

SOUTH LAKELAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

South Lakeland House Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4UQ

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Monday, 30 May 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

Licensing Sub-Committee - Monday, 30 May 2022

I am now able to enclose, the documents which were circulated before the above mentioned meeting.

6 Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence

To consider an application for a time limited premises licence in respect of Coast Road Festival.

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Representation Form



Interested Person/Body in the vicinity of the premises detailed below

Your Name/Company Name/Name of Body you represent.	Helen Guming	
Postal and email address	[REDACTED]	
Contact telephone number	[REDACTED]	
Name of the premises you are making a representation about.	Coast Roads Festival 09 & 10/07/2022.	
Address of the premises you are making a representation about.	field in the vicinity of Aldingham (Ulverston) GN1 Post: SD274 767 0769.	
Your representation must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives. Please state yes or no.	Yes Or No	Please detail the evidence supporting your representation, or the reason for your representation. Please use separate sheets if necessary
The Prevention of harm to children	No	Please see attachments.
To prevent Public Nuisance	Yes	Please see attachments.
To prevent crime and disorder	Yes	Please see attachments.
Public Safety	Yes	Please see attachments.
Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account.	Please see attachments -	

N.B If you do make a representation you will normally be expected to attend or be represented at a hearing of the application before the Licensing Sub Committee and at any subsequent appeal.

Signed: [REDACTED]

Date: 28/04/2022

Please return this form along with any additional sheets to: The Licensing Manager, Licensing Section, South Lakeland House, Lowther St, Kendal, Cumbria or email to licensing@southlakeland.gov.uk. This form must be returned within the statutory period. Please check with the Licensing Authority. Telephone: 01539 733333 Ext 7481 / 7484.

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Additional sheet – ref log #1360975

Coast Roads Festival - Licensing application, Public Protection & Road Traffic Management representation concerns :-

As a resident of Scales village, circa 0.75 miles away from the Coast Roads Festival event I have a number of safety concerns I'd like to raise, please see below. However, I must note that on Tuesday 26/04/2022 the Festival organisers sent an update to their plan (please see figs 2, 3,4 & 5) but as it is very unclear which version has been submitted I make concerned reference to each version, which I'd be grateful if you could please consider. I do have concerns though that there may be more versions and if so I have no doubt there may be further concerns that need to be raised and ask please if you can confirm how I might obtain the version that is to be used.

Public safety

- The first concern being the road safety of people at this event – based on the dangerous nature of the A5087 (which is unlit), the road off which the festival is proposed to be held and indeed where there have been fatalities! The stretch of road where PUDO is planned (see fig 1 below) from both directions is on a fast bend with poor vision, in fact the whole area around the proposed site is in my opinion not suitable for the traffic volume this event is planned to host, some 5000 people per day. With Festival statistics (ref source AGF) stating 61% festival goers usually travel by car this will undoubtedly create traffic chaos at best, with queuing traffic and at worst a serious accident or accidents – surely this planned location cannot be suitable for an event of this size and which I understand in the future is set to grow even bigger and to include overnight camping!

In addition there are two Nursing Dementia homes, Aldingham Hall & St Cuthbert's, part of the Risedale Estates Group some 300 yards away from the Festival PUDO site and their emergency access road is opposite the event entrance / exit – totally not suitable should there be an emergency or evacuation. In fact the Event organisers, The Lock in Barrow C.I.C had not even made contact with Risedale Estates (or until residents approached the Organisers had made no contact with 'locals' at all – unless you count the Festival announcement on social media?) and Risedale Estates only became aware of the event when neighbours told them about it, considering the organisers are a C.I.C there was no Community mindfulness shown there at all!

