

[Insert name and address of relevant licensing authority and its reference number (optional)]

Application for the review of a premises licence or club premises certificate under the Licensing Act 2003

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form.
If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I Councillor Becky Senior

(Insert name of applicant)

apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description Whitebottom Farm Weddings/Events Etherow Country Park	
Post town Stockport	Post code (if known) SK6 5JQ

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) Whitebottom Farm EstatesLtd
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Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known)

Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

Please tick ✓ yes

1) an individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority (please read guidance note 1, and complete (A) or (B) below)

✓

2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)

3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)

(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)

Please tick ✓ yes

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other title Cllr
(for example, Rev)

Surname

Senior

First names

Rebecca

I am 18 years old or over

Please tick ✓ yes
✓

Current postal address if different from premises address

[Redacted address]

Post town

[Redacted town]

Post Code

[Redacted post code]

Daytime contact telephone number

[Redacted telephone number]

E-mail address (optional)

[Redacted email address]

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional)

This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)

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| | Please tick one or more boxes ✓ |
| 1) the prevention of crime and disorder | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) public safety | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) the prevention of public nuisance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) the protection of children from harm | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2)

My main concern would be to review and consider the conditions of the licence as outlined in paragraph 10.7.5 in the Guidance document. These are twofold:

1. clarity over the meaning of 28 days for events - does that mean just the days on which there are acts performing or does it cover the event as a whole e.g. setting up and taking down given that all of this activity impacts on the village and is directly related to the event.
2. modify the conditions to ensure that hours of operation are more conducive to the setting and in line with other event locations especially parks in residential areas, that have residential closing times. Having attended other festivals with 12pm curfews Friday and Saturday and an 11pm curfew Sunday, it would seem reasonable to understand why the hours of operation are different for this venue?

I refer to events rather than festivals so that we have clarity over the whole operation rather than isolating the festivals themselves.

I would also like to understand how the supplementary conditions imposed after the last licence review around additional security have been met as again there is some conjecture that practice has been inconsistent.

I believe that this request is not frivolous, vexatious or repetitious and I firmly believe that the post Covid landscape we are now in allows us to step back and re-examine the volume of festival and event activity in context and to get clarity and consistency for both the village and the farm moving forward.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read guidance note 3)

I would like to instigate a licence review for the operation of festivals and events at Whitebottom Farm in Compstall. I feel that the way the farm's festival and events programme runs now is massively different to both the intent and the experience when the licence was originally granted and that there should be a review to ensure that the operation is appropriate to the location it sits in and that there is clarity around safety and public nuisance. I believe having this clarity will support neighbour relations for the farm and be in their interest as well as they would have clear permissions (since existing permissions seem to be subject to some doubt and contest on both sides). I would like to state that I want to be fair to both sides and I am genuinely supportive of the right of Whitebottom Farm to make a living.

I have read the guidance relating to a licence review and would cite the following as evidence of my request to review:

- paragraph 13.4.3 capacity of the premises - the proximity of the event location to the country park and residential properties in the park, in Compstall and on Glossop road causes nuisance to residents (even if that nuisance isn't at statutory levels it is pervasive and persistent). There is one road in which also serves as a footpath for park users and the road is inadequate for the levels and weight of persistent traffic setting up the festivals as well as attending them. I appreciate that the landowner has a RoW over the pathway, but I believe that was granted for agricultural traffic not HGV traffic and high-volume traffic attending events. We are now seeing damage to the bridge infrastructure in the park which can only be exacerbated by the persistent levels of vehicular traffic, even if the root cause lies elsewhere.
- paragraph 13.4.4 technical restrictions on sound levels - I understand that sound is monitored and appreciate the efforts of the farm and its noise consultant to try and abate issues of statutory noise when they occur, but nevertheless lower levels of sound nuisance persist and affect residents throughout the summer months and well into the autumn. There is therefore a detrimental impact on residential amenity for surrounding properties – both in Compstall and along Glossop Road.
- paragraph 13.5.6 'known association with or inadequate arrangements to deter drug taking or dealing' - notwithstanding the arrest of one of the farm tenants for class A drug dealing, there have been a number of complaints to councillors about drug taking - including security guards smoking weed. I know this is anecdotal but it warrants further investigation
- paragraph 13.5.7 'effective measures to check the age of those under 25' -
- paragraph 3.6 the prevention of public nuisance - again there is persistent noise and persistent anti-social behaviour along the access to and from the festivals. This includes

