

Representation to Shropshire Council: Ludlow Rugby Club

Personal details

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Name & Address of premises for which the representation is being made: Ludlow Rugby Club

The prevention of harm to children

The south west side of the site borders the River Teme. While there is a hedge, event organisers will need to ensure that there is a secure barrier to prevent children entering or falling into the river.

To prevent public nuisance

Noise

The proposed festival site is just 90m from the nearest house and 80m from its garden (Moonrakers). It is 110m from Meran and 90m from its garden.

The arrival and departure of vehicles, the hustle and bustle of events along with amplified music will disturb residents of these homes and further afield. Current events at the Rugby Club can be clearly heard at the Cliffe 275m to the west, which is on higher ground. The holding of large outdoor events will increase the noise nuisance.

Traffic

Linney and Dinham are unsuited to frequent traffic movements. Neither are suitable for coaches or HGVs. The Linney is narrow towards its north end, where while it is possible to get a coach through, the clearances are slim. Additional traffic will be of considerable inconvenience to residents and the noise of moving vehicles will create disturbance. The proposed hours will involve departures in the early hours in a quiet neighbourhood.

Hours

See Additional Comments below

To prevent crime & disorder

No comments.

Public safety

See comments on the proximity to the Teme above. The site is in Flood Zone 3 and subject to frequent flooding, though this is more disruptive than dangerous. It is a matter for the rugby club whether the holding of events and the damage that will be caused by vehicles, etc. on wet ground conflicts with their stated purpose of being predominantly a sports club for rugby and fitness classes.

Suggested conditions

See Additional Comments.

Additional Comments

The problems with this application are the extension from entertainment within the rugby club to an extensive area of the grounds; the extension of hours; and the numbers of visitors generated.

Events at the rugby club have previously been small and within the club building, though there have been marquees outside.

The start time for licencing is 8am. This is not necessary. Events in the Castle do not start until 10am and I can see no reason to bring this forward. As I understand it, there is no need for a licence for entertainment and serving alcohol to set up an event.

Neither is there a need to entertain at 8am. In this sensitive location a tighter restriction on entertainment and serving of alcohol outdoors is required. The current licencing hours are sufficient to accommodate events.

The use of outdoor space should be restricted to a set number of days a year. The GPDO allows for 28 days a year but that is a planning matter. Fourteen days should be maximum for outdoor entertainment and serving of alcohol.

While there is a need to support major events such as the festivals, residents are also entitled to a calm environment free of excessive noise and traffic.

Declaration

Signed: 

Date: 18 January 2023