

**Licensing Act 2003, Application for a Premises Licence  
Supplementary Bundle for Licensing Sub-Committee Hearing Meeting on 11 May 2026 at 2:00PM  
Existance Festival at Land East of Boldridge Farm, Crudwell Lane, Long Newton**

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**From:** "PORTLOCK, Gillian"  
**Date:** 6 May 2026 at 13:42:01 BST  
**To:** Long Newnton Parish Council  
**Subject:** Existence Music Festival

Hi Di.  
Below is a list of my concerns.

1. Lane is not suitable for in places for passing traffic. No wide enough for 2 vehicles to pass.
2. Damage to verges from vehicle trying to pass.
3. Additional lorries using the lane on setting up and taking down of the festival, causing damage to verges
4. Number of pedestrians walking along this road, no pavements or street lighting. Major safety concern.
5. Festival is advising people to use public transport. Quite a long walk from the nearest one which is on the B4014.
6. Vehicles queuing on lane waiting for the gates to open causing congestion.
7. Limited parking on site, where are all the other vehicles going to go. Would not be happy with parking on the lane as too narrow.
8. PROW footpath runs through the site. Has a footpath closure been applied for.

If I can think of anything else, I will be in touch.  
See you Monday.  
Kind Regards  
Gill.

Gill Portlock  
Local Highways Manager  
South Cotswold  
Please report highway issues online at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/fixmystreet](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/fixmystreet)  
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7<sup>th</sup> May 2026



Dear 

**RE: Existance**

Charlton Park did not renew Existance's licence for this year due to noise issues during last year's event. The noise levels of the festival caused too much distress to the local community, whom we try very hard to keep a good working relationship with.

We work closely with the council and the local community to ensure that events hosted at Charlton Park do not cause excessive disruption to the surrounding area. We therefore took the decision not to renew the event licence going forward.

I hope this helps with your query



Estate Office, Charlton Park, Malmesbury, Wiltshire SN16 9DQ



[www.charltonparkestate.com](http://www.charltonparkestate.com)

CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE NOTICE

WHICH WAS SERVED AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN

ON ~~14/06/25~~ <sup>02:00 am</sup> AT 02:00 am BY HAND/POST

SIGNATURE

[Redacted Signature]



**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990, Section 80**

**Abatement Notice in respect of Statutory Nuisance**

To: [Redacted]

Existance Festival  
Charlton Park Estate  
Charlton Park  
Charlton

**TAKE NOTICE** pursuant to Section 80(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990  
**WILTSHIRE COUNCIL** 'the council' being satisfied of the existence of a statutory nuisance under Section 79 (1)(g) of that Act at the premises known as Existance Festival, Charlton Park Estate Charlton Park, Charlton within the district of Wiltshire Council arising from amplified live and recorded music at *residential day dwellings at Milborne Village and at monitoring point B.*

**HEREBY REQUIRE YOU** as the person responsible for the said nuisance to immediately from the service of this Notice, to take such steps to control noise limits in accordance with the attached schedule, and also

**HEREBY** prohibit the recurrence of the nuisance

*This is a notice to which paragraph (2) of regulation 3 of the Statutory Nuisance (Appeals) Regulations 1995 applies and, in the event of an appeal this Notice shall (NOT) be suspended until the appeal has been abandoned or decided by the court, as, in the opinion of the council, the nuisance to which this Notice relates is [injurious to health] [likely to be of a limited duration such that suspension would render the Notice of no practical effect] [such that the expenditure which would be incurred by any person in carrying out works in compliance with this Notice before any appeal has been decided would not be disproportionate to the public benefit to be expected in that period from such compliance]*

**IF** without reasonable excuse you contravene or fail to comply with any requirement of this Notice you will be guilty of an offence under Section 80(4) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and on summary conviction will be liable to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the Standard Scale, together with a further fine of an amount equal to one-tenth of that level for each day on which the offence continues after conviction. A person who commits an offence on industrial, trade or business premises will be liable on summary conviction to a fine that is unlimited in amount.

