

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE HEARING – 20 JUNE 2012

BATH GROUNDS, ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

From: John Lane
Sent: 13 June 2012 12:00
To: ANDY COOPER
Cc: Gary Lyness; annie ingram
Subject: Bath Grounds Application

Hi Andrew

Just to confirm our conversation that Gary Lyness will attend and comment on my behalf at the meeting on the 20th as I will be out of the country.

I would also appreciate if you could pass my additional comments below to your colleague handling the application.

Additional comments:

Although the recent 'Fake Festival' event held in the bath grounds itself seemed to be very well organised, managed and enjoyed there are some important observations that I would like to highlight.

1. Despite the inclement conditions there was still a significant number of event attendees 'loading' themselves with alcohol in the open park area, particularly around the benches at the south street entrance. Youths, some clearly underage, were openly drinking wine, beer and spirits in this area. We even found full and open bottles of wine 'stashed' in the bushes at the bottom of our garden
2. A number of 'party goers' were also using this area at the back of the gardens to urinate
3. The amplified music continued until 11.30 pm and the noise from people leaving continued well beyond that time
3. The Marquee and waste skip have been left unattended in the Bath grounds for over a week

This demonstrates that adequate controls are not in place for these events. If underage drinking and public urinating are tolerated during these events on a regular basis there is no doubt it will encourage the same practise in this area even when no event is being held. The police already have difficulty preventing this type of problem and this is sending out the wrong message.

It is not acceptable that young children that live in and around the Bath Grounds, such as mine, should be seeing this in the park area where they play and finding alcohol in the garden.

Regards"