

Objections

Perth Mugstock Music Festival
at Strathallan Castle PH3 1JZ
4th - 7th Aug 2023

25/5/23

T.M. LIDDARD

TO: Head of Legal and Governance Services
Corporate and Democratic Services - Legal
Perth and Kinross Council
Pulpar House, 35 Kinnoull St.
Perth PH1 5GD

Dear Sir/Madam

I write with respect to the proposed
Mugstock music and camping festival to be held at
Strathallan Castle from the 4th - 7th August 2023 and wish
to register my opposition to a Public Entertainment
Licence being granted.

My specific opposition is to the overnight
camping element of this festival given the tragic
history of this site during the short tenure of
T in the Park. If the organisers could run it purely
as a Day Ticket only festival at least for one
year to show their competence then that would be
acceptable. Unfortunately, they have not started well

due to the secretive nature with which they displayed the Public Entertainment Licence application notice - nine-tenths of the way down a private drive and on a gate post that necessitated entering the field in order to read it.

It is unfortunate that there was never a proper inquiry into the deaths of Andrew West 36, Peter MacCallum 17, Megan Bell 17, James Richardson 29 and Paige MacKay 19 as their demise highlights the current epidemic of drug use and the tragic consequences that follow.

There are those who are saying this proposed festival will be different due to its small size, however, post Tintin Park, Chief Superintendent Paul Anderson of Tayside Police (as was) stated regarding drug use "This is not just an issue pertaining to Tintin Park or Scotland, this is every

festival in the U.K." Talking to concert goers at the time I had one young lad say "Have you seen how much they are charging for drink in there, I can get twenty tabs for a tenner" a very worrying fact that they are so cheap.

This, of course, makes security a fundamental issue for any festival and making sure a campsite is totally secure is difficult and extremely costly. Given that D.F. Concerts posted losses of over 2 million pounds after year 2 at

Strathallan one wonders how Mugstock with clearly limited resources plan to ensure site safety.

There are a number of other concerns that need to be addressed if a licence is to be granted and are as follows.

Watercourses and the risk of Prowning

The pond adjacent to the Arena site was dredged

post Tin the Park so is now deep water, are the public to be kept separate from the water as the weather may be very hot and with small children on site accidental death from drowning is a very real possibility. Will there be a rescue boat manned at all times?

Fire is also of major concern particularly if there is camping.

The allowance of dogs on site would seem to be very high risk at a time when attacks by dogs are on the increase, again small children at risk. Furthermore, some people might be tempted to shut dogs in cars in the heat, so wardens with remit to smash car windows would be essential. Also, snares are set on Grathallan Estate so any dog that gets loose may end up throttled to death.

What provision is being made for medical facilities on site - over 500 people needed medical attention at Tim the Park in 2016.

No access to the private water supply should be allowed given that a letter arrived only

yesterday informing of a bacteriological fail.

Adequate toilet facilities must be in place, a notable failure of Tim the Park, that led to wholesale urination and defecation on the landscape - the sheep would not eat the grass for

two years post the concert. What is their toilet to person ratio and will they be properly distributed. I note also that the Castle Cess pit is in the middle of the Arena site so that will need to be ringfenced and good outlets a safe distance away.

If it is wet, how will the water courses

be protected from silt. This was a massive problem with Tindie Park and it took about four years for the burns to clear.

There is still litter on the landscape from Tindie Park seven years later - who will be ultimately responsible for making sure everything is properly cleared up rather than just saying so?

The osprey nest that was a problem for Tindie Park was abandoned the year after they ceased, however there is now a new nest not far from the Arena

Site with a bird incubating a present. It is difficult to know what the current position is with regard to protective distance - the law was changed by the Scottish Government to facilitate planning for Tindie Park - so more information needed. At the very least no fireworks or bright spotlights at night should be permitted.

Insurance. Given that Mugstock is a Limited company and they act on a not for profit basis i.e. there is no spare cash for unforeseen problems, it is of paramount importance that satisfactory insurance is in place, as insolvency would be an easy option. Perhaps the owner of Strathallan Castle, as host, should have matching insurance so there is an alternative route of redress in case of a problem.

