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J S Champeau

Date 19.1.2007

Dear Sir/Madame

**RE Consultation** on draft revised guidance under section 182 of the licensing Act 2003.

#### QUESTION 1

Do you agree that the current guidance on vicinity should remain unchanged

In April 2006 Mean Fiddler LTD applied for a premises licence for the Reading Festival. Part of the application was to park some 6000 cars in fields by the river Thames next to the village of Purley and boat people to the festival.

Purley is a small village which has limited road access and very few traffic restrictions the proposal to place 6000 cars (estimated) in the fields by the river The application forms did not supply any details that allowed residents to assess the impact of these parking arrangement.

The residents of Purley objected to the application only to be told that they were not in the vicinity of the festival and therefore could not object, this also included the local parish council.

The only reason 6000 cars (20,000 people) would have been parked in the village was for the festival it is a nonsense to be told that you are not in the vicinity of an event when your living arrangements would be ruined by 6000 cars for 5 days over a bank holiday week.

I would ask that the wording in the guidance be change too include all those persons who are directly affected in any manner by the granting of a premises licence.

Please note that I and the other residents would not be allowed to ask for a review Under the existing system

Yours faithfully



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Dear J S Champeau

**Licensing Act 2003  
Premises Licence  
Reading Festival, Richfield Avenue, Reading**

Thank you for your recent representation to the above application.

However, I am writing to advise you that the application you objected to has been withdrawn and a new application has been submitted. The application you objected to referred to the applicants proposal to park festival goers cars on farm land in Purley. You may be aware that the landowner subsequently withdrew consent for the land to be used and therefore the application has been withdrawn. A new application has been submitted which proposes to park cars and offer some camping facilities for festival goers north of the river Thames on the Mapledurham Estate land.

Although this may now not be quite so relevant, you may still wish to be aware of the fact that legal advice obtained in respect of the previous application, and objections received to it, was such that the Council would legally have been prevented from taking your objection into account. The activities covered by the Licensing Act 2003 include the sale of alcohol, the provision of entertainment and the provision of hot food late at night. In order for objections to be considered to be "relevant representations" the person making the representation must be an "interested party" living in the vicinity of the licensed premises. As parking of vehicles is not a licensable activity and you do not live in the vicinity of the proposed licensed premises the Council would have been unable to consider your comments.



I appreciate that you will not consider this to be a helpful situation. However, this is not something which is the decision of the Council, rather the position the Council find themselves in as a result of the legislation and guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

If you have any queries relating to this letter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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