be arranged.

So the conditions will read:-

• Entrances to both The St Davids and Eglwys Nunydd Estates will be staffed with a minimum of 1 dedicated SIA for the duration of the event (Thu AM - Mon AM). Their roles and responsibilities be will clearly defined in the Security Management Plan

• From year two of this licence (2026, 40,000 capacity onwards), the number of SIA staff on duty at the entrance to both St Davids and Eglwys Nunydd Estate will increase to 3 x SIA. (1 covering each entrance and the other roaming/patrolling the estates). Their roles and responsibilities be will clearly defined in the Security Management Plan

I have copied in Sarah as she is the processing officer and will need to be aware of any agreement in order to complete Committee report.

Let me know what you think

Kind Regards

Peter Malough

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Hi Peter

Thanks very much for this – all good from our POV.

Cheers