Too many people have already died at Strathallan Castle in the name of entertainment and money, please ensure no-one else is added to that list.

Thank you for your attention in this matter,

[Redacted Signature]

25/5/23

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Tel. No. [Redacted Phone Number]

Civic Licensing

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 May 2023 12:57
To: Civic Licensing
Subject: FW: Mug Stock Festival
Attachments: MugStock Flyer May 2023 (Received by hand 16May23).pdf

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2023 12:50 PM
To: civiclicensing@pkc.gov
Subject: Mug Stock Festival

Dear Sir,

We are writing to express our concern over the Mug Stock Festival for which, we understand, that you are due to make the Licencing discission on Tuesday 23rd May.

The arrival of this Event has come as a shock due to the fact that the Notice for said Event and Licence Application was posted, in accordance with Regulations, at the 'The Venue'. Unfortunately, this was interpreted as the Castle itself and the Notice was not, therefore, visible to the vast majority of the Community which will be affected by this Event. I understand from Mr Govan that Notices have now been placed at the Estate entrances as of 17th May. The Notice by South Lodge is set well back from the Road and whilst it is available to walkers, is still unlikely to be seen by the wider Community.

Due to the negligence in Notice placement, thereby depriving the public of this information, we would request that the Statutory time of Notification prior to Decision be calculated from the 17th May.

We have contacted the Development Department to question why the permanent re-siting of this Festival from Glasgow has not been a matter for Planning. Whilst this Event is at present (future expansion is planned) smaller than T in the Park, the same situations apply with regard to the use of the site for this type of Event.

The disturbance to residents from amplified stage music and late night traffic will be significant. The total number of hours proposed of amplified music over the four day Festival amounts to 41 (8hr; 15hr; 14hr & 4hr on relevant days). If the hours applied for are granted the Organizers, by their own admission, know that the noise generated will have a 'significant' impact on the Community as they have accepted the need to lower the volume "... significantly to a neighbour friendly level from 11pm...". Please note the words '**significantly lower**' (See attached Information Sheet).

To subject the Community to constant noise at such high volume that it will require reduction, is not acceptable. It will permeate our homes even with closed windows and impact greatly on the use and enjoyment of our gardens for the whole Holiday; thereby depriving us of our right to the Amenity of our own home.

With regard to traffic the Organizers are very vague; with ‘guesses’, ‘estimates’, and ‘maybes’ about the numbers of vehicles. They are unsure of the number of vehicles each Contractor will use for Construction/Set up and ‘believe’ the number of day vehicles will be 1,000 to 1,500 (a wide margin of difference) over the four days. This does not include any buses.

No mention has been made of a cap on the number of day visitors, campers or ticket sales, thereby making it impossible to calculate likely vehicle numbers.

If day visitors do not leave the site until after 1 am (Fri/Sat or midnight Sun) this will generate unacceptable levels of night traffic noise until 2am to 3am. The majority will travel through Tullibardine (even if leaving by the airfield exit) to access the A 9. The Organizers are ‘confidant’ this won’t happen as day visitors ‘will not want to drive home so late’. We have no such confidence and believe many will wish to stay until the end of the performance.

We also have concerns with Health and Safety issues, particularly with regard to the young children attending this oddly combined Event. Is it acceptable to expose them to high volumes of amplified noise for many hours whilst they participate in their ‘country’ activities.

There are also Environmental issues with this site, particularly with regard to the protected Ospreys that nest there annually. The timing of this Event could not be worse as any young birds are highly likely, at this point, to be learning to fly; any disturbance during this crucial period could be disastrous.

At a time when we are all being encouraged to be more Planet Friendly, caring of our Countryside and Wildlife by re-Wilding, re-Planting and cutting down on our carbon footprint; we believe it is reprehensible to insinuate a Music Festival into a Rural Farming Community under the guise of a Charitably organised Family Fun Event.

