

**BEFORE THE LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD'S  
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

**FIELD DAY FESTIVAL, MERIDIAN WATER**  
**PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION**

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**SUMMARY OF THE POSITION OF THE  
METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE**

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**FOR HEARING: 8 MAY 2019**

1. The Metropolitan Police Service ("MPS") supports regeneration efforts in Meridian Water. However MPS' primary role is to ensure the safety of the public and prevent crime and disorder. MPS will work with all parties to achieve that end.
2. MPS have carefully considered the documents within the Agenda Pack, revised proposals put forward by the applicant and additional submissions made by legal representatives for the parties in preparation for the hearing of this application for a premises licence to enable the Field Day Festival to take place in Meridian Water "annually".
3. Subject to suitable amendments to the proposed conditions, MPS does not object to a premises licence being granted to enable the Field Day Festival (only) to take place over two-days between 7-9 June 2019 (assuming the event begins on 7 June and ends in the early hours of 9 June). This is on the basis that there will be no major events taking place

at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium (“the Stadium”) at the same time and the plans for the festival will be subject to the scrutiny of the Safety Advisory Group.

4. However, in the opinion of MPS it is essential to the promotion of the crime and disorder and public safety licensing objectives that future Field Day Festivals (in 2020 and beyond) do not clash with major events held at the Stadium. If there were to be a clash of events then the licensing objectives would, in the opinion of MPS, be very seriously undermined and public safety put in jeopardy. In licensing terms, the negative cumulative impact would be overwhelming.
5. Therefore, MPS strongly objects to any premises licence being granted beyond June 2019 in the absence of a clear and enforceable written agreement between Tottenham Hotspur Ltd, Tottenham Hotspur Football Athletic Co Ltd (combined as “THFC”) and the Applicants that ensures there is no risk of a clash of events in the future. Such an agreement is required *prior* to the determination of this premises licence application.
6. The MPS is not satisfied that delegating a veto of a future festival to a body, whether it be the Safety Advisory Group or “the licensing authority”, is either legally permissible or enforceable. At the very least, the legality of such a condition is highly vulnerable to being challenged in the Courts. Given the serious consequences that are likely to flow from any clash of events, MPS is not prepared take that risk.
7. In the absence of an agreement between THFC and the Applicant over event dates by the time this premises licence application is determined, MPS are of the opinion that a grant of a premises licence beyond June 2019 poses a serious risk of undermining the licensing objectives.
8. Instead, MPS invite the Council to grant a premises licence to permit the Field Day Festival to take place between 7-9 June 2019 only. Then the Applicant would be at liberty to apply for a new premises licence to permit future events in 2020 and beyond. That application can then be considered on its individual merits.
9. If the Council determines to grant a premises licence, MPS invites the Council to ensure the conditions reflect these police requests:

- a. The Field Day Festival is restricted to a 2-day event only (though it is accepted that the final day will end in the early hours of the third day).
- b. The maximum total capacity of the after-party events in the Drumsheds must not exceed 7,000 persons (subject to any lower figure approved by the Safety Advisory Group or otherwise imposed for health and safety reasons).
- c. The CCTV condition must ensure that a responsible and identified individual(s) is at the venue whilst licensable activities are taking place who is able to operate the CCTV system, playback and download footage immediately upon the request of police and authorised officers of the Council.

10. Although the plans attached to the premises licence application are defective, in the sense that they do not appear to comply with regulation 23 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Premises Licences) Regulations 2005, MPS take a neutral position on whether this defect prevents the Council from determining this application.

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