

## APPENDIX F

### **Rep 1**

Our attention has been drawn to a recent application by Hifields Limited which has no system reference and with all the applicant's details blacked out. It is for a premises licence for outdoor activities for the provision of films, live amplified music, recorded amplified music, performance of dance and the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises.

The premises appears from the submitted plan to be a good proportion of the outdoor space of Nowton Park owned by West Suffolk Council up to the boundary with Sicklesmere Road to the east, the boundary of properties on Plovers Way to the north and part of the boundary with Nowton Road. The requested start date is 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 but there is no end date.

Hifields are applying for the licence from 11 am to midnight 7 days a week but also states that the hours the premises are open to the public is 24. Presumably because a licence has been applied for more than 500 people are expected to be attending the events and/or because they want to finish at midnight not 11 pm. Because Hifield are already promoting an event on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 at Nowton Park we are assuming this is the type of event they are wanting a free reign to hold in the future.

We are writing to register our objection to the granting of this licence in the format requested as we think it totally inappropriate for the location and which we believe will create a Public Nuisance based on the following:

1. **Environmental danger** - Newton Park is owned by West Suffolk Council and managed for recreation, leisure and nature conservation. There is something for everyone to enjoy with walking routes, an arboretum which features trees from all around the world, as well as beautiful wildflower meadows and ponds full of wildlife and in spring is renowned for the carpet of daffodils that bloom beneath the trees on the Lime Avenue. A lot of these areas are included in the plan and from the description on the website for the August event it says you can "get lost in the endless woods, frolic with the fairies in the meadows and dance with friends, old and new, until the moon lights the way home". Surely this will cause damage to the environment that we are trying to take care of and cause distress to any wildlife.
2. **Loss of public amenity** - presumably as this is a ticket only event the general public will be denied access to the whole area shown on the plan every time an event is held and for the whole of the time the application is for. As they appear to be included in the plan, they would also lose access to the car park, toilets and refreshments potentially 7 days a week from 11 am to midnight.
3. **Interference with the lives, property or common rights of the general public** - we have great concerns about disturbance to the local residents of Plovers Way, The Curlews, Nowton Road, Sicklesmere Road,

the Hardwick Estate and further into town and out to Nowton village not only during the proposed 13 hours of the event but afterwards when people are leaving either on foot, taxi or by own vehicle as there is no public transport available at night. Overflow parking is likely to be a big issue in residential roads nearby with ensuing noise again potentially 7 days a week from 11 am to midnight and beyond once off the premises. The noise from the activities for such a long time together with the additional noise from the participants will severely impact on the lives of the local residents and the general public who may be coming to enjoy the normal amenities of the park.  
All the above are out of the control of the organisers.

We also have concerns for Public Safety based on the following:

1. Provision of alcohol and the potential for illicit drugs of various types to be consumed and the potential effects on the general public and local residents when out of the control of the organisers.
2. Offensive behaviour by those attending the event when the general public may be enjoying the remaining space in the park available to them along with children and vulnerable adults. As Hifields state on their website it was founded by a group of friends who wanted to create a place to dance together without inhibitions - presumably these are not local residents and therefore are likely to be only concerned about their own enjoyment and not the beauty of Nowton Park and the town and its people.

We request the Committee to seriously consider all the implications above and refuse this application.

## **Rep 2**

Many thanks for your prompt and detailed reply to our concerns about the recent planning application placed by Hifields a limited company who are in essence asking for a license to be agreed for 365 days 11am-00 for the whole of Nowton Park .Whilst we understand that they would not put `events `on everyday the complete flexibility deeply concerns us .We wish to make an objection on the grounds of public nuisance .The festival has been advertised using a smoke screen of art and making memories in a magical setting -if you are able to look at the acts that are headlining and their music this does seem a complete contrast to what is being promoted. The organisers urge people to continue the fun at the after party at Verve nightclub in Bury town centre. This would involve a huge number of people walking through residential areas late at night which we feel is definitely not appropriate in a built up area and extremely likely to cause a public nuisance at the very least.

We already have a number of events at the park which are generally held for charity ,they have music ,what we tend to find is the music stops early ,it is loud and the bass very prominent so we often have to move inside, but the fact that these are infrequent and for charity means they can be tolerated. The company state they want the flexibility in the license in case they may want to run a `fun run, country fair, or an exhibition of sorts` once again, we are not naïve, they are a company who by their own admission wanted somewhere to `dance together without inhibitions`there is no mention of wanting to host any of these type of events, we feel it is just

another way of being able to hold more festivals. Also, even if they did, such events do not run until midnight and would therefore not need the licensing hours they are requesting, they are also already being run at Nowton Park in the day usually for charity.

Once again we urge you to reject this application on the grounds of public nuisance at the very least. We are certainly not killjoys, but Nowton Park with its wildflower meadows and wildlife, close to residential areas is not an appropriate place for a festival of this nature to be held.

### **Rep 3**

I was surprised on reading of the above application on your website to hold outdoor music concerts with dancing and film shows in Nowton Park in Bury St Edmunds. More especially on any day until 12 midnight !!

This includes selling alcohol. Many young families will be deterred from using the park.

As we live reasonably close to the normally peaceful and beautiful park we are worried about the damage and noise that could destroy this wonderful amenity.

Extra traffic and parking could also be a problem. For the sake of thousands of neighbours and users please refuse this application.

### **Rep 4**

Thank you for your email of 8<sup>th</sup> July and for clarifying certain matters. We have noted that Hifields wishes to hold other events such as craft fairs. These would be similar in terms of impact to the events that already take place in Nowton Park and would be subject to a TEN License. However, Hifields is also holding an outdoor music festival in August and this event is of an entirely different nature. We do not feel that it is reasonable to include the outdoor music event along with daytime events and are therefore opposing the granting of a Premises License to Hifields Ltd. Such a license would doubtless encourage Hifields to run similar events (they have already stated their wish to have flexibility with regards to holding events in the future), with music and alcohol available for an extended period of time during the night. It could also set a precedent for other events organizers to apply for such licenses.

