MEMORANDUM

To:

Licensing

Our Ref:

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From

Russell Davidson

Your Ref:

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Date:

30th January 2020

Representation for Application by Medicine Events C.I.C. for a new Premises Licence for Land at Wasing Park near grid reference SU 57996 64184

My name is Russell Davidson. I am employed by the Public Protection Partnership as a Senior Scientific Officer within the Compliance and Enforcement team. I have specialised in Environmental Protection for the last 16 years.

Environmental Health are a responsible authority in the application of a new Premises Licence and a representation can be made under the licensing objective "The Prevention of Public Nuisance".

The Applicant has applied for the following music activities:

Live Music- indoors and outdoors: Thursday 18:00 – 00:00, Friday 00:00 – 00:00, Saturday 00:00 – 00:00, Sunday 00:00 - 00:00 and Monday 00:00 – 16:00 **Recorded Music – indoors and outdoors:** Thursday 12:00 – 00:00, Friday 00:00 – 00:00, Saturday 00:00 – 04:00, 08:00 – 00:00, Sunday 00:00 – 04:00, 08:00 – 00:00, Monday 00:00 – 16:00

The premises is located within a private estate with residential properties nearby (owned by the estate), other properties are a distance away but there are few noise sources in between, with the location being rural. The background noise levels within this location are low. The geographical features of this site, a dip and woodland offer very little acoustic protection.

The application by Medicine Events C.I.C. was submitted on the 3rd of January 2020. It detailed that an Event Management Plan would be submitted within the next few days. The Event Management Plan was eventually submitted on the 30th January 2020. It advised that the Noise Management Plan would be available 21st February.

Within the EMP live music is proposed to cease at midnight on each day (although the hours specified within the EMP still detail 04:00) with recorded music being played through to 04:00 on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. This implies that live and recorded music will be occurring on site for nearly 80 hours over 5 days. Information taken from the events website details 'morning raves' and 'late night dance sessions'.

Events with live music (Electronic Dance music – similar to the music proposed for this event) have occurred previously in this location, notably in 2006 and 2008. This

resulted in a huge number of complaints and led to a review of the Premises Licence. This Licence was subsequently surrendered.

As no Noise Management Plan has been submitted I am therefore unable to assess how regulated outdoor entertainment will be controlled. The playing of live and recorded music within this area will give rise to noise nuisance at residential properties. The bass music would be audible at some distance. There is therefore the likelihood of public nuisance and Environmental Health object to this Premises Licence application.