

**David Price**

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**From:** G M Bird  
**Sent:** 29 April 2015 20:20  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Licence Objection to Stradisphere 2015.

To Licensing at MSDC

I wish to oppose the granting of a licence for the Stradisphere 2015 event on the grounds that the noise levels generated will be unacceptable in a residential area and will deprive local residents of their right to the quiet enjoyment of their properties.

I oppose too the licencing application of the Stradisphere 2015 music festival on the grounds of the amount of noise this event generates.

This event is normally held in an outdoor condition and the noise generated last year made it very uncomfortable for residents living around the community area.

I personally experienced not only the loudness of the noise which gave me and others a lot of discomfort, as well as vibrations running through my property.

If the decision for this event is granted then I request the local authority cap the sound level and have a representative on site to control that sound level.

Please note that complaints regarding the noise levels of last year's event were made directly by some local residents to the Parish Council but we were informed that not enough complains had been received for the matter to be taken seriously.

None Licence detail:

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Regards

G M Bird

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**From:** Robin Chew  
**Sent:** 06 May 2015 11:41  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Stradisphere Music Festival 2015, Stradbroke - Section 17 – Time Limited New Premise Licence

Licensing Team  
Mid Suffolk District Council  
131 High Street  
Needham Market IP6 8DL

Dear Sirs

### **RE: STRADISPHERE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2015, STRADBROKE - SECTION 17 – TIME LIMITED NEW PREMISE LICENCE**

1. I refer to the proposed Stradisphere event scheduled to be held at Stradbroke on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> July 2015.
2. I consider myself an interested party in this matter as I live in the vicinity of the premises on the east side of Wilby Road, opposite the vehicular and pedestrian access to the premises.
3. My household comprises myself, my wife, and two primary school age children.
4. I consider that the proposed event fails to meet one of Mid Suffolk District Council's licencing objectives, namely that of the prevention of public nuisance.
5. I submit that holding an amplified, outdoor music festival in a residential location for the hours proposed constitutes a public nuisance.
6. The proposed event appears to be a repetition of the Stradisphere event held in 2014. The 2014 event was characterised by loud amplified music that lasted until 10.30pm. As well as preventing our enjoyment of our house and garden during the day, the noise level was such that it prevented our children from sleeping until after the event was over. This had a detrimental effect on their wellbeing for the whole weekend and the start of the school week. I note that NHS guidance is that children aged 5 to 9 years need 10 to 11 hours sleep each night. Our children did not manage anywhere near this for the duration of the 2014 event. (Source: NHS Choices: <http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Childrenssleep/Pages/howmuchsleep.aspx>)
7. I consider that the proposed location is entirely inappropriate for such an event given its proximity to residential housing.
8. If the Authority considers that the event should be allowed to proceed in the proposed location I would request that the detrimental effect on residents be mitigated by amplified music ceasing by 8pm.
9. I understand that the blue notices advertising the licence application need to be in place for a 28 day consultation period, and where the public can access them. I believe that posting them only on the field itself (and possibly for fewer than 28 days) means that members of the public have not had the opportunity to be made properly aware of the application, and I would urge the Authority

to ensure that the regulations have been complied with so that you are satisfied that the public have been made sufficiently aware of the procedure whereby representations about it may be made.

Yours faithfully

Robin Chew

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**From:** BRIAN GOFFEE  
**Sent:** 27 April 2015 16:02  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Licence objection  
**Attachments:** 2015 licence objection.docx

To Licensing at MSDC

I wish to oppose the granting of a licence for the Stradisphere 2015 event on the grounds that the noise levels generated will be unacceptable in a residential area and will deprive local residents of their right to the quiet enjoyment of their properties.

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I have attached a document with comments and background information to more fully explain the reasons for my objection.

I would be grateful for acknowledgement of receipt of this objection and any outcome and am happy to discuss further as required.