- littering in the park - management has improved over recent years but there is still litter and debris in the park following events - especially in the woodland adjoining the river which is also unsafe if judgement is impaired in any way
- impact on wildlife in the park – events last summer caused losses to wildfowl nesting along the ponds which caused distress to many local residents
- issues of disturbance along Montagu Street in particular - including traffic noise, traffic volume impacting on the ability to leave home, damage to property (hanging baskets etc), disturbance from shouting and doorbell ringing as well as public urination incidents. These again are low level at any one event but represent a weekly hazard for residents through the summer months
- Traffic congestion and inconsiderate parking - again many complaints from residents about being blocked in and general inconsiderate parking through the village as a whole, despite the traffic management plan which doesn't appear to be effective - please see point below
- Traffic management - there is no effective way of stopping traffic coming through the village and the roads therein are not designed for the volumes of additional traffic that the farm events create - this includes traffic coming onto the farm through the park on an unadopted track which is also used for pedestrians with no proper passing places and a watercourse on one side. There have been numerous reports of near misses for pedestrians and for pedestrians being forced out of the way. I refer to the point above regarding the nature of the RoW across this pathway but in a country park, those walking should take precedence.
- In addition to this, the traffic management plan itself appears to lack clarity or the ability to be enforced and would therefore not seem fit for purpose. I have recently asked about the blue light route and you kindly shared the following:

Emergency Routes

- *Emergency vehicles will enter the site via Montague Street, then travel through the park, over the bridge at the weir and into Whitebottom Farm.*
- *To allow ease of access and egress for emergency vehicles, festival traffic will be stopped on George Street and any vehicles on Montagu Street will be directed away via Catterwood Drive until the emergency vehicle has safely entered or left site.*
- *To allow ease of access to site by emergency vehicles on the single track road, no other vehicle will be permitted to leave site when it is known an emergency vehicle is on its way.*

This is great in principle, but who manages the cessation of traffic and how would they clear the single-track road without directly impacting on the traffic they are trying to clear? There don't appear to be any method statements accompanying the plan that I can see so there is no confidence that any of the traffic management plan can be enforced.

There have been investigations into the collection and disposal of human waste which are now compliant but weren't compliant initially and had to be enforced before the compliance ensued (pursued last summer with the interim director of public health).

There is a lack of trust on both sides and with the recent successful planning application, there is suspicion that the numbers of events will increase and thus the current issues with noise, traffic and anti-social behaviour will be further exacerbated. I seek this review to provide solid criteria for the operation of the farm events that balances the needs of Whitebottom Farm against the needs of Compstall residents and those residents on Glossop Road who are adversely impacted by such events.

Please tick ✓ yes

Have you made an application for review relating to the premises before

If yes please state the date of that application

Day Month Year

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If you have made representations before relating to the premises please state what they were and when you made them

Please tick ✓

yes

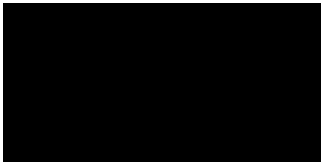
- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate ✓
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 4)

Signature of applicant or applicant’s solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 5). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature



Date **26.02.2024**

Capacity **Local Councillor**

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 6)	
Post town	Post Code
Telephone number (if any)	
If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)	

Notes for Guidance

1. A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
3. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
4. The application form must be signed.
5. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.