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Subject: RE: TEN for Fireworks event

Hi Derrick,

Environmental Health objects to this application on the grounds of Public Safety.

The school is adjacent to a yard where horses are kept and we have previously received complaints regarding noise from fireworks at displays on the Greenfield School site causing alarm and distress to the horses. As a result of this, owners and people who care for the horses have previously remained on site in an attempt to keep the horses calm, with veterinary intervention becoming necessary to provide sedation. This puts the public at risk of injury from agitated horses and this applies to owners and other people on site, as well as the general public should the horses spook and manage to break free from the site and bolt into public areas or onto roads. In addition, the noise and flashing lights from fireworks in close proximity to horses causes the horses and other animals on site unnecessary suffering, which is a welfare concern and should also be taken into consideration.

There is no objection to the provision and sale of alcohol, or for the provision of regulated entertainment should suitable conditions be applied to the TEN, such as the use of low noise fireworks, e.g [Low Noise Public Fireworks](#) | [Illusion Fireworks](#) If the school consults with the horse yard and they agree that low noise fireworks would be a suitable compromise (often further masked by the playing of music), then EH may withdraw our objection. With suitable notice the yard may also have time to arrange for particularly sensitive animals to be stabled away from the yard for the duration of the event, or out of sight of the display with stabling providing further mitigation to any noise. I would also recommend that any display should take place at the furthest point on the school grounds away from the horses and that other activities relevant to the occasion are considered as a focal point as an alternative to fireworks or in the least to keep the display as brief as possible, i.e bonfire, screened low level low noise fireworks (Catherine Wheels), sale of seasonal foods, soups, jacket potatoes, hot dogs, toffee apples etc.

If you have any queries, or if you would like to discuss this matter further, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

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