Brian Goffee

To [licensing@midsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@midsuffolk.gov.uk)

From

Tele:

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find as follows a formal objection to the licence application detailed below:-

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*Premises: Community Centre Sports Field, Stradbroke (for 'Stradisphere' event)*

*Applicant: Brett Baber*

*DPS: Megan Rose Harvey*

*Consultation ends: 11 May 2015*

*Representations to: [licensing@midsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@midsuffolk.gov.uk)*

*Detail: Application for time limited premise licence for Stradisphere Music Festival – 10 th to 11 th July 2015, Live Music: Friday 18.00 to 22.30 and Saturday 11.30 to 22.30, Supply of alcohol: Friday 18.00 to 23.00 and Saturday 11.30 to 23.00. There will be one purpose built state as the main music stage and one marquee containing a second small stage and the bar.*

#### A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE EVENT AND CORRESPONDENCE TO DATE WITH STRADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL.

A Stradisphere 2014 event took place in September 2014 on the Stradbroke sports field with the assurance of minimal impact on neighbouring properties. The field is bounded on three sides by residential properties. Regrettably these assurances were not fulfilled and the volume of amplified music, particularly the constant thumping of bass frequencies, resulted in many concerns/complaints being expressed by residents in the immediate vicinity. In my own case, with the main stage sited only 30 metres away, the noise intrusion was sufficient to drown out TV and radio at normal volumes, windows and walls vibrated to the sound pressure and it was impossible to experience the normal quiet enjoyment of my property. It should be noted that normal background noise levels from the sports field are effectively non-existent and that the Stradisphere music could be heard up to 2 miles away, as verified by the Parish Clerk.

On behalf of other residents I made a formal complaint via the Clerk(Carol Smy) to the Parish Council, who have control of the use of the sports field, as follows:-

*Dear Carol, (by email dated 6 September 2014)*

*Thank you for agreeing to take this on board for the Parish Council meeting on Monday 8 September 2014.*

*Whilst fully supporting the objectives of the "Stradisphere" music event, I regret that I must make a formal complaint about the noise pollution and low frequency vibrations caused by the sound systems within an essentially residential area.*

*The organisers appear to be working within the permissions granted by the Parish Council and clearly there is little that can be done to improve the situation today.*

*I did approach the organiser yesterday and he promised to speak to the sound engineer about turning the volume down. This had no perceivable effect.*

*I suggested to you that it would be useful if some council members could call around to experience the problem first hand and thus evidence any future debate albeit at short notice.*

*Specifically, my complaint therefore must be that the Council has approved and authorised an event either in ignorance of the potential impact or without an effective impact assessment of the event to the detriment of the neighbouring properties. This has meant that residents have been denied the peaceful enjoyment of their property.*

*I would welcome advice of the outcome of the Council's adjudication of this complaint and for it to be held on record for any future proposed events.*

*Yours faithfully*

*Brian Goffe*

I duly received the following reply:-

*Dear Brian (by email dated 6 November 2014)*

*Apologies for taking so long to get back to you.*

*All complaints, and otherwise, that have come my way on this topic have been passed on to the Parish Council and all members are well aware of varying opinions in the village.*

*Should a request to hold a similar event on the PC's land be received in the future I am sure the Council will give due thought and attention to it.*

*It must be borne in mind that should another event be suggested for 2015 the Council could be made up of a completely different cast of characters, following the 2015 elections, and so members could hold different views from those held today.*

*Thank you for your patience.*

*Kind regards*

*Carol*

*Carol A Smy MILCM*

*Clerk to the Council*

I then became aware that arrangements were being advertised for a further event, Stradisphere 2015, and wrote to the Parish Council as follows:-

1<sup>st</sup> February 2015

Carol A Smy  
Clerk to the Parish Council  
Manfield House  
7 Norwich Road  
Ditchingham  
Suffolk  
NR35 2JJ

FAO STRADBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Carol,

Further to my email complaint to the parish council dated 6 September 2014 and your reply dated 6 November 2014, I was dismayed to have my attention drawn to an on-line advert for a so-called Stradisphere 2015 music festival. The proposed venue being Stradbroke cricket field.

I have checked through the minutes of PC meetings and can find no reference to permission being sought or granted for such an event. In fact, I can find no record of agreement for the 2014 event either! Perhaps you can advise me of the relevant documentation.

From the previous experience my considered view remains that the use of the PC playing field for an open air music festival, in the middle of a quiet residential area, is inappropriate and will be to the unacceptable detriment of nearby residents.

