

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

From: Regulatory Services

To: Licensing Section, Guildhall

06 January 2011

LICENSING ACT 2003 APPLICATION

Northants Cricket, The County Ground, Abington Avenue, Northampton, NN1 4PR

Regulatory Services has concerns about the measures for the prevention of public nuisance. Therefore, we would object to the application on the following grounds.

- Inadequate information has been provided on the likely noise level from the concert or the means for its control.
- In addition an assessment has been made of the likely Music Noise Levels (MNL) based on the minimum levels to be expected from such an event. The predictions have taken into account the the proposed stage and mixing desk positions and screening from buildings etc. in the area. The resultant levels have been compared with the recommendations in the Code of Practice on Environmental Noise Control at Concerts (CoP) issued by the Noise Council. It has been found that the MNL expected at the nearest residential properties is significantly in excess of the guideline level in the CoP. The predictions are set out on the attached plan. Areas coloured green meet the standard of 75 dBA. Areas coloured yellow marginally exceed the standard and areas coloured red significantly exceed the standard.
- Given the margin of excedence and the nature of the music proposed it is difficult to see how the standard could practicably be complied with.

However, a meeting is proposed with the applicant to see if this issue can be resolved.

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Regulatory Services

