

123738 - License Application - Winter Wonderland Hills Meadow

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In the absence of further information on control of noise and nuisance as included for the previous license, we object to this application.

During the event in 2021-22, the log barriers (which were there to stop fairs etc from encroaching onto the planted wildlife strip) were pushed out of the way and heavy vehicles encroached several metres into the planted strip, causing damage. The log barriers have not yet been reinstated. Winter Wonderland also left a lot of litter and flytipped items including canisters behind, in that planted strip. They did not clean up properly during or after the event. There was also an ongoing issue of litter strewn all over the car park and along both sides of George Street while Winter Wonderland was on.

Conditions must prohibit encroachment onto any of the planted strip, and require a daily litterpick to include the car park, George Street and Reading Bridge area. Unless detailed provision is made for these conditions, we again object to this application.