

From: Alan Rogers
Sent: 14 August 2021 16:32
To: licensing <licensing@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk>
Subject: Martello Fields - Seaford

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Dear Sirs

We are writing to express our concern about the Licensing Application posted at the Martello Fields on behalf of Breakwater Event Support Ltd for supply of alcohol, recorded and live music at that location.

We understand that they plan to hold an event on Sunday 29th August. We are very unhappy about this event going ahead instead of the usual Donkey Derby. Seaford is a completely unsuitable place to hold such a large Festival.

The flood of visitors will overwhelm Seaford's resources. There is very little holiday accommodation in the town and our cafes, food outlets and parking areas are very limited. Many people with children visit the area and make use of the beach, often finding it very difficult to find any parking this also applies to local people who like to come to our beautiful seafront and just to be able to take a quiet walk on the flat.

The noise that will inevitably be generated will disturb the peace of the nearby residents and the alcohol licence will encourage drunkenness and bad behaviour. It will also cause the pubs in the town to lose income which they are only just beginning to recover after Covid-19 restrictions. Why even consider this sort of event which will require a major policing presence? Yet people here in Seaford from day to day rarely if ever see any police on duty.

The granting of this licence will introduce a very different type of atmosphere from what we are used to in Seaford. The nature of the Festival on 29th August does not strike us as being 'family friendly'. The Line Up page on the website clearly shows adult oriented themes with nothing suitable for children at all. Giving permission for other similar events in the future will be detrimental to the well-being of the town.

In our opinion the town does not need or want this type of event. The residents of the town are quiet and peace-loving and many of them elderly. Most people who attend this type of event will not be local. We are a quiet, peaceful town that welcomes visitors to the beach and cliffs but we do not want events with alcohol and loud music. It will be an unwelcome intrusion. Please keep this sort of event in Brighton and Eastbourne which are much better served by police to handle such large events.

We would ask you to seriously consider all these factors and make the right decision for Seaford by refusing to grant this Licence.

Kind regards
Alan and Valerie Rogers
Residents of Seaford

From: Margaret Kerry
Sent: 13 August 2021 13:31
To: licensing <licensing@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk>; admin@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk; CAULFIELD, Maria <maria.caulfield.mp@parliament.uk>
Subject: Seahaven Pride and family festival 29th August 2021

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Dear Licensing Committee

I am writing in objection to Breakwater Event Support Ltd. applying for this license for the above event on the 29th August 2021.

They are requesting a license to support the supply of alcohol, recorded and live music for this event and it appears to be for an open ended license which is VERY concerning for our town as this could bring about many more such events than are usually held here, which will impact VERY adversely on the close surrounding residential neighbourhoods due to the nature of the particular acoustics of that location.

Furthermore, the quality of Seaford's calm and peaceful seafront and environs, which is sought out by those who do find our seaside town to have a unique character, will be in danger of being lost to the detriment of everything that gives Seaford its appeal. There used to be a Donkey Derby hitherto which was an extremely popular event supporting charity.

When our local pubs have suffered so much loss of business due to the Covid situation it seems that to further blight their custom by granting this license would be like "shooting in the foot" chances of recovery to our own local businesses.

Large crowds combined with alcohol in the Martello field could inevitably lead to disturbance and damage to local surrounding properties along with litter, the cost of which will no doubt fall on the local town council and Seaford residents to the detriment of many more needful and preferable resources which our town needs.

I urge you therefore not to grant this license and to consider that granting it may result in many unforeseen adverse consequences for our town

I therefore request you refuse to grant this application.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Kerry

From: Sheila White
Sent: 14 August 2021 11:40
To: licensing <licensing@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk>
Cc: Phillip White
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Kind regards
Phillip and Sheila White
Residents of Seaford

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to object to Breakwater Event Support Ltd.'s application for a premises license for Martello fields, College Road, Seaford, BN25 1JD I do not know how many events this company might use the licence for in the future, but the one planned for the 29th of August 2021 would involve 10hrs of live and recorded amplified music and the sale of alcohol As a resident within a few metres of the fields I object to the licence being granted on the following grounds: -

- 1) The noise intrusion for those nearby The fields are surrounded on 3 sides by residential properties. Where amplified music is concerned the acoustics of the area bounces sound around and is still at a level that cannot be tuned out even with the doors and windows closed. The impact of an event running for 10 hours finishing at 9pm is very tiring when you need to concentrate on other things and cannot go out to escape it. We have already endured a ten day stretch of fair noise for the second time this year and for the 6-week period spanning this event 5 out of 6 of those weekends will have events involving amplified music. It is not just the event itself; these large events often have generators running sometimes through the night, lots of set up noise the day before etc.
- 2) The sale of alcohol and finishing after dark has in the past caused fights, vandalism, and pranks to the surrounding residential areas. My neighbour had their car broken into after one event and elderly neighbours have had vandalism to their properties and urination etc. These things tend to happen after the event has finished and people want to carry on revelling.
- 3) Transport issues For the event on 29th August, I have not seen any notice of road closures, I have enclosed some photos of how gridlocked the area is even without such a large event. Increased traffic will add to the problem. For large events public health officials have urged people to stagger their journeys but there are a limited number of trains and buses after the event finishes for the hundreds of people they are expecting. The event on 29th August seems hastily arranged with short notice for obtaining the correct licence I would have thought that would have been done first, but this is not the residents' fault.

Yours sincerely, H.M.Webb