One point we would like to make is the lack of reasonable notice of this Premises License application. We walk around the park every morning and have only seen two small notices, one at calf height. The font on the notices is very small. The notices will have been missed by many users of Nowton Park.

Also – considering Hifields are selling tickets for the event in August, we would like to understand from the Licensing Committee what type of license has been granted for this. If a TEN license isn't suitable – what license do Hifields have for this event?

In your email, you state that we should make our representations based on the Licensing Objectives. We have put our concerns below in relation to the summer music event and any other similar type of event Hifields plan to hold in the future. It is the open-ended nature of the Premises License that is of greatest concern. We therefore still wish to make a representation against the granting of a Premises License to Hifields Ltd.

## **The prevention of crime and disorder**

I have viewed photographs online of the previous event held by Hifields Ltd in Cambridgeshire in 2021, it has the appearance of a rave, or a 'mini-Glastonbury'. The attendees all look to be young people. My understanding is that the summer music event planned in Nowton Park in August will be similar. Provision of alcohol for up to thirteen hours at these events will increase the risk of crime and disorder. At outdoor music events, illicit drugs are commonplace and are out of the control of the organizers, despite their best efforts. Excessive alcohol consumption and use of illicit drugs is in itself a crime. Such consumption will put both concert attendees and local residents at risk of further crimes, as well as being potentially very damaging to the environment. For example, traces of MDMA and cocaine were found in the river on the site of the Glastonbury festival this year. Attendees leaving the site in vehicles may be over the safe alcohol limits for driving and may be under the influence of illicit drugs.

## **The prevention of public nuisance.**

Alcohol consumption and drug use for a prolonged period risk causing a public nuisance and may give rise to anti-social behaviour to local residents, with the potential for property being damaged. In addition, there will be excessive levels of noise for at least the duration of the event and at the end when attendees will be leaving the site. There will be noise from pedestrians, probably some drunk or drug driving and residential areas will inevitably be used as overflow car parks. There will be considerably more traffic in the area before and after the event. This does constitute a public nuisance to residents in Nowton Village, Nowton Road, Sicklesmere Road, Plovers Way, The Curlews and the Nowton and Hardwick estates who will be seriously impacted by these types of events.

## **Public safety**

As mentioned above, public safety will be affected by the number of people attending this event in a fairly small area, a significant number of who will have been drinking excessively and possibly consuming illicit drugs. Anti-social behaviour is a risk not just in regards to public nuisance but also threatening behaviour to local residents. During the event, a large part of Nowton Park will be unavailable to other users which represents a loss of a public facility that is normally open to all. Additionally, the detritus and possible drug paraphernalia left at the site will present a considerable risk to people, including children who are using the park.

## **The protection of children from harm**

As the residential areas mentioned above are home to families with children, and the park is enjoyed by children, all the risks mentioned above apply to children. The noise levels of late night outdoor events will have a negative effect on children's sleep.

For these reasons we are opposed to West Suffolk Licensing Department granting Hifields a Premises License which will permit them to run outdoor music events alongside their other proposed events, without having to make separate applications each time.

## **Rep 5**

PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER	We are concerned about noise, traffic, parking, possible alcohol and drug use, littering and other disorder in and around the park, which would be difficult to police adequately. Although the licensing application shows a limited area of the park involved, the Hifields website encourages ticket holders to “get lost in the endless woods, frolic with the fairies...dance without inhibitions” which seems to encourage uninhibited behaviour without any guidance to observe boundaries.
PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE	Local residents are already subjected to noise from music and traffic on a small number of days per year and extending this to potentially every day until midnight will substantially increase disturbance to residents in Nowton Road, Mayfield Road, Bury Park Drive, Plovers Way and the elderly care facilities of Stradbroke Court and Nowton Heritage Centre. Hifield are also selling tickets for people to move on to Verve Nightclub in Bury until 3am, after the park event closes at midnight. This seems to encourage footfall and traffic late at night which would create dangers and nuisance.
PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM	The park is not without danger particularly if intoxicated. Trees and ponds could be a hazard. There is already a problem with beer cans, bottles and other litter. Events such as Hifields might attract drug use and the danger of drug paraphernalia being found in a public park and childrens playground must be considered.
PUBLIC SAFETY	There is public danger from natural hazards in the park and from traffic particularly when some visitors may be intoxicated and driving late at night.

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## **Rep 6**

I strongly object to the above application for a license.

I have lived in Fox and Pin Lane for 30 years and have been able to enjoy the natural qualities and tranquillity of Nowton Park.

I am aware of the events that currently take place which obviously impact me, particularly from loud music, loudspeakers and traffic coming in and out of the village. I would strongly object to any further events of this nature particularly with alcohol and events that continue in to the late evening.

It is worth considering the purpose of Nowton Park - a natural environment which supports a very diverse ecosystem which could be disrupted by these sorts of events. It is an area where people can walk, sit quietly in contemplation, enjoy family time in beautiful surroundings away from the bustle of everyday life and enjoy the flora and fauna of the park.

The very essence of the park would be destroyed if this license is granted.

