

## **COUNCIL – 14 NOVEMBER 2023**

### **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

#### **QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR G ROGERS TO COUNCILLOR M WYATT**

##### **Uncontrolled traffic issues relating to events held at Cattows Farm, Heather.**

“I’ve been approached by a number of my constituents in relation to events occurring at Cattows Farm, Heather, which I understand is a venue licensed by the Council.

These events are causing chaos in the village with roads being grid locked in all directions. Apart from the massive inconvenience caused to local residents, in the event of an accident or an emergency it is unlikely that Ambulances, Fire Engines or Police would be able to get through or would at the very least be seriously delayed in attending.

Can the Portfolio Holder explain what he is intending to do in relation to the licensing of future events?”

#### **REPOSENSE FROM COUNCILLOR M WYATT TO COUNCILLOR G ROGERS**

“I am aware that a broad range of events take place at Cattows Farm in Heather.

The majority of these events, such as the Halloween events, pumpkin picking and the Ashby Show can take place without a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003. Traffic related issues at these non licensed events would be dealt with by the Highway Authority at Leicestershire County Council.

The fireworks event which took place on 4th and 5th November was licensed primarily because an element of the event contained live music and a number of bands.

The licence is a permanent licence which is subject to conditions and covers the sale/supply of alcohol as well as regulated entertainment for the tea rooms and restaurant. The licence also covers the farm’s larger events.

Where the licence is required, the event organiser is required to comply with the licence conditions relating to traffic management which involves devising a traffic management plan and submitting to Leicestershire County Council Highways and Leicestershire Police for their comment and agreement.

To date (8 November) the Council’s Licensing department has not received any complaints relating to traffic problems at the fireworks event from members of the public, however a district councillor and two parish councillors have made contact about these issues.

A debrief of the fireworks event will be scheduled by the Council’s Licensing team to both better understand the extent of the traffic issues and clarify the reasons for the problems as well as potential solutions if these are necessary.

Officers will encourage the event organiser / venue to arrange a consultation meeting with residents and Parishes where any issues can be discussed.”