In the event that a proposal is made to the PC for a repetition of the 2014 festival, I believe it will require a resolution passed by the PC within the terms of its constitution and standing orders. I would therefore request that the PC demonstrate due diligence in assessing the proposal by adopting the following suggestions and thus avoid a repeat of the noise pollution and nuisance that gave rise to numerous complaints in 2014.

- 1 The PC should consult with the local residents who will be affected;
- 2 The PC should consult the MSDC environmental protection service;
- 3 The PC should stipulate that the MSDC advisory guidance on Noise Management Plans should be followed by the event licensee;
- 4 The PC should stipulate the start and finish times for amplified sound;
- 5 The PC should stipulate that the amplified sound stage be at the furthest point from residential property i.e. on the western perimeter near to the cricket pavilion;
- 6 The PC should advise local residents, in timely fashion, of the procedure for objecting to any relevant licence applications for such an event.

Yours sincerely  
Brian Goffee

At the March meeting of the Parish Council the issue was discussed. The Council voted to allow the use of the field, having been given verbal assurances about re-location of the main stage away from properties and use of alternative loudspeaker systems but with the proviso that “the recommendations of MSDC and the Environmental Health Department were closely adhered to in order that disturbance be minimised for residents nearby”.

In the absence of any tangible evidence to date that MSDC environmental health input has been sought or any indication of revised layout plans for the event **I wish to oppose the granting of a licence for the Stradisphere 2015 event on the grounds that the noise levels generated will be unacceptable in a residential area and will deprive local residents of their right to the quiet enjoyment of their properties.**

I do this on behalf of all properties adversely affected in 2014 in the following streets:-

Wilby road; Bayles Way; Knevetts close; New street; Bishops way; Woodfields

Should the licence application be granted in spite of the inappropriate location for such an event I would welcome a requirement for independent monitoring and any necessary control of sound pollution by the MSDC environmental health service staff.

Yours faithfully

B L Goffee



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**From:** BRIAN GOFFEE  
**Sent:** 01 May 2015 13:51  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Licence application for "Stradisphere 2015" Stradbroke sports field

Atten: Principle Licensing Officer MSDC

Re: Licence consultation for "Stradisphere 2015".

Dear Sir/Madam

Further to my email objection dated 27/4/2015, I wish to add the following observation.

The 2014 stradisphere event which led to noise complaints did not have prior authority from the Parish Council to use the land and the licence application was not visibly advertised.

As the 2015 proposed event has been widely advertised in Stradbroke and the surrounding area, a determined search of the MSDC website located details of the current licence application and has enabled some objections to be made within the time limit.

Having now searched the sports field for the required advertising of the licence application, I note with disquiet that the correct notices are displayed around the exercise track that borders the playing field but are virtually out of sight unless you are on the field itself and certainly not visible from the normal access route through the site. Although event notices have been displayed at the entrances to the field and facilities, where they can be readily viewed, no such provision has been considered necessary for the licensing notice. I find this sneaky at best and certainly an underhand approach.

As many of the property owners that border the field are elderly, or at least do not use the field for routine exercise, they are unlikely to be in a position to make representation.

I do not feel that this is in the spirit of the Licensing Act and maybe does not comply with the legal obligations of the applicant.

I would ask that you take this into account when considering the application.

Yours faithfully

B L Goffee

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**From:** Jennie and Colin Jones  
**Sent:** 30 April 2015 18:43  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Licence Objection -Stradisphere 2015

Dear Sirs

I wish to object the granting of a licence for the Stradisphere 2015 event on the basis of last years performance - locals adjacent to and close to the Stadbroke Parish Council Sports Field were NOT advised by the organisers of event details - by leaflet etc. Although evening times were adhered to, practise and set up occurred throughout the day. Noise levels were TOO high, and could be heard over TV sound.

I should like to point out that the application submitted is INCORRECT for the 2nd time. I believe you are already aware that the Premises SHOULD BE Stadbroke Parish Council sports Field an therefore THEY are responsible.

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Thanking you for your attention in this matter.

Regards

Colin Jones