**Rep 7**

Licensing Objective	Reason for Representation
Prevention of Crime & Disorder	Nowton Park covers almost 200 acres; residents are extremely concerned that it will be difficult to control anti-social and possible drunken behaviour over such an extensive area. An alcohol licence from 1100 to 0000 hours, seven days a week, may encourage excessive consumption of alcohol, ultimately leading to crime and disorder. In addition, it is envisaged there would be an increase in litter, defecation, and illegal overnight camping. There has recently been a serious sexual assault committed within the Park; the vast area the Park covers makes policing very difficult. If there is an increase in crime and disorder, this would definitely deter the residents of Nowton from visiting and enjoying the Park.
Prevention of Public Nuisance	The present licence is tolerated by residents, as there is a restriction in days and finishing times of events. The effects on the adjacent care home, schools and local residents, if they were subjected to such a broad and late finishing licence, potentially being subjected to noise/music every day of the week until 0000 hours, would be intolerable and totally unfair to

	the residents of Nowton, which is a village in a rural area at the heart of which is Nowton Park, whose gates presently close at sunset, thus giving residents some respite.
Protection of children from harm	There is a children's playground and Nursery within the Park and numerous activities are organised throughout the year specifically for young children. If there is an increase in the number of events, resulting in an increase in people visiting the Park, possibly consuming alcohol from 1100-0000 hours, this might be reasonably considered as a risk to young children and may very well deter parents and children from visiting the Park.
Public Safety	The Parish Council is concerned that with the additional vehicles and pedestrians created by a 7/52 1100-0000 hours licence, and limited parking, it is inevitable that vehicles and pedestrians will spill onto Nowton Road, which is a fairly narrow road without a footpath. The potential for accidents in this area is, therefore, considerable. There are also two unfenced ponds within the Park, which might pose a danger to anyone under the influence of alcohol.
Further Comments	The present licence appears perfectly adequate for the number of events being run – to go from five days between June and September, to all year Monday to Sunday 1100-0000 hours is not, we believe, in the local public interest and Nowton Parish Council strongly objects and opposes this application in its present blanket form.

## **Rep 8**

Having read the information above I would like to object to the license application on the basis that if the application were successful it would represent a public nuisance. The reason for this is that I believe that the current temporary events notice framework places a limit on the number of attendees of a given event while granting this license will remove such a limit.

As the applicant correctly states Nowton Park, and the events that are organised therein, make a valuable contribution to the life of the people of Bury St Edmunds. However larger events will implicitly attract people from outside of our community and these larger numbers, and the fact that they are less familiar with the unique environment at Nowton Park, would represent a public nuisance. My evidence for this is that during one of the recent larger events in Nowton Park there was insufficient parking and as a result we had cars parked in Fox and Pin Lane, blocking the access to our property.

Nowton Park is a unique and valuable facility which is ideal for smaller events aimed specifically at the local community. It does not however have the infrastructure for larger events and as a result these events have the potential to be a public nuisance. Rejecting the application and retaining the current TEN framework would appear to provide a good balance between the worthy endeavours of the applicant and the need to ensure larger events do not become a public nuisance.

## **Rep 9**

Such a wide-ranging license, if granted, would allow the applicant permission to hold events on any day chosen which would not allow time for the Council to organise sufficient resource needed to properly supervise such events.

A possible solution to this would be for the applicant to submit a temporary license for one event only.

The planning application map shows the permissible area backing on to residential properties in Plovers Way.

This represents a possible public nuisance as attendees have access to the rear of these properties.

Furthermore, areas normally reserved for walking are also included in the permissible area and I have concerns that young people under the influence of alcohol and other substances will not have due respect for such areas or the local community that uses them on a daily basis: 'Dancing with the fairies' as quoted on the event flier, rarely occurs under the influence of just a beer, after all and attendees to the event will apparently be coming from all over the country.

I strongly object to this application for the stated reasons and would ask the committee to reject, with the recommendation for application of a temporary, conditional license.

This license should bear caveats limiting the accessible areas and detail a thorough risk assessment and method statement to prevent or mitigate safety concerns.

Given the obvious 'rave' nature of the event, steps should be taken to ensure the safety of young people present, especially in light of current strategies to prevent 'spiking' of drinks.

It is my opinion that should any form of license be granted for such an event at Nowton Park, PCS first aid and environmental health officers must be in attendance in sufficient numbers to ensure:

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- public safety
- the prevention of public nuisance
- the protection of children from harm.

### **Rep 10**

I would like to object to the licensing application made by Hifields for Nowton Park. I am objecting on the basis of public nuisance as it's too close to residential housing and the noise it will recreate will make it a public nuisance. Also I believe crime and disorder will be an issue as the music which is being played is garage or acid music etc associated with increased crime and disorder to fuel drugs. I believe it's a public safety issue also as there's very small children living by this proposed rave area and they will be at risk due to the clientele visiting this rave event. and we need to protect them from harm. It's also a public safety and crime and disorder issue too as there's lots of elderly folk (already told me they are worried) who live near this proposed site of licence and they are worried about being alone with all these people playing loud music and taking drugs and potential break ins to property during this event. I fear drugs will be freely available at this site as 1 of the bands is promoting drugs with a hit singing about a spliff a day.

### **Rep 11**

The sale of alcohol from 11.00 - 00.00 may result in rowdy disorderly behaviour within the park which would not be welcome when families are present, and on leaving an event create a disturbance along Nowton Road and the local area. As residents in Nowton Road we can vouch for the loud singing and shouting by those who leave the park on foot after an event, particularly late at night.

All events in the park generate additional traffic and we are concerned for the safety on the road late at night. Please note that there is no street lighting past Plovers Way.

Hifields Music has already planned an event on 27<sup>th</sup> August. This is a bank Holiday weekend when the park is used extensively by families. Hifields website states that the last entry to their event is 5pm, so alcohol will no doubt be sold and music played before this time when families will be present and may have some to the park to enjoy a peaceful day out.

Hifields publicity promotes 'getting lost in the woods and frolicking with the fairies'. We would like to raise safeguarding issues as children play in the woods and it must be recognised that drugs could be a potential danger too.

It is a concern that with the current dry weather conditions discarding cigarette ends on the ground could be a fire hazard.