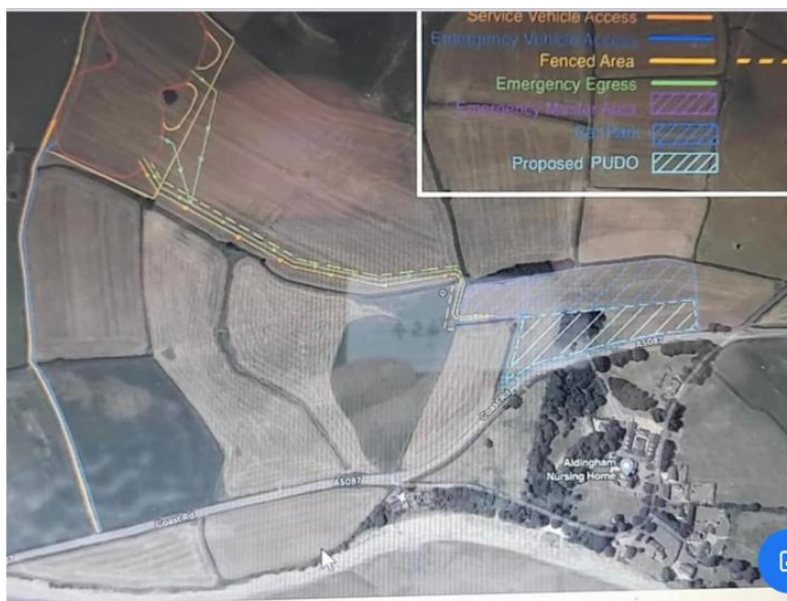


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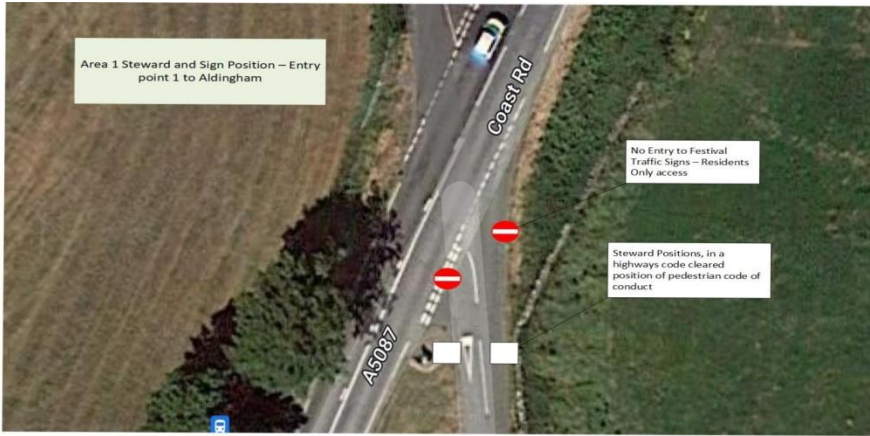
- The next concern I'd like to raise is with reference to the increase in traffic volume travelling through Scales Village, a cut through route to the A5087 (and indeed other Villages, which are also cut through routes to the

Festival site) all having predominantly small, narrow country lanes and in many places only one single vehicle wide.

What are the traffic management provisions to be? The organisers talked of 'soft road' closure pre / post the event – which would be enforced by their Security / Marshals? As Scales village is part of "Twenty's Plenty" campaign and an ever increasing number of vehicles travelling through the village at speeds much greater than 20mph, I now fear that this will be exacerbated during this event and so increase the risk of incident, collision, injury or worse! In fact only a few months ago a car travelling through Scales hit a parked car, overturned and closed the road for some time, while Emergency service dealt with the accident & recovery took place.

It is also likely that cars / motor homes / vans would be abandoned in surrounding areas to avoid queues, car parking charges etc... and may even result in some people 'staying ' in their cars overnight if they were attending the whole weekend event and / or if they were unable to get home in the way they'd initially planned. In addition there is also potential for some Festival goes to sleep on the nearby beach of Aldingham, where dependant on the tide times is extremely dangerous due to quick sands and again, sadly where loss of life has occurred – this not only puts their lives at risk but also the lives of emergency service workers tasked with rescue. Therefore I'd like to raise concerns about these potential issues too.