Should you decide, however, to grant a Licence for this Event we would strongly request that there should be a definite cap on numbers of all attendee types and that the hours of amplified music be reduced, with the volume at all times ‘neighbour friendly’, i.e. very low decibel levels which will not permeate the wider Community. With regard to the total number of hours of amplified music: we would request that this should not exceed 8 per day; there should be a break between 2 and 4 pm; and should cease completely by 11pm.

We also request that any Licence be issued for this one Event only, as the intention is to expand the Mug Stock Festival at which point many issues will need addressing by the Planning Department. It is our opinion that the Organizers are somewhat naive at present in their approach to organizing the Festival at this venue.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P & Mrs H Collings.

Important Information and Complimentary Tickets for our Closest Neighbours

MugStock

A Festival of Music & Merriment

May 2023

Dear Neighbour,

MugStock: A Festival of Music & Merriment will take place in the grounds of Strathallan Castle from **Friday 4th to Monday 7th August 2023**. As one of our closest neighbours we have visited to pass on some important information and to invite your household to attend the event as our guests.



Complimentary Tickets

We would like to invite everyone who lives in your household to attend as our guests. To secure your tickets, please email [redacted] with a note of your name, address and how many of the following tickets you need to cover everyone who lives with you.

- # Adults (18+)
- # Youths (13-17)
- # Big Kids (6-12)
- # Wee Kids (0-5)
- # Residents Vehicle Passes *

Your home from home near home...

Should you wish to immerse yourself in the full festival experience your tickets include optional camping. Similarly if you have a campervan or caravan and would like a pass for our live-in vehicle field please don't hesitate to ask!

Tickets will be sent electronically to your email address and can be exchanged for wristbands from our box office any time from 12pm on Friday 4th August.

If you do not have an email address please phone [redacted] and tell us your needs in person (or if we don't answer leave a voice message, including your phone number and we'll call you back)

*** Even if you decide not to attend the event, please let us know how many vehicles you have in your household and we will issue you with Residents Vehicle Passes, which will ensure you will have no issue getting in and out of the site during the production period.**

The MugShack, 4 Allander Walk, Cumbernauld, G67 1DW

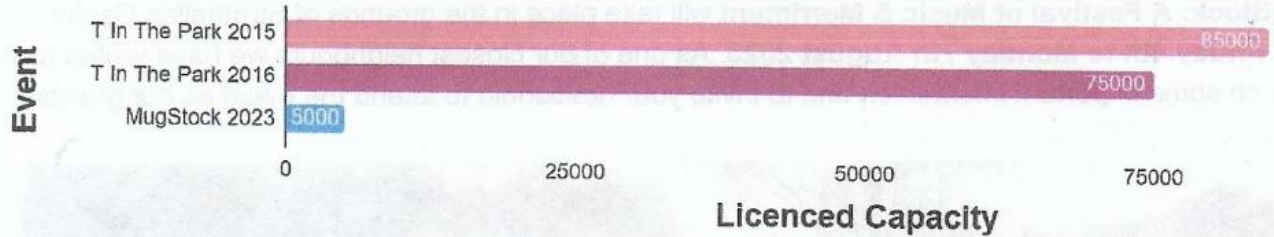
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Scale of Event

MugStock 2023 will have a licenced capacity of 5000, and the site will be designed with sufficient space and facilities for that number, however our breakeven point and realistic target for our 2023 event is less than 3500. We can assure you that in nearly every respect MugStock is a very different event from the last festival to take place on the site.

At Full Capacity MugStock will be less than 7% the size of the last T in The Park



About MugStock

MugStock is a grassroots festival operated as a charity on a not for profit basis. We are volunteer led, but committed to producing a professional and polished event. We are potentially Scotland's most family friendly festival with an average of a third of our audience being under 18, and more 30-50s than 18-25s. No unaccompanied under 18s are permitted on site and we pride ourselves on attracting a mature, conscientious crowd who share our commitment to taking care of the land we are privileged to share. We programme an eclectic range of musical styles, including, indie, rock, folk, electronic, cabaret, ceilidh and funk. We focus on profiling emerging talent, with a few bigger names selected to draw in new audiences. Please visit www.mugstock.org to see details of the acts on our lineup.