Hifields website offers after party tickets for Verve nightclub, thus causing further noise and disturbance in the town centre late at night.

Nowton Park is a peaceful country park visited and enjoyed by people of all ages. It has a children's play area, a maze and benches throughout the park for quiet contemplation and relaxation and is popular with dog walkers. The playing of loud music in a quiet neighbourhood is most unwelcome, it spoils the peaceful nature of our lovely environment.

Nowton Park is unsuitable for the purpose of dance and music festivals. We therefore strongly object to Hifields being given a licence to play music and sell alcohol on 27<sup>th</sup> August and at any other time of the year in Nowton Park.

## **Rep 12**

We write to register our objection to the granting of a 12 month premises licence to Hifield Ltd of 12 Clover Way, Red Lodge, IP28 8TB, which would give Hifield permission to use a very great amount of space in Nowton Park for various types of entertainment and to sell alcohol for consumption in the park for up to 13 hours a day on any of the seven days of the week.

As nearby residents, we have concerns on several counts:

### *The Prevention of Crime and Disorder*

We feel that with the opportunity to purchase alcohol over a considerable period of time during an event, the potential for general disorder among less responsible adults is a cause for concern. Sadly, it is a fact that music and dance events such as those proposed by Hifields, do present the opportunity for drug use among some, adding to the potential for disorder and perhaps crime. We would like to know what security measures would be in place, as there is relatively easy access to the rear of the properties in Plovers Way, and indeed buildings within the park itself once the general public have left and facilities such as the cafe are unmanned. As the evening draws on, we are deeply concerned that it would be difficult for ticket holders to be prevented from wandering through the parts of the park outside the entertainment area and disturbing residents and wildlife alike, and possibly doing damage and harm.

### *Public Safety*

Large events usually mean a high volume of traffic arriving and leaving during the day and evening. Nowton Road is essentially a country lane and we worry that pedestrians may be at risk on the narrow path leading towards Nowton Park, not least those attending an event on foot and leaving late at night when the street lighting is inadequate.

### *The Prevention of Public Nuisance*

It is not clear from the application exactly where the event(s) would be held and therefore how intrusive the noise would become. As the licence could allow music to be played from 11am until midnight on any day of the week, potentially this could cause great nuisance and distress to nearby residents, not just in Plovers Way, The Curlews and other surrounding streets, but those living in Nowton Court Retirement

Village also. As previously mentioned, there would be a high volume of traffic arriving during the day and evening, and leaving late at night, causing more disturbance. Experience of previous events in the park suggest that the volume of traffic would undoubtedly result in plenty of cars parking in nearby estate roads, causing unrest among residents who sometimes find themselves unable to access their own property .

As the proposed entertainment appears to be quite wide ranging, we are concerned that use of the park amenities would be reduced, to the detriment of people just coming along to enjoy the quiet and the space of the country park and who may not be aware of a music event prior to their arrival. We are fortunate indeed to have a country park so close to the town and think by it's very nature, that all parts should be open at all times to all people. Other events such as 'Race for Life' do take place occasionally but the application by Hifield Ltd is worryingly open ended.

In one part of the application, there is indication that refreshments will not be served late into the evening but in another part it clearly indicates that Hifield Ltd is applying for an application to serve alcohol until midnight and we would strongly object to alcohol being served until this late hour and up until the event finishes. Not least, this could lead to guests driving illegally.

#### *The Protection of Children from Harm*

One should not make unreasonable assumptions about the actions of others but we are disturbed about potential drug use and abuse at such events. Given the freedom the park offers to visitors, we feel there may be a danger to children (and possibly adults too) visiting the park in ensuing days and picking up discarded needles and drug paraphernalia, an occurrence that must be avoided at all costs.

In conclusion, we trust the Licensing Committee will give due consideration to our concerns and consider rejecting the application.

### **Rep 13**

As a resident of Plovers Way I was very concerned to learn of the Hifield music festival to be held in Nowton Park on August 27th.

This is likely to be a large ,and noisey event attended by mainly young people I appeal for the license to be withheld thus helping to mitigate the risk to law and order and prevention of a public nuisance

### **Rep 14**

We strongly oppose the application of Hifields Ltd. We are residents of Plovers Way, a residential area adjacent to Nowton Park.

Nowton Park is a place where visitors can walk freely, appreciating the peace and quiet and enjoying the scenery and wildlife around them. On the West Suffolk Council website, Nowton Park is advertised as a place for nature lovers with bird feeding areas, ponds, wildlife meadows not to mention the great variety of birds that can be seen and heard. Amongst park regulations is the wording "Do not disturb wildlife". How can wildlife not be disturbed by the music and other entertainment. "Pick up litter" another regulation – just imagine what the area would look like to visitors taking a walk the next morning. If members of the general public took their

amplification equipment and disturbed the peace and quiet of the park from 11am to midnight on any day they so wish, those people would soon be asked to stop. Nowton Park is a public space and a great asset to the town. Visitors come from near and far to visit it. It would be off-putting if visitors arrive expecting to enjoy the tranquillity of the park only to be confronted with loud music and drinking and other associated noise.

We have no objections to the very few charity events that are held on Nowton Park as profits go to worthy causes so we make no complaint about the music and associated noise coming from the park on those occasions. The noise emitted at these events sometimes means that we cannot enjoy sitting or working in our garden and have to close all windows as sound penetrates into the house. If the application by Hifields Ltd was successful, on any day that Hifields so wish, residents could suffer this disturbance from 11am till 12 midnight. We understand the events would be held on the far side of the park but this does not allay our fears. Sound travels. Abbey Gardens is 1.2 miles (as crow flies) from Plovers Way but music and singing at events there, can on occasion be clearly heard here. Amplification of bass is becoming more and more powerful. Plovers Way is used by many motorists as a place for free parking and for pedestrians passing through on way to and back from visiting Nowton Park. Having an alcohol licence to midnight presents serious concern about noise disturbance and a potential for anti-social behaviour as people, attending an event, return to their cars especially if they are fuelled by drink and possibly worse. There are many night clubs in Bury which are open where people can go if they wish to drink and socialise. Nowton Park must not be used for such events. Hifields Ltd seems to be commercially orientated – not the proper use for a Council run country park adjoining a residential area.