The Council may also take proceedings in the High Court for securing the abatement, prohibition or restriction of the nuisance pursuant to Section 81(5). Further, if you fail to execute all or any of the works in accordance with this Notice, the Council has power under Section 81(3) and (4) to execute the works and recover from you the necessary expenditure incurred.

**DATED** 14/07/25

Signed [Redacted]

Public Protection Services, Environmental Control and Protection Team, Wiltshire Council, Bythesea Road, TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire BA14 8JN Tel: 0300 456 0100; email: [publicprotectionwest@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:publicprotectionwest@wiltshire.gov.uk) Web: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/>

**NB** The person served with this Notice may appeal against the Notice to a Magistrates' Court within twenty-one days beginning with the date of service of the Notice. See notes on the reverse of this form.

## Advice

If you do not understand the contents of this notice or would like to know more about it please contact the local authority. If you would like to receive independent advice about the contents of this notice, your rights and obligations then please contact The Citizens Advice Bureau, Housing Aid Centre, lawcentre or solicitor. Please be aware that you may qualify for Legal Aid or otherwise free independent advice from a solicitor or legal advisor for up to half an hour.

## The Statutory Nuisance (Appeals) Regulations 1995 provide as follows:-

### APPEALS UNDER SECTION 80(3) of the ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990 ("the 1990 Act")

2.—(1) The provisions of this regulation apply in relation to an appeal brought by any person under section 80(3) of the 1990 Act (appeals to magistrates) against an abatement notice served upon him by a local authority.

(2) The grounds on which a person served with such a notice may appeal under section 80(3) are any one or more of the following grounds that are appropriate in the circumstances of the particular case—

- (a) that the abatement notice is not justified by section 80 of the 1990 Act (summary proceedings for statutory nuisances);
- (b) that there has been some informality, defect or error in, or in connection with, the abatement notice, or in, or in connection with, any copy of the abatement notice served under section 80A(3) (certain notices in respect of vehicles, machinery or equipment);
- (c) that the authority have refused unreasonably to accept compliance with alternative requirements, or that the requirements of the abatement notice are otherwise unreasonable in character or extent, or are unnecessary;
- (d) that the time, or where more than one time is specified, any of the times, within which the requirements of the abatement notice are to be complied with is not reasonably sufficient for the purpose;
- (e) where the nuisance to which the notice relates—
  - (i) is a nuisance falling within section 79(1)(a), (d), (c), (f) or (g) of the 1990 Act and arises on industrial, trade, or business premises, or
  - (ii) is a nuisance falling within section 79(1)(b) of the 1990 Act and the smoke is emitted from a chimney, or
  - (iii) is a nuisance falling within section 79(1)(ga)(1) of the 1990 Act and is noise emitted from or caused by a vehicle, machinery or equipment being used for industrial, trade or business purposes,
- (e) that the best practicable means were used to prevent, or to counteract the effects of, the nuisance;
- (f) that, in the case of a nuisance under section 79(1)(g) or (ga) of the 1990 Act (noise emitted from premises), the requirements imposed by the abatement notice by virtue of section 80(1)(a) of the Act are more onerous than the requirements for the time being in force, in relation to the noise to which the notice relates, of—
  - (i) any notice served under section 60 or 66 of the 1974 Act (control of noise on construction sites and from certain premises), or
  - (ii) any consent given under section 61 or 65 of the 1974 Act (consent for work on construction sites and consent for noise to exceed registered level in a noise abatement zone), or
  - (iii) any determination made under section 67 of the 1974 Act (noise control of new buildings);
- (g) that, in the case of a nuisance under section 79(1)(ga) of the 1990 Act (noise emitted from or caused by vehicles, machinery or equipment), the requirements imposed by the abatement notice by virtue of section 80(1)(a) of the Act are more onerous than the requirements for the time being in force, in relation to the noise to which the notice relates, of any condition of a consent given under paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the 1993 Act (loudspeakers in streets or roads);
- (h) that the abatement notice should have been served on some person instead of the appellant, being—
  - (i) the person responsible for the nuisance, or
  - (ii) the person responsible for the vehicle, machinery or equipment, or
  - (iii) in the case of a nuisance arising from any defect of a structural character, the owner of the premises, or
  - (iv) in the case where the person responsible for the nuisance cannot be found or the nuisance has not yet occurred, the owner or occupier of the premises;
- (i) that the abatement notice might lawfully have been served on some person instead of the appellant being—
  - (i) in the case where the appellant is the owner of the premises, the occupier of the premises, or
  - (ii) in the case where the appellant is the occupier of the premises, the owner of the premises,
- (j) and that it would have been equitable for it to have been so served;
- (j) that the abatement notice might lawfully have been served on some person in addition to the appellant, being—
  - (i) a person also responsible for the nuisance, or
  - (ii) a person who is also owner of the premises, or
  - (iii) a person who is also an occupier of the premises, or
  - (iv) a person who is also the person responsible for the vehicle, machinery or equipment,
- (j) and that it would have been equitable for it to have been so served.

