

Civic Licensing

From: D&BCC Chair [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 August 2021 23:31
To: Paige Crighton; Civic Licensing
Cc: Secretary Dbcc; Calum Martin; Caroline Robinson; CHRISTINE CLAYDON; Stewart Pritchard; Lachlan MacEwan; Laura Graham DBCC
Subject: Proposed Public Procession Notification - Battle of Dunkeld Parade – 22 August 2021

Dear Sir / Madam,

Dunkeld and Birnam Community Council has reviewed the notice and risk assessment submitted for this proposed procession and we have the following comments to make.

We are unhappy about the consultation process around this event. The notice and risk assessment are dated 9th of June, but the email from the licensing team to Councillor Anne Jarvis was seemingly only sent on the 29th of July, a full 7 weeks later.

As the relevant local Community Council, we were only made aware of the proposed event because Anne Jarvis forwarded the information on to us. We are surprised that the Community Council is not formally consulted on such events in our area.

In addition to the lack of consultation, we are concerned that the predominantly 'one word answer' risk assessment for this event is completely inadequate:

- ☐ It states that there have been no difficulties or tensions in the recent past with holding this procession. This is not correct. We are aware of clear tensions between members of the local community and the marchers at previous processions.
- ☐ It rates the public order risk as 'low' – this is incorrect in our view as previous processions have resulted in tension between the local community and the marchers.
- ☐ It rates the risk to public safety and disruption to the local community, businesses and traffic as 'low' – however the applicants have not explained how they have arrived at these ratings. The risk assessment states that this is a march route that has been used in previous years, but our understanding is that the Telford Bridge has not been included in the route previously, so this is a significant variation. There is no assessment of the risk posed as a result of traffic being disrupted on the roads into Dunkeld across and beside the Telford Bridge. Currently Dunkeld is experiencing very high traffic levels, particularly at weekends, and there is a realistic risk that any disruption on the Bridge could result in traffic backing up to the A9 and causing a hazard to travellers on the road. There is no mention in the application of the requisite Temporary Traffic Regulation Order

(TTRO), and we would like confirmation that this has been obtained prior to the event taking place.

The holding of such an event in the middle of the day on an August weekend in Dunkeld is inevitably going to cause disruption. The village is currently very busy with large numbers of visitors right now, not least as a result of the popularity of 'staycation' holidays this year. Successfully conducting such a parade in this context without there being significant disruption is very unlikely.

I trust that you will carefully consider these points when making your decision on the licensing of this event.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Cave
Chair
Dunkeld and Birnam Community Council