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Dear Licensing Manager

Please find below our formal representation regarding the application to vary the premises licence for Walesby Forest Scout Centre, Brake Road, Walesby. We respectfully request that this representation be recorded and taken into account when determining the application.

As local residents directly affected by events at this venue, we ask that our personal details (including names and address) are redacted from any documents published online or made publicly available, in order to protect our privacy.

Formal Representation – Objection to Premises Licence Variation

Premises: Walesby Forest Scout Centre
Brake Road, Walesby, Nottinghamshire, NG22 9NG

Licensing Authority: Newark and Sherwood District Council

Date: 7 March 2026

For the Attention of the Licensing Manager

Representation Submitted Under the Licensing Act 2003

As residents of Brake Road, Walesby, we are submitting a formal objection to the above application on the basis that granting the proposed variation would undermine several of the licensing objectives set out in the Licensing Act 2003 as follows:

1. Prevention of Public Nuisance

Previous events held at this venue have generated significant and unreasonable noise disturbance, affecting our household and the wider community.

Key concerns include:

- Loud music, particularly bass frequencies, has been clearly audible inside our home despite double glazing and closed windows.
- The noise from the loud music has also been audible in neighbouring villages including Kirton and West Markham, demonstrating the significant reach of the sound levels.

- The noise from the loud music has prevented normal use of our garden and house during both daytime and evening periods
- At night, music was clearly audible in our bedroom around 10:30 pm, even with windows closed
- Noise disturbance continued for three consecutive days and nights until approximately 11:45 pm, including on a Sunday demonstrating total disregard for the restrictions currently in place.
- This resulted in sleep disruption and substantial interference with the normal enjoyment of our home.

The venue was made aware of these concerns after the first night, yet the disturbance continued, demonstrating total disregard for the local community and a willingness to contravene the rules when this was brought to their attention.

Importantly, this is not an isolated incident. Similar noise issues have occurred at recurring annual events over multiple years, and other residents have also complained, both to the venue and the council

This level of disturbance more than meets the threshold of a statutory nuisance under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 due to the substantial interference with residential amenity.

There have also been a number of complaints made to Newark and Sherwood District Council.

Increasing the permitted attendance to 9,999 people and extending licensable activities later into the night would without doubt exacerbate these existing problems.

2. Public Safety

Brake Road is a rural country road where the pavement stops part way along the road

It is regularly used by:

- Pedestrians and families walking to the bridlepaths and forest at the top of the road
- Dog walkers
- Children riding bicycles
- Cyclists
- Horse riders

During events at the venue, traffic levels increase significantly and the road becomes heavily congested.

Doubling the permitted capacity to **9,999 people**, would substantially increase traffic, creating:

- Increased danger to pedestrians and cyclists
- Increased risk to horse riders and animals
- Restricted access for emergency vehicles
- Access difficulties for residents attempting to enter or leave their homes

The surrounding road infrastructure is not designed to accommodate this level of traffic safely.

3. Prevention of Crime, Disorder and Environmental Impact

Following previous events, and as events and capacity at the venue have increased, there has been a persistent problem with litter along Brake Road and surrounding areas, including broken bottles and glass.

Local residents currently collect approximately two sacks of litter every fortnight, indicating the scale of the ongoing problem. This increases to approximately 8 sacks of litter following events.

A larger event capacity is likely to increase littering and associated disorder, placing further burden on local residents and the surrounding environment.

4. Protection of Children from Harm

Brake Road is frequently used by families and children, particularly those cycling or walking to nearby countryside, footpaths and bridlepaths.

The significant increase in traffic associated with events at the venue already creates hazardous conditions for pedestrians and cyclists, including children.

The increase in the amount of litter, particularly broken bottles and glass on the verges is of particular concern.

Increasing the permitted capacity to 9,999 people would likely increase traffic volumes further and therefore increase the risk of harm to children using this road.

Conclusion

Based on the history of significant disturbance from previous events, the rural nature of the surrounding area, and the limitations of the local road infrastructure, it is difficult to see how doubling the permitted capacity to 9,999 people and extending licensable hours could promote the licensing objectives under the Licensing Act 2003 and total disregard for the local community.

The proposed increase in scale is disproportionate for this rural location and would definitely exacerbate existing public nuisance and public safety concerns.

In light of the well-documented disturbance from previous events, the applicant has not demonstrated how the proposed increase in capacity and extended hours could operate without causing further public nuisance or compromising public safety.

We therefore respectfully request that Newark and Sherwood District Council refuse this variation application in order to uphold the licensing objectives.

Given the scale of the proposed increase and the concerns raised by residents, we also request that this application be determined by a Licensing Committee hearing rather than delegated approval, so that these matters can be properly considered.

Kind regards

