



WEST OXFORDSHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name and date of Committee	THURSDAY 18 JANUARY 2024
Subject	APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE – THE WILDERNESS FESTIVAL, CORNBURY PARK
Wards affected	Charlbury
Accountable member	Licensing Panel
Accountable officer	Andrea Thomas – Licensing Officer Email: andrea.thomas@westoxon.gov.uk
Summary/Purpose	To determine an application for a new premises licence made by MAMA Festivals Limited, for the Wilderness Festival at Cornbury Park, Charlbury, OX7 3EH
Annexes	Annex A – Application Annex B – Applicant Proposed Conditions Annex C – Site Map Annex D – Environmental Health Proposed Conditions Annex E – Representations Annex F – Applicant Response to Representations Annex G – Licensing Hearing Procedures
Recommendation(s)	That the Licensing Panel is asked, in light of the representations received, to consider the application and determine whether to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• grant the application as requested;• grant the application subject to such conditions that are necessary to promote the licensing objectives;• refuse the application in whole or in part where it is necessary in order to promote the licensing objectives.
Corporate priorities	Ensure that services delivered by the Council are delivered to the highest standard
Key Decision	NO

Exempt	NO
Consultees/ Consultation	A 28 day consultation has been undertaken with all Responsible Authorities, Ward Member, Town Council and advertised in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Licensing Act 2003 ("the Act") allows applicants to apply for new Premises Licences, Premises Licence variations, Club Premises Certificates and Personal Licences. This application is for a New Premises Licence as the previous licence held by the applicant has now expired.
- 1.2 The Application was received on 20 November 2023. The Applicant is MAMA Festivals Limited, for the Wilderness Festival at Cornbury Park, Charlbury, OX7 3EH
- 1.3 The Licensing Authority is satisfied that the Application was duly made, the correct notification process was followed, the Application was appropriately advertised, and several Site Notices advertising the Application were placed throughout the site for 28 days.
- 1.4 This Application is for a new Premises Licence for a 5-day period to cover sales of alcohol, regulated entertainment and late-night refreshment for a maximum capacity of 29999 on-site per day.
- 1.5 A redacted copy of the application can be found in **Annex A** along with a set of conditions proposed by the applicant in **Annex B**, these would form part of the Premise Licence if the application were granted.
- 1.6 Hours applied for

Licensable Activity	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Plays	1000hrs to Midnight	1000hrs to 0300hrs	1000hrs to 0300hrs	1000hrs to 0200hrs	None
Films	1000hrs to Midnight	1000hrs to 0300hrs	1000hrs to 0300hrs	1000hrs to 0200hrs	None
Indoor Sporting Events	1000hrs to Midnight	1000hrs to 0300hrs	1000hrs to 0300hrs	1000hrs to 0200hrs	None
Live Music *	1000hrs to Midnight	1000hrs to 0300hrs	1000hrs to 0300hrs	1000hrs to 0200hrs	None
Recorded Music *	1000hrs to Midnight	1000hrs to 0300hrs	1000hrs to 0300hrs	1000hrs to 0200hrs	None
Provision of Dance	1000hrs to Midnight	1000hrs to 0300hrs	1000hrs to 0300hrs	1000hrs to 0200hrs	None

Anything of a similar description to live and recorded music and dance	1000hrs to Midnight	1000hrs to 0300hrs	1000hrs to 0300hrs	1000hrs to 0200hrs	None
Late Night Refreshment	2300hrs to 0400hrs	2300hrs to 0400hrs	2300hrs to 0400hrs	2300hrs to 0300hrs	None
Supply of alcohol	Midday to 0100hrs	1000hrs to 0400hrs	1000hrs to 0400hrs	1000hrs to 0300hrs	None

*The Main Stage will not operate on Thursday and will only operate between 1000hrs to 2300hrs on Friday, Saturday and Sunday
The site will open at 0800hrs on Thursday and close at 1600hrs on Monday.

2. SITE DESCRIPTION

2.1 A copy of the plans concerning this application can be found in **Annex C**

3. REPRESENTATIONS

3.1 **Responsible Authorities under the Licensing Act 2003** - Apart from proposed conditions from Environmental Health there have been no representations made by any of the other Responsible Authorities. The Fire Safety Officer submitted a response of 'no adverse comments to make' and the Planning Officer from West Oxfordshire District Council and the Licensing Officer from Thames Valley Police both submitted a response stating no objection to the application.

The Environmental Health Officer from West Oxfordshire has requested noise conditions be added to the licence, found in **Annex D**. At the time of writing this report these noise conditions were still to be agreed by the applicant.

3.2 **Residents/Parish Meeting** - There have been representations received from local residents and Fawler Parish Meeting in relation to this Application which can be found in **Annex E**.

3.3 A response from the applicant in regard to the representations can be found in **Annex F**

4. NATIONAL GUIDANCE

4.1 The Secretary of State's Guidance requires Licensing Authorities, following receipt of relevant representations, to make judgements about what constitutes a public nuisance and what is necessary, in terms of Conditions attached to a specific Premises Licence, to prevent it.

4.2 Where the Act provides for mandatory conditions to be included in a Premises Licence, it is the duty of the Licensing Authority issuing the Licence to include those conditions in the Licence

5. PROCEDURES

5.1 A copy of the procedure for the Hearing is attached in **Annex G**.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** There are no financial implications arising directly from the consideration of this Application. However, any appeal to the magistrates' court against the refusal of the Application or against the imposition of conditions could result in the Council having to bear the legal costs of defending its decision.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1** There is a right of appeal to the magistrates' court within 21 days of the Council's decision should the Council refuse the Application or against the conditions imposed on the Licence

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1** West Oxfordshire District Council's Statement of Licensing Policy – 2021
- 8.2** Home Office Section 182 Statutory Guidance Published April 2018

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