

MARKFIELD ARTS LTD

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DATE: 30TH

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Dear John Bird,

I wish to respond to the representation that you have submitted in relation to the granting of a licence for the above venue. Your representation refers to the following concerns, these being:

- Crime and Disorder
- Public Safety
- Public Nuisance

There is no evidence to suggest that this venue will attract crime and disorder, which will ruined the nature of area, cause considerable disruption to the practise of fine art.

If the crime, disorder, Public nuisance, threat to public safety or disturbance that you have referred to, had occurred at our previous events, then it is quite clear that local residents would, and should, be opposed to this application en-masse. We would also expect both the Police and the Council's health and safety officers to object to the terms of the proposed licence if this was a real concern. We have worked closely with the Responsible Authorities to promote the licensing objectives. It is clear that they are satisfied with the arrangements that we have put in place and there are no outstanding representations from these experts.

The agreed maximum attendance of 450 will not cause any nuisance and congestion for residents. This attendance is no more than events that have been held by us in the past.

You also write this application "has the potential to create Public Nuisance" I am sorry to hear that you are worried about public nuisance in the area, I have to say that I am reassured that you have not linked the Public nuisance of any sort with the Markfield Arts events.

You shouldn't be concerned about crime in the area as a result of this license application. The Police do not have these concerns and, as a result, have not made a representation.

Everything that you raise in your representation is what you 'believe' might happen if the venue is granted a licence and not what has actually happened. There have been over a dozen events held at this venue and run by the proposed licensee and to date, none of your fears have been realised. Please rest assured that the attendance numbers agreed in this proposed licence are no greater than those that have previously been held under Temporary Event Notices.

We have no desire to cause you undue concerns and would like to work closely with you as one of our neighbours to ensure that good working relationships can prosper.

To summarise:

- Markfield Art's aim is for safe, controlled activities that will have minimal impact on the local community
- Adequate controls and effective tried and tested systems are in place for proactive and effective management
- Competent people are in place to manage the premises

I hope that you are able to feel reassured by this response. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or require further information. We would also like the opportunity to discuss this in person. Please feel free to contact P.M. Bacon on 07710 088947 to arrange a meeting.

Yours sincerely

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