

Our Ref: PC446 Licensing / Land adjacent to 119B Mill Road, Cambridge



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Licensing Officer
Cambridge City Council
4, Regent Street
Cambridge
CB2 1BY

13/10/2017

Dear Paul,

SUBJECT: Objection to a Temporary Event Notice, Land adjacent to 119B, Cambridge, CB1 2AZ

Please find attached Police objection notice in regard to a temporary event notice in respect of Land adjacent to 119B, Cambridge, CB1 2AZ.

Yours Sincerely,

Pc446 Clare Metcalfe
Licensing Officer
Cambridge City
Parkside Police Station.

CC Mr. S. Agar, 119B Mill Road, Cambridge, Cambs, CB1 2AZ. (sudhir_agar@yahoo.co.uk)

THE LICENSING ACT 2003
POLICE OBJECTION NOTICE FOR TEMPORARY EVENT

Your name	PC446 Clare Metcalfe
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Name of and address of premises you are objecting to:	Land adjacent to 119B Mill Road, Cambridge CB1 2AZ
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DETAILS OF EVENTS YOUR OBJECTION NOTICE RELATES TO:

The applicant has given notice for a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) for:
Saturday 2nd December 2017, between 10:00-21:00hrs,
and Sunday 3rd December 2017, between 12:00-18:00hrs.

NB. The police object to the Saturday 2nd December only, which coincides with the Mill Road Winter Fair, which is an organised, annual event and takes place on the first Saturday of December from 10:30-16:30hrs. The organisers of that event engage early with local agencies and the relevant authorities to provide a safe event.

An authorised Temporary traffic order is in place each year, ensuring that Mill Road is closed (between 10:00-17:00hrs) from East Road to Coleridge Road, creating a car free, safe environment, catering for thousands of pedestrians.

This TEN relates to land adjacent to 119B Mill Road (a copy of the location map is included within the TEN application). The only public access to this land is by Mill Road.

The police oppose this application on the following public safety points:

- There is no evidence on the application that suggests the events are equally sighted on each other's plans in terms of running the events or sharing communications with each other. This would be imperative for the safety of the public attending the events, who would be none the wiser that the two events were independent of each other.
- The Winter Fair event is controlled at a managed control centre; there needs to be some ability to manage emergency response to all incidents, including evacuation plans, to all areas within the road closure. Again there is no evidence that the two events are sighted on plans and it cannot therefore be established whether their plans are in conflict with each other.
- Mill Road bridge is fully pedestrianised in line with the Temporary Traffic Order. It gets extremely busy with thousands of people going to and from the fair, which is managed by having temporary

fencing along the centre line, segregating the two flows of people (one side into the fair, and the other out of the fair). The concern is people stopping on the bridge to look over the fence to see what was happening on the proposed land will impede the free flow of pedestrians, causing a 'pinch point', endangering the public.

- As a side note, there is an ongoing land owner dispute as to the ownership of the land, and whether Network Rail require 24/7 emergency access over this land to the railway line. The concern is the addition of a marque and food stalls, could impede this access.
- There is no mention in the application as to how the numbers of people at the event will be managed and restricted to ensure the maximum permitted by a TEN (499) isn't exceeded.

I spoke to the applicant, outlining the above objections, advising him that he liaises with the event organiser of Mill Road Winter Fair, to address the above points. At the time of writing this I am aware that he is beginning preliminary discussions with the organiser. However, with the information submitted to date the police object to the application on the basis of Public Safety.

Yours sincerely,

Pc446 Clare Metcalfe
Licensing Officer
Parkside

Signed

..... Dated: 13/10/2017.