### **Rep 15**

Prevent Public Nuisance

We would like to resubmit a representation on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance

The park is adjacent to residential areas and we are concerned about the noise and disruption that would occur late into the evening.

The application covers the whole area of the park which would be very near to houses especially in Plovers Way, The Curlews and Nowton Village.

We hope you take our concerns into consideration when making your decision

### **Rep 16**

We are emailing to register our objection to the application for a new premises license by Hifields Limited, Nowton Park, Bury St Edmund's, IP 29 5 LU. The basis of our objection is prevention of public nuisance, the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety.

Our objection to the application is based on the following concerns:

The location borders quiet residential housing, Nowton Court retirement village, is extremely close to a quiet housing estate, Nowton village and other residential properties in the area and will soon include the 1200 properties due to be built between Sicklesmere Road and Rushbrooke Lane.

The late night 365 days of the year licence covering live music and alcohol sales will have a very negative and intrusive impact on the residents in Plovers Way, the Curlews, Fox & Pin Lane, Breckey Ley, Nowton Road, Sicklesmere Road, Nowton Estate, Nowton Retirement Village, Nowton village and possibly also impact on Sicklesmere, Great Whelnetham and Little Whelnetham in terms of noise, sleep deprivation due to the music, drunken people leaving the venue, excessive noise, fighting, antisocial behaviour, a constant stream of traffic into and out of the park/event at the start and finish of the event, vehicles using their horns for various reasons including trying to let pedestrians in the road know they are there.

Depending whereabouts within the park an event is located the residents bordering that part of the park will be disturbed by the noise from the setting up and the setting down of the event, constantly running generators to power the event, excessive vehicle movement by the event organisers at the start and finish of the event and possibly by event staff/security staying overnight in that area of the park. These residents will then be disturbed by the event itself which we have covered in the paragraph above.

The local road structure struggles when large events happen at the park that have a start time eg race for life, motor show and previously the country fayre and visitors abandon their vehicles in the local area as its quicker to walk the final part than wait in a long tailback. So parking for the events will need to be well organised and managed timely and correctly so the residents of Plovers Way, the Curlews and other residential streets don't encounter badly and dangerously parked non resident vehicles which could impede large emergency service vehicles getting to their destination possibly resulting in loss of life or property.

If an event is held in the walled garden and vehicle exit at the end of the event is via the nursery gates then it needs to be ensured that this exit is not used by pedestrians. In the past after an event in the walled garden we have encountered inebriated pedestrians leaving the park via the nursery gates walking toward Bury on the narrow, unlit country road in the dark (not daylight hours) both in the road and on the uneven banks. This action is not expected by drivers who use this road and due to no fault of the driver/ drivers could result in a serious or even fatal accident.

Should this licence be given the go ahead the extra events in the park will naturally increase the amount of pedestrians, cyclists and traffic in the area resulting in more noise, more vehicle speeding and extra vehicle pollutants in the air which will be damaging to the local population and wildlife. The footpath along Nowton Road leading to the park is well used by pedestrians, cyclists, families with pushchairs and wheelchair users, is right beside the road and fairly narrow so not ideal and safe, especially at extra busy times.

Extra events taking place in the park will have a detrimental ecological effect on the flora & fauna and ecosystem that has built up over the years and is well managed by the park rangers and volunteers. During licensed events the damage is likely to be higher.

We dont have any objections to the amount of events both licensed and unlicensed involving pre recorded or live music that have taken place in the past but strongly object to a license being granted for them to take place every day of the year and until midnight. Should this license be approved it will have a detrimental effect on a

lot of local residents lives, probably also impacting on the saleability and prices of properties.

### **Rep 17**

I wish to make an objection to the licencing application made by Hifields Ltd for music and alcohol events in Nowton Park. I live nearby so have a personal interest. This park is a much loved local facility for families, runners and walkers, nature lovers and dog walkers. It also has residential homes very close to it, along Plovers Way, The Curlews, Nowton Road and Sicklesmere Road, as well as the care home on Nowton Road. It is not suitable for noisy or late night events. The Hifields website suggests 19 headline bands and a further 21 acts will be performing at an event on the 27th August this year.

I submit my objections under the headings you have asked for:

1. Prevention of crime and disorder

The Hifields advert on their website for an event on the 27th August also pushes a post event night in Bury St Edmunds town centre. There is a big risk that people who have drunk excessively during the afternoon and evening will walk to Bury, noisily, or will drive when being unfit to do so. The advert even hints that drugs will be acceptable.

2. Prevention of public nuisance

It will certainly impact on the many nearby houses, because of the noise, and on regular park users because of the noise and the lack of plentiful parking. There will be a terrible impact on all the wildlife in the park, including a rich bird life, rabbits, foxes, hedgehogs, moles and deer.

3. Public safety

The advert from Hifields suggests heavy drinking and even worse are expected and encouraged.

I hope this application is rejected.

**Rep 18**

LICENSING OBJECTIVE	REASON FOR REPRESENTATION
PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER	LATE NIGHT DRINKING IN OPEN SPACES OFTEN LEADS TO DRUNKENESS AND NOISE. CLOSE ACCESS TO LOCAL GARDENS COULD LEAD TO ILLEGAL ACCESS/BURGLARY
PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE	AS ABOVE - FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS UNWELCOME NOISE, ON ANY DAY FROM 11-00 AM TO MIDNIGHT

**Rep 19**

As a resident of Nowton Estate in Bury St Edmunds I wish to object to this application which gives great cause for concern.

