

Please find below details of an objections on behalf of Kent Police in relation to 23/02418/LATEN for Eureka, Manor Lane, Fawkham

Kent Police received an online notification from Mr Stuart MOORE of 27 Hobart Close, Chelmsford, Essex for a temporary event notice to hold an event at Eureka, Manor Lane, Fawkham. The notice provides details that the event will be a Festival Launch Party for 450 people on 15th July 2023 1200hrs until 16th July 2023 0300hrs, the licensable activities sought are for Regulated Entertainment, Late Night Refreshment and Sale of Alcohol for consumption both and off the premises with no Relevant Entertainment. The premises description is A Naurist Club.

Kent Police has concerns as to the exact nature of the event and activities that will take place during this event due to the very limited amount of information that has been supplied on the online notice. As stated the venue is a naturist club and has previously been the highest repeat venue for sexual offences, these issues were addressed by the venue with procedures discussed with police and by the operation of a membership format. The use of TEN for this event removes the security given by the membership format and opens up the venue to the general public and increases the vulnerability of people and may lead to a rise in offences. Due to the size and location of the venue there are many natural and man made hazards depending on which part of the site is to be used for this event, this risk cannot appropriately be assessed without some form of comprehensive plan to ensure the safety of the public. There is no mention as the type of audience profile that is anticipated, is this to be a family event? Given the type of venue this would raise concerns for any younger people attending and ensuring that they are not exposed to any content or behaviour that is unsuitable. The description of a "Festival Launch Party" gives no indication of exactly what is being provided in the way of entertainment or facilities and gives the feeling that this may be live/recorded music, ending at 3am, given the remoteness of the location will there be camping for people unable to get home. As this is described as a Festival Launch does this imply there is a Festival which will be taking place at the location, again this is unclear from the notification. Festivals by their nature bring their own risks with intoxication, illicit substances and noise from patrons or music.

There is insufficient information given on this notification for the risk of this event to be properly assessed and therefore there is no option but for an objection to be lodged. Given the time constraints of the notification process it has not been possible to have a discussion with Mr Moore however a member of the police licensing team would be prepared to do so in order to better understand his intentions in relation to this event and would welcome any event and location plans.

Regards
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