

We write with regard to the application for a Premises Licence at Grass Fields, Fremington. Given the lack of detail concerning what is actually proposed it is difficult to comment specifically but there are some issues that need to be taken into account.

- a) The amount of dog poo that is left on and alongside the path that crosses the field after an event is considerable. This path is not just used by local residents, responsible dog walkers and families with young children but by Coast-to-Coast walkers who actually spend money at local businesses.
- b) Why does alcohol need to be supplied when there are four pubs within a 10 minute walk of the site? We are all aware that these businesses are struggling so taking trade away from them is counter-productive.
- c) Given there are no permanent toilet facilities on site the area under the bridge on both sides of the road is always used as an alternative to avoid queueing for any temporary ones, which have been placed close to footpaths on previous occasions.
- d) An application to run an event until 0130 anywhere in this country would generally be refused without good reason. Other outdoor events with live music would be expected to end at 2300 or midnight at the latest.
- e) As there are dates on the application one could be forgiven for thinking that the applicant wanted to turn the area into Ibiza-on-Swale every weekend! Some clarity would be appreciated.

If the application is for another Vans in the Valley weekend would it not be an idea to state this? Last year's event was broadly fine, well organised, and would be unlikely to raise any objections but an open ended carte blanche such as this seems designed to do the opposite.

We look forward to your response,

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