If this application was approved there could be a huge detrimental effect to the Park and surrounding area. At present the Park is a tremendous amenity for the local and wider public, enabling us all to enjoy the natural world in a safe and beautiful environment. The number of events currently held at the Park seem to me to be quite sufficient. They do impinge on residents but whilst the noise and increase in traffic are frustrating they are bearable knowing they are occasional events. Any increase in the frequency of these would in my opinion cause untoward disturbance to both the wildlife in the Park, the users of the Park and the wider residential area.

As well as the noise from entertainments at the Park we have occasional events at the Haberdern rugby ground which can also be heard. I feel that noise pollution is one of the greatest causes of stress in the modern world.

I would ask the Authority to take into account the potential damage caused to the wildlife of the Park as well as the effects of noise pollution and traffic pollution and refuse this application accordingly.

**Rep 20**

LICENSING OBJECTIVE	REASON FOR REPRESENTATION
<p><b>PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER</b></p>	<p>The park has already been the location of a recent sexual assault and with the wooded areas and places away from the main site it is easy for further assaults to take place unwitnessed. With the route out of the park leading through country lanes or out on to an estate there is a very likelihood of either drunk driving as people head to their next destination or drunken behaviour and vandalism. They are encouraging 'get lost in the woods' and 'we like dance on cars', drunk or high people will take that literally.</p>
<p><b>PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE</b></p>	<p>The noise from the park alone during these events can carry, at an event that is advertising as a rave/drum n bass event then it is going to be even louder. This will disturb people for some distance around park. With an elderly residential home on site, a number of dementia residents included this will prove an upsetting time. The car parking will no doubt see people overflow on to neighbouring streets and when exiting I can see a large number of very loud people on the roads as the paths leading out of the park are too narrow for vast numbers.</p>
<p><b>PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM</b></p>	<p>The park is used by a large number of children during the day. With events running from 11am to Midnight they are going to be around to witness all behaviour and language. Drunk people will find play areas hard to resist and the wooded areas. Discarded bottles, vomit and faeces will be an even higher risk to them the following day as the park is so big that I doubt any clean up crew they hire will cover it all.</p>
<p><b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b></p>	<p>The park is a wide area with a lot of wooded sections that take you out of view of the public, as well as a number of ponds. As a Mum, and having been to festivals of varying sizes, I am concerned that there is a high risk of assaults, be them theft or sexual as people take advantage of people wandering away from the main arena. There is also a high risk of people ending up in the ponds as they don't take in their surroundings due to intoxication. After other events I and neighbours have had to clean up debris including human waste. The roads will also become a serious hazard. For many people residential to the area the opportunity for events to occur 365 days a year will cause considerable stress to them, their children and pets.</p>

**Rep 21**

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So we are amazed and dismayed to see the proposal to extend the present occasional festival to enable music and entertainment including outdoors entertainment, cinema and alcohol consumption every day from 11.00am and evening up to midnight in the Park. Our objections are for the following reasons:

1. Nowton Park is a publicly owned haven of wildlife and peace. It is the only such place in Bury St Edmunds and it is enjoyed by local people, families and children and dog owners. This proposal if enacted, which we desperately hope it won't be, would have a severe impact on the wildlife and on this piece of natural environment which we all want and need to protect.
2. Besides noise pollution – affecting birds and wildlife, there will inevitably be rubbish pollution from entertainment every day and evening.
3. This proposal would add to the traffic pollution by increasing the volume of traffic on Nowton Road – about which there is already strong local feeling and a campaign group has been set up of which Councillors and the police are aware.
4. The access road to Nowton Park – Nowton Road, on which we live is already dangerous with traffic travelling too fast and several accidents have occurred. An increased volume of cars going to and from the entertainment at the park as now proposed will significantly add to the dangers of pedestrians and cyclists and residents like ourselves trying to get in and out of our driveways. There is a school near the park with children needing to cross the road to access the sports centre and families who already struggle to cross the road on foot without being mowed down by cars travelling too fast and in too great a volume for a residential road.
5. Our right to peace as people living nearby, in a residential area – would be severely adversely affected. We already tolerate the occasional festival. To be expected to tolerate festival music and noise all day every day up to midnight is simply unacceptable.
6. Continuous entertainment, noise and drinking is out of character for the Nowton Park area.
7. Providing entertainment in the Park will draw customers away from existing businesses in Bury St Edmunds town centre. The already existing music and entertainments and alcohol venues in the town centre struggle to survive (as we know from closures) and they need this business and pay business rates for it. Why should they lose out to a business that is presumably to pay no business rates and have no premises costs – since it is freeloading on public land?
8. The proposal will encourage drink – driving. There is limited public transport to the park and none in the late evening. The main means of access will be motorbike and car. To be encouraging alcohol consumption at a place where revellers then have to make their own way home by private transport inevitably will mean potential accidents caused by drunken drivers.
9. There is limited car parking in the park and the increased number of cars resulting from this proposal will reduce parking availability for families with children and for the disabled and the elderly who need to use the car park to access the park. Will the car park opening time be extended beyond dusk and what are the consequences of that e.g availability to traveller communities?
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11. Furthermore, the local cinemas are already struggling for survival as is the local Film Society. The competition from another cinema which is not going to be paying the same costs and rates as the town cinemas is unwelcome and it is unfair competition.
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PLEASE do not agree this licence application. Please think of ordinary residents who own and use and live near to this park and think of the impact on the town centre and existing town centre businesses. Think of the impact on wildlife and the

importance of preserving the natural environment. Think of the impact on people with disabilities and families with young children and the elderly trying to find a space in the small car park in order to exercise their right to continue to enjoy Nowton Park as it is now – not as an unwanted extension of the town centre. Thankyou.