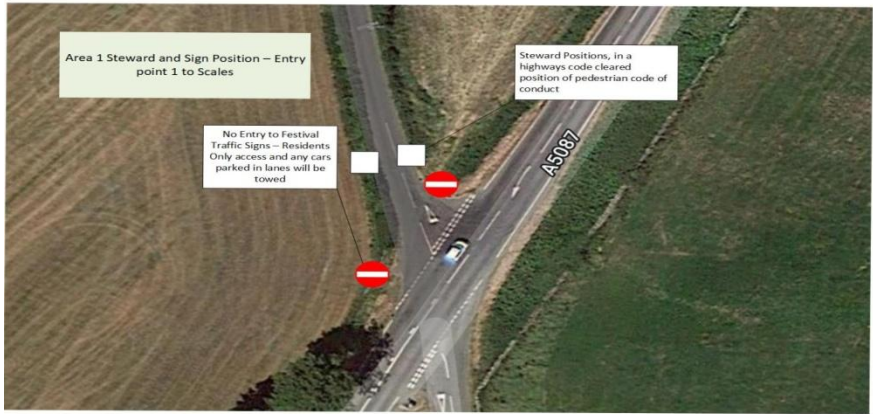
- The images below (figs 2, 3, 4 & 5) are the updates I referred to at the beginning of my representation and were only received on Tuesday 26/04/2022 - my concerns are that while I very much welcome the no entry suggestions, there is mention that it is not legally enforceable? So may I please ask does this form part of the traffic management plan and is it actually possible to have all the no entry signs there? In addition to which it would not eradicate "footfall traffic" which is a major concern, especially at the close of the event.
- Also the organisers in Tuesdays email make reference to moving the entrance further along the A5087 – while the location may change my concerns about road safety remain due to the nature and danger of the A5087 as detailed above.
- A pedestrian crossing across the A5087 has also been talked of, which I struggle to understand the need for this when the organisers have outlined that there is to be no footfall "traffic" as all attendees will disembark on the event site, having travelled by car or by the park & ride scheme – why then would there need to be a pedestrian crossing? Especially dangerous after 23.00hrs, event close, when it is dark and unlit.



Aldingham Position 1 – Signs positioned clearly anoting no festival traffic to be placed so they can be clearly seen from the road. Stewards to be placed further down the road safely as per the highways code pedestrian traffic safety guidelines. Cars will be clearly marked with a blue permits residence car permit. Those without will be challenged by a hand up by stewards to get cars to slow down they will then be advised to take an alternate route. This of course cannot be legally enforced but should keep festival traffic away from the village.



Aldingham Position 2 – Signs positioned clearly anoting no festival traffic to be placed so they can be clearly seen from the road. Stewards to be placed further down the road safely as per the highways code pedestrian traffic safety guidelines. Cars will be clearly marked with a blue permits residence car permit. Those without will be challenged by a hand up by stewards to get cars to slow down they will then be advised to take an alternate route. This of course cannot be legally enforced but should keep festival traffic away from the village.



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The prevention of crime and disorder & The prevention of public nuisance

- As outlined above I live in Scales village – some 0.75 miles from this event, I do have further concerns around mob behaviour leading to potential security issues, trespass, vandalism, property damage, anti-social behaviour, loitering, abuse, litter and other public health issues - given that as stated above the road through Scales is a cut through to Barrow, Dalton & Ulverston, which I believe many will use when unable to get home in the way / within a timescale they'd planned and given that alcohol is on sale for the most part of the Festival (12 noon to 23.00hrs) it is without doubt that some of my fears above would be realised. I also would like to question how full clear down of the site will be possible in the 1 hour timeframe the organisers have applied and are the receiving locations prepared for such volumes of 'inebriated' people? In addition I understand that there is also potential for drug use and wonder how drug stashes planted in advance of such an event will be prevented – will there be Police /sniffer dogs present pre / during and at the end of the Festival?

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- How will and when will 'locals' be made aware of the full & final plan?
- What is the formal route of post event review? When and how would this take place?

As I am unsure whether all the required licenses, permissions, permits etc... from all relevant Responsible Authorities are viewed and granted off site? I am concerned that without specific local knowledge or that gained from an actual site visit (to include the surrounding local villages) it would be very hard to get a realistic perspective of all the concerns outlined, especially as this is a new event, in a new rural location and the organisers themselves have not managed an event of such a scale before, i.e. where Nationally recognised bands are performing? This is a huge event and given the numerous event plan options in circulation, lack of information, total lack of advance resident engagement I have no trust or confidence that public / residential protection is in place, can be managed to ensure safety of attendees / residents /and the general public, which is a huge concern and very worrying.

Thank you for reading my representations and I look forward to your reply.