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Dear Sir/Madam

Churston Court Hotel, Church Road, Churston Ferrers, Brixham, TQ5 0JE

I refer to an application to vary the premises licence in respect of the above named premises, which has the benefit of Premises Licence PL1061 issued by Torbay Council. The application has been submitted by the premises licence holders Gooseberry Inns (2016) Ltd.

I have been advised that this application has been submitted to allow the premises licence holders to run outdoor events, such as festivals and cinema nights, within the grounds of the premises.

I am aware the premises licence for the Churston Court Hotel was subject of a Review in October 2018 as a result of noise issues experienced by residents and concerns in relation to a festival called "Strawberry Fayre". This event attracted a large number of persons, who parked their vehicles within narrow lanes leading to the premises and this caused concern should emergency vehicle access be required to the area, particularly as some of these lanes would not have been passable to larger vehicles, such as fire engines or ambulances. I am aware that Strawberry Fayre is to be held on Friday 16 August and Saturday 17 August 2019.

My Police Licensing Officer, Mrs Julie Smart, has conducted research of our computer systems in relation to the Churston Court Hotel and can advise you that we have no concerns in relation to crime and disorder at this premises. However, if the Strawberry Fayre is to be a regular event, and attendance is likely to increase year on year, the premises licence holders have a duty to ensure that all of the licensing objectives are met. I therefore recommend that the premises licence holders should submit a detailed

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Event Management Plan to the Public Safety Advisory Group (PSAG) in respect of any large scale events planned to take place in the grounds of the premises. Furthermore, I recommend that a condition is added to the licence in respect of this matter, however as I do not know the premises licence holder's intentions concerning the use of the outdoor areas, the wording of a condition is problematic as I would not wish to impose a condition that all events have to be considered by PSAG.

As the premises licence holder will be required to attend a hearing in respect of this variation, I respectfully suggest that the representative of Gooseberry Inns (2016) Ltd is requested to provide details of all events to be held outdoors in order that consideration can be given as to which of these events they will be required to produce an Event Management Plan in respect of.

An alternative solution to the above would be to limit the use of the outdoor areas for large scale events to a specific number of times per calendar year. In this respect I recommend that the licensing authority considers this matter in conjunction with any representations received in relation to potential noise and nuisance concerns at the premises.

I also request that the below condition is added to the licence:

The premises licence holder shall carry out a risk assessment in relation to all events held at the premises in relation to the requirement for door stewards and they shall employ such door stewards, if at all, in such numbers and at such times determined by that risk assessment. A copy of this risk assessment shall be retained on the premises for a period of 12 months and produced at the request of any representatives from the responsible authorities.

Should you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my Licensing Officer, Mrs Julie Smart, on telephone number 01803 218900.

Yours faithfully



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