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### **Rep 23**

I wish to support the wealth of objections to the application from HIFIELDS LTD to you for the above licence.

Traffic volume and noise, drunkenness and noise from the venue, light pollution at night and drivers departing over legal drink drive limit. Also possibility of extra local street parking with all the negative aspects that brings. Please do not let the desire to make money be allowed to ruin a beautiful natural park

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## **Rep 25**

I hope this is an acceptable method of declaring my opposition to the application by Hifields Ltd for entertainment license in Nowton Park, Bury St Edmunds.

I am not against these events per se but the infrastructure, ie the roads and pavements, must be greatly improved. Therefore my objection is on the grounds of safety and public nuisance which MUST be considered.

Traffic volume  
Footfall  
Noise pollution

Traffic volume on roads around Nowton Park would increase significantly.

Street lighting along Nowton Rd goes off at 11.30pm. This will further impact all of the below for late night events.

During the sugar beet harvesting season large vehicles, tractors, trailers and lorries use this road at all times. These large vehicles take up most of the road space and day to day vehicles have to navigate their way along the road so as not to have a collision. A higher volume of traffic around Nowton Park, daytime and nighttime will exacerbate this.

Nowton Rd is a busy road and dangerously narrow in places. The corner where Nowton Rd and Mayfield meet is unsafe and there have been a numerous accidents there in the last few months and years.

Traffic heading back towards town from Nowton Park have to navigate this corner.

The road from this corner to Nowton Park, and indeed from the opposite direction, is narrow with verges deteriorating due to vehicles being driven on the edges.

The road from the park taking you towards Sudbury as well as being narrow also has a number of bad bends. Traffic using the junction from this direction onto Sicklesmere Rd (the main route to Sudbury) would increase as would traffic coming from town because of the events. Impatience and poor judgment of speed could lead to further accidents.

People using the park when there is a large event, ie races for life, will park in the nearby streets. While this is not illegal there have been many counts of inconsiderate parking on Bury Park Drive.

Parking in front of driveways and garages, this has been something I have experienced and I am aware of it happening to other nearby residents, is a common occurrence. As is people parking within the Highway Code recommended 10m of a junction and on the actual junction of Bury Park Drive and Nowton Rd itself.

The safety of pedestrians going to and from events must be taken into account. They are at risk of, heaven forbid, assault or being injured by traffic. Quite a few years ago when my son was perhaps 4/5 we were walking to the park when a driver struck my husband on the wrist with the car wing mirror. Had that been my son it would have struck his head.

At the end of events people will, naturally and quite rightly too, be happy and talking with each other. The noise levels of them talking will be higher than normal, more so if alcohol is involved to shouting levels. This will disturb residents, babies, young

children, elderly and everyone between, along Nowton Rd and other surrounding Nowton estate streets.

There is also the likelihood that there will be instances of criminal damage of private property. Also accidental damage by people falling over, losing balance or because of good natured messing around, into gardens.

Or indeed stolen.

Alcohol will increase the likelihood of people being sick, on the pavements, the roads or into private gardens.

Those who park their cars in the surrounding streets will further that noise pollution with car doors opening closing, engines starting, radios and music from the cars.

It is not just local residents who will be affected by these events. Entertainment businesses in town, restaurants, pubs and clubs will be affected by these events.

All these points must be taken into consideration must be taken into consideration for these events.

Thank you for taking this into consideration.

## **Rep 26**

Please accept this as a strong objection to the Licencing proposal by Hifields limited, to name Nowton Park as a premise for 365 day a year events.

I cannot think what the arguments for this proposal are, but I assure you the arguments against it are stronger.

These sort of events incommode residents no end and this company are proposing to do the all year round!? I cannot imagine what the benefits to the people of Bury will be when events are already successfully run at several professional venues around town. Outdoor cinema is already run locally at national trust property, Ickworth House and the Abbey Gardens. Dance, concerts and theatre all have venues in the Apex, Theatre Royal and outdoors at the Abbey Gardens, not to mention pop up events at say the cathedral (beer fest) and Cricket club (outdoor Shakespeare next week). I do not have issue with these sorts of one off events.....my issue is giving a private company carte blanche to run as many events as they want throughout the year in a green area put aside for the public to enjoy nature and green space. Nowton Park is not fit for this purpose, it has not the infrastructure to be an event venue and if it were to be made so, it would no doubt be at the tax payers expense with no benefit to them as they can't afford to visit the events put on by money making private firms!

Current event days are few and I've not an objection to the current arrangement if it brings an amount of income to support the park rangers in their care for the park and it's natural beauties and wildlife. It's one of the few places my children enjoy going, that is FREE OF CHARGE! With the cost of living increases, it's getting harder for families to find things to do that are a modest cost. I can see large areas of the park being closed to the public on event days, causing disruption, car park areas

being closed to families, litter and irrevocable damage to wildlife and green areas of the park WHICH IS ITS PURPOSE....TO BE A GREEN SPACE!

Parking is already at a premium for residents and even a one off event like Race for Life, we struggle with inconsiderate parking from people walking to the event. There are very few public transport links to the park and none at night that could assist in traffic using Nowton road (where there are already accidents with vehicles driving too fast!) and the Mayfield Road loop.

I have a right to sit in my garden in an evening and not be disturbed by noise (& light!) pollution from events! These events were not common when I moved here and have been becoming more prevalent....the chatter from the recent Octoberfest event could be heard in my garden and I live 0.3 miles away....there are residents much closer I know who were disturbed by drunkenness, increased traffic and (inconsiderate) parking on their roads and blocking access to their properties and the music late into the evening! And this was in April when we didn't want to be enjoying our gardens at night.