(3) If and so far as an appeal is based on the ground of some informality, defect or error in, or in connection with, the abatement notice, or in, or in connection with, any copy of the notice served under section 80A(3), the court shall dismiss the appeal if it is satisfied that the informality, defect or error was not a material one.

(4) Where the grounds upon which an appeal is brought include a ground specified in paragraph (2)(i) or (j) above, the appellant shall serve a copy of his notice of appeal on any other person referred to, and in the case of any appeal to which these regulations apply he may serve a copy of his notice of appeal on any other person having an estate or interest in the premises, vehicle, machinery or equipment in question.

(5) On the hearing of the appeal the court may—

- (a) quash the abatement notice to which the appeal relates, or
- (b) vary the abatement notice in favour of the appellant in such manner as it thinks fit, or
- (c) dismiss the appeal;

and an abatement notice that is varied under sub-paragraph (b) above shall be final and shall otherwise have effect, as so varied, as if it had been so made by the local authority.

(6) Subject to paragraph (7) below, on the hearing of an appeal the court may make such order as it thinks fit—

- (a) with respect to the person by whom any work is to be executed and the contribution to be made by any person towards the cost of the work, or
- (b) as to the proportions in which any expenses which may become recoverable by the authority under Part III of the 1990 Act are to be borne by the appellant and by any other person.

(7) In exercising its powers under paragraph (6) above the court—

- (a) shall have regard, as between an owner and an occupier, to the terms and conditions, whether contractual or statutory, of any relevant tenancy and to the nature of the works required, and
- (b) shall be satisfied before it imposes any requirement thereunder on any person other than the appellant, that that person has received a copy of the notice of appeal in pursuance of paragraph (4) above.

### Suspension of notice

(1) Where—

(a) an appeal is brought against an abatement notice served under section 80 or section 80A of the 1990 Act, and —

(b) either—

(i) compliance with the abatement notice would involve any person in expenditure on the carrying out of works before the hearing of the appeal, or

(ii) in the case of a nuisance under section 79(1)(g) or (ga) of the 1990 Act, the noise to which the abatement notice relates is noise necessarily caused in the course of the performance of some duty imposed by law on the appellant, and

(c) either paragraph (2) does not apply, or it does apply but the requirements of paragraph (3) have not been met,

the abatement notice shall be suspended until the appeal has been abandoned or decided by the court.

(2) This paragraph applies where—

(a) the nuisance to which the abatement notice relates —

(i) is injurious to health, or

(ii) is likely to be of a limited duration such that suspension of the notice would render it of no practical effect, or

(b) the expenditure which would be incurred by any person in the carrying out of works in compliance with the abatement notice before any appeal has been decided would not be disproportionate to the public benefit to be expected in that period from such compliance.

