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**Subject:** RE: TEN 23/00639/LATENS Wibbly Woods Festival 2023

Good evening,

Well to save time perhaps you can send through your noise management plan in the first instance. The objection still stands in the interim.

Regards,

**Jack Twomey**

**Environmental Protection and Housing Manager**

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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your email.

We acknowledge that you have objected to our TEN that was submitted Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

Whilst we appreciate your cause for concern, we strongly believe that our new noise management plan, which is to be implicated this year, will mitigate any noise complaints and adhere to the statutory code.

We are eager to engage and co-ordinate with the Council and other local authorities to ensure the festival takes place in the appropriate manner. Therefore, in order to illustrate to you our noise management plan, we propose a meeting with you to discuss further.

Please advise of a suitable date and location and we will revert.

Kind Regards,

Wibbly Team

Wibbly Woods

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**Subject:** FW: TEN 23/00639/LATENS Wibbly Woods Festival 2023

Hello Licensing,

As a Responsible Authority I would like to object to this TEN on behalf of Environmental Protection on the grounds of Prevent of Public Nuisance.

The first Wibbly Woods event took place in 2021. We had concerns around noise given that it was just a few hundred metres from the nearest residents and there are many properties close enough to hear music at levels which are typical for such events, especially given that it finished at 4am and went over several nights. Having said this, it was the first event they had held so we did not object and instead monitored. It was noted when monitoring that the event was VERY loud and we subsequently received several complaints including one from Paskin Close,

Fradley, which is 1.4 miles away as the crow flies. The original organiser of the event was told that any future TEN applications would be objected to on the basis of the noise levels at the first event.

For 2022 the event organiser applying for the event had changed to the current one, of [REDACTED] Wibbly Ltd., so it is accepted that perhaps the new applicant was unaware of the problems from 2021. Unfortunately due to an oversight within the Environmental Protection team, the objection to the 2022 event did not get copied to the event organiser and Police Licensing and as a result it was considered invalid. The event was therefore permitted to go ahead. Due to the problems from the previous year we served a Nuisance Abatement Notice on the organiser on the basis of "likelihood of nuisance". This Abatement Notice was not appealed.

I personally monitored the event throughout. Noise levels were as expected. It is very important to note that much of the problems with the noise from the music is not so much that it is audible, it's the time that it continues until (4am). Clearly many residents would accept an event which finished at, say, 11pm once per annum. To continue to 4am over several nights when the background noise level is much lower is the aspect that most have issue with. To illustrate the problem, I can say that on one night last year the music was audible in Elmhurst, some 1.6 miles from the event and at a level where the tune being played was identifiable. The residents exposed to the noise changed on different nights due to the wind direction. This did not prevent us from receiving complaints. Whilst I was of the opinion that the event breached the Nuisance Abatement Notice which had been served, it was not considered in the Public Interest to prosecute for an event which would not happen again (we hoped), together with the Legal weakness that we could have objected and prevented it but failed to do so properly. I had made it clear to the applicant that any future TEN applications would be objected to and had hoped this would have been listened to and the event moved to a more appropriate location or time. Clearly this has been ignored.

Of note is the "Code of Practice on Environmental Noise Control at Concerts". This is the go to Code in relation to events such as this one and its purpose is to give guidance on how disturbance or annoyance from such events can be minimised. The Code suggests noise limits for such events but what is particularly important is that these limits relate to the music noise level *up to* 11pm. Section 3.2 of the Code goes on to state "*For events continuing or held between the hours of 23:00 and 09:00 the music noise should **not be audible** within noise-sensitive premises with windows open in a typical manner for ventilation*". This clearly was not complied with and I am of the opinion that it *cannot* be complied with for an event such as this in this location and continuing to 4am.

It is of note that the same TEN application was received in April this year and we objected to that one too. A hearing had been arranged for that but the applicant withdrew their TEN application and the hearing was therefore cancelled. I have noted more recently that tickets appear to still be on sale and a Facebook page for the event was updated on 26<sup>th</sup> May and then again on 30<sup>th</sup> May. I am so concerned that a nuisance will be caused by this event that we have instructed Legal to look at an injunction to prevent it going ahead. The initial "letter before action" for the injunction was sent to the applicants on the 21<sup>st</sup> May but to date I am unaware of any response from them to Legal. Certainly no response had been received by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Overall it is disappointing that the applicant has gone ahead with bookings and ticket sales for an event which they knew we would object to. It is also unusual to see another TEN application which appears to be an exact replica of the first one that was withdrawn just over a month ago. In any case we are still of the opinion that if this TEN is permitted, a nuisance caused by noise is almost guaranteed. We therefore ask that it is refused.

If you require further information please let me know.

Regards,

**Jack Twomey**

**Environmental Protection and Housing Manager**

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Dear Licensing Colleague,

**Premises:** Wibbly Woods Fradley Woods Gorse Lane WS13 8EN  
**Event/Dates:** 27-30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Please find attached a standard TEN for your scrutiny.

The last day for reps is 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

Kind regards

**Carol Hames**

**Licensing Assistant (working days Mon- Wed 12.30)**

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