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To: MATTHEW PICKERING <MATTHEW.PICKERING@nwleicestershire.gov.uk>
Subject: Extension of Events Licence at Cattows Farm

Dear, Matthew,

I wish to register an objection to the proposal to double the capacity of events at Cattows Farm, Heather on the following grounds:

1 The road from Packington to Heather, running through Normanton le heath, has become very dangerous over last few years. Traffic flow through Normanton on events days is particularly difficult to cope with and the 30mph restrictions are largely ignored. A doubling of the showground capacity can only exacerbate what is already a serious problem. It must be remembered that the road cuts our village in half and residents must cross to access other parts of the village. Add to that the fact that there is a very active livery in the village and it is obvious that the potential for a serious, if not fatal, accident is greatly increased.

2 Many people already attend on foot. The roadway is narrow, has bends which reduce visibility, has no viable footpath- the grass verges are unwalkable, and has no lighting. Even at its present capacity there have been several near accidents involving cars and often fairly inebriated attendees leaving the site at night. Again, the increased capacity can only make a serious accident more likely. I believe that to allow a doubling of attendance would be a complete abdication of very real Health and Safety issues.

3 While access to the site using a vehicle is quite well managed, the late night departures by people without cars and using private or taxi pickups is already a problem often obstructing the narrow, unlit main road for considerable distances. Again I would cite Health and Safety issues in considering the potential doubling of this problem.

4 Noise concerns at the present attendance levels have NOT been properly addressed. Depending on the weather the sound stages and crowd responses can often be clearly heard over great distances. Last year there were some days when it was very obtrusive until late at night. Your environmental officer has assured us that he has tested sound levels in surrounding villages and that there is NOT a problem, but this assurance does little to satisfy those who actually live within hearing distance and have to experience the reality. There is a real worry that increasing the capacity will mean that amplification levels will increase, that there will have to be additional sound stages, and that the noise of the crowds will increase commensurately.

I trust that these views will be taken into consideration in deciding the outcome of this application.

Yours sincerely

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