(3) Where paragraph (2) applies the abatement notice—

(a) shall include a statement that paragraph (2) applies, and that as a consequence it shall have effect notwithstanding any appeal to a magistrates' court which has not been decided by the court, and

(b) shall include a statement as to which of the grounds set out in paragraph (2) apply.

### Local Magistrates' Courts

You may appeal this notice by contacting a magistrates' court. Contact details of two local courts can be found below:

#### Swindon Magistrates' Court

Swindon Magistrates' Court  
The Law Courts  
Islington Street  
Swindon  
SN1 2HG

Email:

[wi-swindonmadmin@justice.gov.uk](mailto:wi-swindonmadmin@justice.gov.uk)

Tel:

[01793 699800](tel:01793699800)

#### Salisbury Law Courts

Salisbury Law Courts  
Wilton Road  
Salisbury  
SP2 7EP

Email:

[wi-sewitlsmadmin@justice.gov.uk](mailto:wi-sewitlsmadmin@justice.gov.uk)

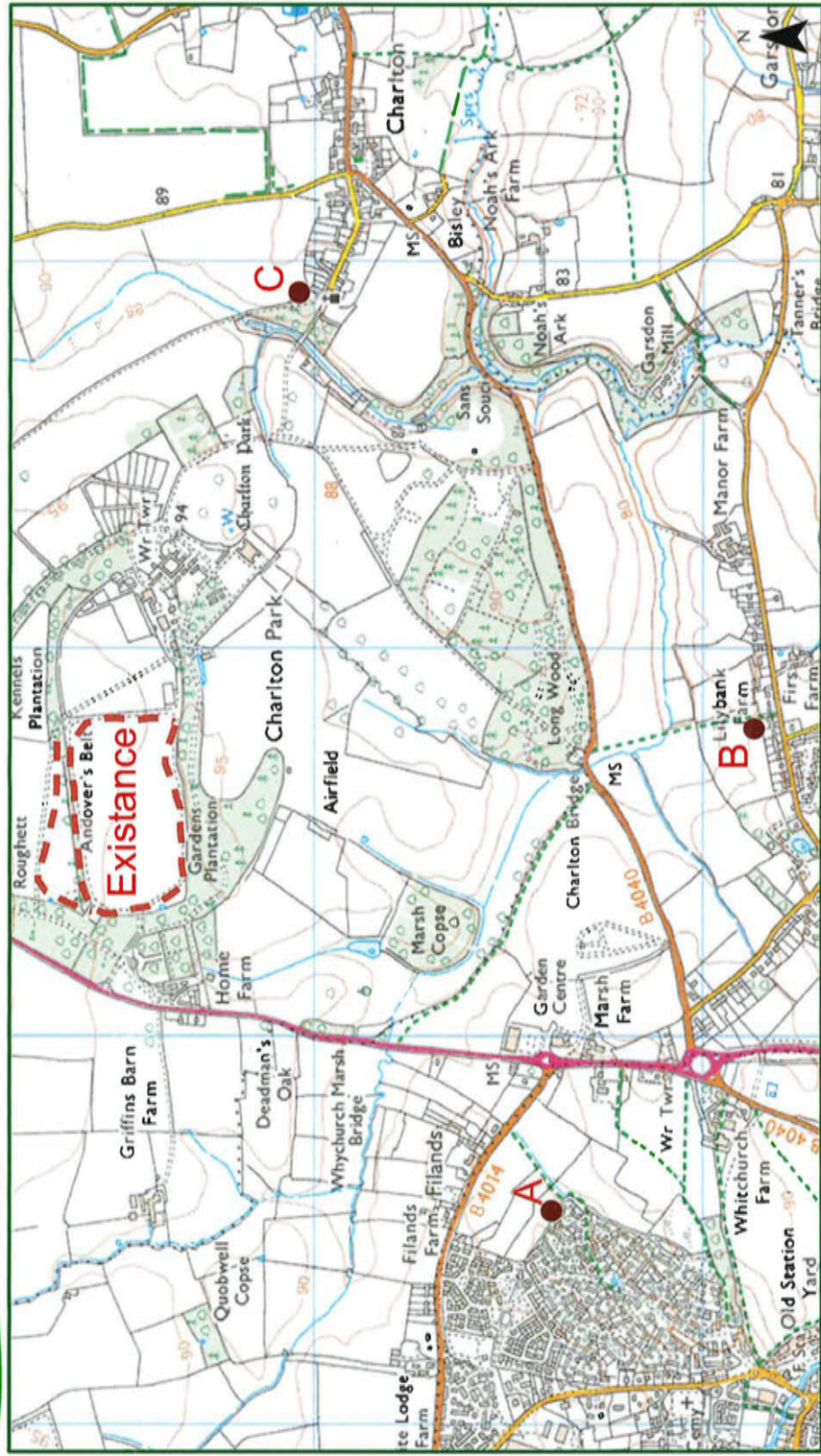
Tel:

[01722 345 200](tel:01722345200)

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2.4	November 20	BW	Formatting and updated in line with appeal guidance

Schedule to accompany notice served on Existance Festival

- 1) Ensure that the music noise level at any nearby residential premises does not exceed 55dB LAeq 15 mins (+5dB for demonstrable influence of weather conditions) up to 23:00
- 2) Ensure that the music noise level at any nearby residential premises does not exceed 40dB LAeq 15 mins (+5dB for demonstrable influence of weather conditions) between the hours of 23:00 through to 07:00
- 3) Ensure that the difference between the L<sub>Ceq</sub> and the L<sub>Aeq</sub> does not exceed 20 dB over any 15 minute period.



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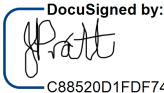
### Witness Statement of Judith Pratt

I Judith Pratt, C/o Ashley Marsh Farm, Ashley, Tetbury GL8 8SX, hereby state as follows:

As the owner of Ashley Marsh Farm ("the Property"), which is one of nearest residential properties to the proposed Existence Festival, I feel it is important make the Licensing Committee aware of the following points: -

1. I have not been able to make a representation to the application by Anthropos Experience Ltd for a Premises Licence relating to the proposed Existence Festival ("the Festival"). Unfortunately, details of the application only came to my attention after the consultation period had ended, as I do not currently reside at the Property.
2. I do not, in any way, want any inferences to be drawn to suggest that I support the application for a Premises Licence for the Festival, which is proposed to be held in the fields directly adjacent to the Property. I categorically do not support the application for the Festival, and if I had seen the notices in time, I would have lodged a formal representation outlining my grave concerns in detail.
3. If I had submitted a representation, I would have outlined my concerns in detail under all four licensing objectives including the impact of public nuisance, in respect of noise disturbance from loud persistent music to both livestock and persons residing at the Property (present and future) for the entire duration of the 5 day annual (and re-occurring) event, as well as my concerns in respect of light pollution preventing sleep and causing distress.
4. I have wider concerns as to the impact of the event on the local community including the public nuisance, the impact of traffic as well as the risk of disruptions to the water supply. I also believe that there are safety risks to Festival attendees which appear to have been over-looked, which could have a major impact on those attending the Festival should the application be granted.
5. Further, I believe that it should be made clear to the Licensing Committee that I have not provided any agreement to allow access across the Property to facilitate the applicant's proposed "emergency access" route (shown on the licence plan (at page 40 of the Agenda pack) between points C & D), or for an evacuation meeting point to be located on the Property. In any event, the proposed route is totally unsuitable for either evacuation of the event site or for access by emergency services. I have received no communications from the organisers of the Festival to discuss their proposals at all including whether, or how, a route across the Property could be used.
6. This site is wholly unsuitable for the Festival due to the proximity and inevitable impacts on local residents, as well as the limited access road and emergency routes available. I would ask the Committee to fully consider the details contained within this statement and refuse this application.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

SIGNED:  C88520D1FDF74C5...

Dated: 07 May 2026 | 18:53 BST



