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Responsible Authorities Opposed to the Application

South Yorkshire Police

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Licensing Act 2003

**Objection to the application for a new premise licence for
The Outdoor event space, Bassingthorpe Lane, Rotherham, S61 4QW**

On behalf of the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, an objection is being made in relation to the above application.

I wish to formally object to the grant of the proposed Premises Licence on the grounds of Public Safety and Prevention of Public nuisance.

The proposed venue is accessed via Bassingthorpe Lane, which is an exceptionally narrow rural road with no street lighting, limited visibility, and deep roadside ditches that are often obscured by hedgerows. The lane is unsuitable for the safe movement of large numbers of pedestrians, particularly during hours of darkness.

The application anticipates attendance of several thousand people, directing patrons, many of whom may have consumed alcohol, onto such a road presents a significant risk of accidents, injury, and harm. The road infrastructure is simply not designed to safely accommodate the volume of pedestrian and vehicle movements associated with an event of this scale.

In addition, the proposed site is situated adjacent to the only access route serving the manufacturing facility operated by Victrex. This is not a standard industrial estate but a major chemical production site subject to the requirements of the UK Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) Regulations.

Victrex is one of a limited number of sites within the region that operates under specific COMAH emergency planning arrangements due to the storage and use of significant quantities of hazardous chemicals. Publicly available emergency planning information identifies the release of toxic gases as one of the largest credible major accident scenarios.

The proposed event site would rely on the same access route used for emergency response and site operations. In the event of an incident at the chemical facility, access arrangement, evacuation routes, and public safety measures could be severely compromised by the presence of a large event and its attendees. Furthermore, the site's Public Information Zone (PIZ) extends approximately one kilometre from the facility. The proposed venue falls within, or is affected by, this emergency planning area. COMAH emergency procedures include the activation of warning sirens and instructions for people within the (PIZ) to immediately

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shelter indoors by closing windows and doors to prevent the ingress of potentially toxic vapors. Depending on the nature of an incident, wider evacuation measures may also be required.

Given the inadequate road infrastructure, the risks associated with large-scale pedestrian movements, the proximity of a major COMAH-regulated chemical facility, and the potential conflict with emergency planning arrangements, we believe the application fails to adequately promote the licensing objectives of:

- Public safety
- Prevention of Public Nuisance

I therefore respectfully request that the Licensing Authority refuses the application.

This emailed representation is made in accordance with the agreement with the Licensing Authority on the 18th October 2006 to accept representations by email.

For and on behalf of Chief Constable, South Yorkshire Police

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Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council - Community Protection Unit

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Neighbourhoods



To:
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Date: 17 June 2026

Subject:

Premises Licence Application
Outdoor Event Space, Bassingthorpe Lane, Munsbrough, Rotherham

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I write with reference to the above application to which I received consultation papers on 20 M 2026 and would report as follows:

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I have read the application document and note that the application seeks the below:

Between May and September, the outdoor provision of the following licensable activities:

- Live & Recorded Music, Plays, Films, & Dance;
- Late Night Refreshment; and the
- Sale of Alcohol

The application limits the provision licensable activities to a maximum of 16 occasions between 11am and 12 midnight on any day of the week

Environmental Health has significant concerns regarding public nuisance, noise control, and site infrastructure, as outlined below.

Public Nuisance (Primary Concern)

Noise Impact from Outdoor Events

The application proposes outdoor amplified music daily until midnight. A capacity of up to 3,000 attendees significantly increases likely noise levels. There is no baseline noise survey, noise limits, or specific decibel thresholds provided

The measures outlined ("monitoring" and "speaker positioning") are vague and non-quantified and do not demonstrate adequate control of noise breakout.

The premises seeks permission to open until 01:00, with consumption of alcohol and amplified music until midnight.

There is likely to be disturbance to nearby residential receptors, including cumulative impacts from repeated events (up to 16 annually), and noise caused by late-night dispersal beyond midnight

There is a lack of a detailed Noise Management Plan. The application refers to a plan "for larger events" but does not provide one. There are no details provided on the following:

- Noise monitoring locations
- Trigger levels
- Complaint escalation procedure
- Acoustic consultant involvement

Further concerns

Infrastructure and Site Suitability

There are further concerns regarding access and egress/dispersal, there is a single entrance/exit point and parking for ~200 vehicles, despite the fact that events would have up to 3,000 attendees.

This has potential to cause traffic congestion, noise and disturbance to surrounding area. Exacerbated by the fact that there is no dispersal management plan linked to noise mitigation.

Objection

The application, as submitted, fails to demonstrate adequate measures to promote the prevention of public nuisance and protection of public health, therefore we formally object to the application.

Should you require any further information regarding this application, please do not hesitate to contact me.