The festival ran annually from 2015 to 2018 at our namesake Mugdock Country Park near Glasgow. Limited on our maiden site by a lack of space, especially for car parking, we have moved home.

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Space Used

This map shows the full footprint of the event. All of the entertainment will be contained within the "Front Field" between the Castle and the Burn, plus a wee bit down to the left of the Castle. We will have an open air main stage, a children's stage, and 3 small venues inside marquees. The "Flat Park" fields immediately to the North / North East will be used for 4 Camping areas (General, Accessible, Family, Quiet and Glamping) and car parking for all campers. Just North again, the Ward Haugh will be used as a "boneyard" (place we keep things like fencing and telehandlers when not in use). To the South the "Claylands" fields will be used for day visitor parking and live-in vehicles. 2 Emergency Gathering points are marked in Red. A more detailed site plan will be shared on our website soon.



Stay In Touch

If we didn't manage to catch you in to take a note of your ticket requirements already, please email us on [REDACTED] or phone on [REDACTED]

In the lead up to, during and after the event you will always be able to reach a senior team member via the above phone number. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Thanks for taking the time to read. I hope that MugStock makes a genuine and positive contribution to the local area and that you will share our excitement for the event and join us there in August.



Alan Govan
Founding Director, MugStock: A Festival of Music & Merriment

What's Going to Happen When and How?

- Our site build will commence on Monday 1st August, with a skeleton crew arriving the day before. There will be approximately 10 deliveries via articulated lorry of essential site infrastructure such as fencing during the early part of the week.
- Delivery vehicles will be asked to enter and exit the estate via the South Lodge entrance throughout the build and break.
- Marquees, sound systems, generators, toilets and traders will arrive by truck, van or trailer (estimated 20 contractors) between Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd August.
- Sound systems will be tested at points between hours of 10am – 8pm on Thursday 3rd and no earlier than 10am Friday 4th August.
- Stage and site lighting will be tested after dark on the evenings of Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd August.
- The campsites and box office will open at 12pm on Friday 4th August
- A "Flashmob Bootcamp" will take place from 3 – 4:30pm. This is an opportunity for weekend campers to take part in something fun, silly and top secret later in the weekend. Do join us!
- Live music on Friday 4th August will start at 5pm and finish at 1am, with the volume lowered significantly to a neighbour friendly level from 11pm. Because of the much smaller crowds, the volume levels on all stages will be much lower than T In The Park's at all points.
- On Saturday and Sunday the box office will open at 9am and entertainment will start at 10am. On both nights the volume will be reduced at 11pm. On Saturday the music finishes at 1am and on Sunday the music wraps up at midnight.
- On Bank Holiday Monday 7th August we are running a Monday Warmdown session in order to encourage people to be well rested before heading home. Live music, coffee and food will be on offer to campers between 11am and 3pm and the campsite will close at 5pm. This will help stagger the egress of traffic whilst promoting responsible festival going.
- We predict that 1000 - 1500 cars will travel to the site at staggered times, particularly Friday 4th August 3-9pm and Saturday 6th August 9am-1pm. Experience suggests that departures will be staggered with peak times being Sunday afternoon / evening and Monday.
- We hope to run buses from Gleneagles Train Station and local towns and are just working out the details of these.
- We don't foresee the need for any road closures or diversions although during the event from Friday 4th to Monday 7th August we will implement a one way system within the estate, asking all traffic to enter via the South Lodge and exit past the Airfield.
- Road Signs will be installed to direct traffic appropriately.
- Whilst you as our closest neighbours are offered free tickets, a 30% discount is available to locals living in and around between Auchterarder, Crieff, Dunning, Braco. Please help us spread the word by letting your friends in the wider area know they can benefit from this.
- By Thursday 10th August everything will be taken down and we will leave the site clean and clear of litter and waste.

There's a little more detail about our plans, and the discounts available to others in the area on our website at www.mugstock.org/locals and we'll post further updates there as the event approaches.