Events such as cinema and live music can already be staged in many fine existing venues in and around Bury. This sounds like a money making private venture who are looking to cash in on a space not currently being used often (with reason), when they should perhaps be seeking to licence at existing venues more fit for purpose and where events will not cause damage to the 'venue', It's wildlife, restrict the public from enjoying areas of the park or incommode local residents.

## **Rep 27**

As Nowton Village residents, we have only very recently been made aware of the above licence application for Nowton Park.

We are opposed to the granting of a new alcohol licence to Hifields Ltd. for more and larger events throughout the year from 11.00 to midnight 7 days a week.

Our concerns and comments are listed below;

### 1. Traffic and parking;

Vehicular access is from the narrow Nowton Road and causes congestion; there is limited hard surface parking and previous event visitors have used the neighbouring residential roads and verges to park. (one event last year caused considerable damage to the grassed area alongside the service road for Nowton Park Nursery - a difficult to negotiate mud bath for regular walkers, and a bit of an eyesore in the beautiful park!) Pedestrian access is possible from the town side of the park, but it is dangerous to walk from the other direction - no pavement, straight road, fast traffic, no street lighting. Concern for those consuming excess alcohol before leaving an event!

### 2. Crime and disorder. Public Safety.

We have seen evidence of substance misuse and alcohol abuse in one quiet area of the park. (discarded equipment, empty bottles and human waste/excrement) There is little security in the park at the best of times, with easy access from all directions. Hopefully any grant of licence would ensure better security to protect those properties both in the park and on the perimeter.

There are two unfenced ponds within the park; a danger to children and those under the influence of alcohol?

### 3. Noise.

We live about 3/4 mile from the Park, and can always hear when events are on. Generally these are in the daytime, but to increase the possibility of and number of events throughout the year until late at night, with loud music, extra noise levels from an increased number of participants is not a good one!

Basically, we are more than happy with the licence as it stands and are opposed to any change.

Nowton Park is a beautiful environment which is appreciated and enjoyed by all for walking, sports activities, environmental and other outdoor activities, and we should prefer it not to be developed to become a large, licensed event area. It would not be in the public interest

### **Rep 28**

We are fortunate to live close to Nowton Park, a greatly valued asset to the local and wider community.

We have lived here for ten years and are, therefore, well aware that the park is occasionally used for public events. These cause a nuisance to us and our neighbours both by the noise generated at these events and the increased volume of traffic. On some occasions, the traffic disruption has been considerable and additional nuisance has been caused by people choosing to park on nearby roads rather than in the park. There is also a degree of nuisance caused by the fact that the events, their preparation and clearing away reduce the free access that the community usually has to a publicly owned and publicly financed open space.

However, we (like most of our neighbours) have made no objection to these events because although they cause nuisance they only take place from time to time and, are often (but not always) for charitable purposes. We also know that if they are events that require a licence that a specific application will have been made and carefully considered before being granted.

The application now under consideration could allow an unacceptable level of noise, traffic congestion and lack of access to public open space for a considerable part of each and every day of the year. This is an unacceptable level of public nuisance.

We therefore urge that this application be rejected.

### **Rep 29**

I'm writing as [REDACTED] to register my objection to the above application which could allow an unacceptable level of traffic congestion, noise, antisocial behaviour, inconsiderate and or dangerous parking, and a lack of access to public open space at Nowton Park.

Nowton Park is used by families, dog walkers, and residents on West Suffolk to enjoy peace and quiet, wildlife and wildflower meadows. The park is adjacent to residential areas. Noise will be generated late into the evening, and events will increase the possibility of antisocial behaviour and crime and disorder - therefore posing a risk to public safety. I am also concerned about car parking, as events in Nowton Park

frequently result in indiscriminate parking on nearby residential roads and around junctions where visibility is very limited.

This is an unacceptable level of public nuisance.

### **Rep 30**

We have just been made aware of the application for use of Nowton Park and would like to object very strongly.

The park is right next to a residential area with young children as residents. The noise after children's bedtime is unacceptable. The noise volume at current events is already very disturbing at least as far as Bury Park Drive and Victory Close and to have more of such events is not acceptable. It is a disturbance of the peace. It also is a park for a reason! How many places are there to go for a lovely walk in the peace and quiet? Good for our well-being – we don't need more noise, more cars and neither does the wildlife – which cannot have a voice, but is one of the reasons that people come to Nowton Park to see the kestrels, buzzards, barn owls. It should not become an entertainments venue for profit. The traffic is already a huge problem and has not been addressed by the council as yet. As residents for over 30 years, please do not let this application go through,

I would also like to say that it is disappointing that, after speaking to some residents they are unaware of the application and I do believe that if every resident had had a note put through their door you would have had many more objections!

### **Rep 31**

We are writing to object to the entertainment and drinks licence application that Hifields Ltd have submitted to the Council.

As local residents living on the edge of Nowton park we strongly urge West Suffolk Council to oppose this application on the following grounds:- 1. An alcohol and entertainment licence from 11.00am to midnight 7 days a week with the accompanying noise, light and traffic pollution goes against everything that a public facility such as Nowton park is designed for. That is green space, peace and tranquility to be enjoyed by the local community.

2. A drink and entertainment licence granted to this company will inevitably increase the volume of traffic on Nowton road along with the increased likelihood of serious accidents due to drinking and driving.

3. As a local resident we already tolerate amplified music and increased traffic most weekends during the summer. These events though are often in aid of charities and other good causes which we fully support. The idea that Hifields Ltd. be granted an entertainment and drinks licence seven days a week to make a profit from a public owned park at the expense of the very essence of what this facility has to offer to the local community .

4. Nowton park is the natural habitat of a vast array of wildlife whose very existence would. be endangered through light and noise pollution encroaching on their environment.

We therefore strongly urge the council to oppose this application