



REPRESENTATIONS PROCEDURE NOTES

- A representation can be made against an application for a premises to carry on a licensable activity within the 28 day consultation period. Representations can also be made against applications to make variations to an existing licence.
- Representations may be made by:
 - Responsible authorities
 - Other persons
- To make a representation you must complete and send this form to licensing@shropshire.gov.uk. Representations may also be submitted by post to: Licensing Team, Business & Consumer Protection Service, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND.

PLEASE NOTE: The representation form must be received by the Licensing Team before the end of the consultation period stated on the site notice, newspaper notice and the Council's website, or it will not be accepted. Posted representations not received within a consultation period due to the postal system will be treated as late and not accepted.

- Where a representation is accepted as relevant, **the Council will share the representation in its entirety with the applicant and their agent.** This is to allow them an opportunity to consider the issues raised in the representation and discuss possible ways to mitigate the objector's concerns with them directly.
- Only in exceptional circumstances will personal details be redacted from representations. This will be when the Council considers that there is a genuine risk of intimidation / violence to the persons making representation. Persons making representations who consider this to be a risk should make it clear on their representation and they will be contacted to discuss further.
- At the end of the consultation period, if any representations remain, the name and address of persons making representations will be published on the report to the Licensing Sub Committee, which will be publicly available.

For further information and guidance please visit the 'current licence applications in consultation' page on our website www.shropshire.gov.uk/licensing where you can find further details on all applications and download our guidance on **Making Representations and what to expect in a Licensing Act Sub- Sub Committee.**



**Licensing Act 2003
REPRESENTATION FORM**

The boxes marked * are mandatory. Representations missing this information will be automatically refused

Other Persons

*Name/ Name of business/organisation you represent	Robert and Jennifer Gill
*Postal address	[REDACTED]
Telephone number	[REDACTED]
Email address This is the most reliable way for us to communicate with you, please provide an email address if you have one	[REDACTED]

*Name & address of premises for which the representation is being made Powis Estates, Ludlow Castle, Ludlow, Shropshire Licensing Application for Ludlow Castle concerts: 23/03530/LPREM

***Your representation must relate to one or more of the following four licensing objectives. Please detail the evidence supporting your representation or the reason for your representation. Please use separate sheets if necessary.**

THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER Ludlow is a small town. For 5000-9,999 people to potentially visit each of these 15 (now 8) concert events over the time period suggested May 1 st – September 1 st will only invite trouble, disorder, and would generate a grave public nuisance. Four such events were held on 20 th -23 rd July 2023. This 4-day event stimulated numerous complaints between residents about levels of noise and rowdy behaviour. There were a number of anecdotal reports of antisocial behaviour around the town in the evenings. For example, one young lady was 'spiked' in the hand and remains unwell and another concert participant was arrested and led away in handcuffs by police. Both incidents can be verified.
PUBLIC SAFETY The 4 day event in 2023 caused road closures which greatly impacted on lesser able-bodied people trying to manoeuvre their vehicles, caused congested parking on town centre roads and also resulted in difficulties for residents in accessing their homes by vehicle. Essential deliveries were curtailed eg. Urgent medical supplies could not be delivered to a Dinham neighbour's house. All this inconvenience impacts greatly on peoples' daily lives.

THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

What is proposed is a series of musical concerts in a residential area – the venue is not isolated in a field like Glastonbury. There are residents' houses all around the Castle – the noise and disturbance resulting from the implementation of this application would adversely affect the health and wellbeing of these residents, some of which are elderly and infirm. The consistent noise level would be unbearable.

This is another attempt to turn Ludlow into a money generating site at the expense of the wellbeing of its central population. Ludlow is an attractive historic town with over 420 listed buildings. Most of these are privately owned and kept in a good state of repair by their owners. The high level of music sound emanating from these concerts will have a negative impact on the buildings and their foundations. In effect, it is the residents who pay to maintain the attractive state of Ludlow and who are now being exploited by this proposal.

We object to these events on the grounds that they would constitute an unbearable public nuisance for residents, particularly those living in the conservation area of central Ludlow around the Castle.

There is also the issue of noise pollution which impacts on peoples' lives in a very negative way.

There was also a free-standing diesel generator used for the 4 day event in 2023, running all day and all through the night, which caused a great nuisance to all residents living in the vicinity. Residents had 4 nights of very poor sleep.

THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM

We are not aware of the age groups allowed into the Castle unattended.

Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account. Please use separate sheets where necessary.

Powis Estates own large tracts of open land; live music concerts should be based on their own land outside of residential areas where concert activity would not impact on local residents' lives.

There is an issue with noise pollution, an environmental factor that is often talked about but little was taken into account at the 4 day event in 2023. Noise pollution was from both the level of concert music sound and the generator running throughout the day and night.

As Ludlow residents, we are disappointed and dismayed with the proposal to hold 15 (now 8) concerts in Ludlow Castle grounds. We strongly object to this Licensing Application for live music events with alcohol 12 noon – 11pm between May 1st and September 1st.

Ludlow is a thriving town maintained by local business and residents, and already enjoys an ample and sufficient range of fairs, festivals and events. Ludlow is not a theme park. The distress to residents in the area affected cannot be justified by the financial gain of Powis Estates and the Leeds-based company FutureSounds Events Ltd who are only interested in the bottom line, which is profit. Both organisations promised to give residents feedback following this year's concerts, which they dismally failed to do. When writing to them to give our feedback, their reply was defensive and our concerns were batted away as if they were not important.

We believe that Powis Estates are losing faith and respect from the residents living in Dinham and its environs and that Ludlow Castle will no longer be regarded as an asset to the Ludlow Community.

- Generally, if there is to be a hearing to determine the premises licence application, the Licensing Sub Committee will only be able to consider matters that have been previously disclosed. No new evidence can be introduced at the hearing. It is therefore imperative that you detail all matters that you wish to be considered on this initial representation. Please attach additional sheet if necessary.
- If you make a representation, you will be expected to attend the Licensing Sub Committee hearing and any subsequent appeal process. **All representations in their entirety, including your name, address and contact details will be disclosed to the applicant for the premises licence and their agent.**
- If limited or withheld personal details are redacted from representations, where notice of a hearing is given to an applicant, the licensing authority is required under the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 to provide the applicant with copies of the relevant representations that have been made.

I/We fully understand that this representation will be made available to the applicant and included in the Sub Committee's Hearing papers which are publicly accessible documents, and any subsequent appeal court proceedings.

Signed:
Robert Gill and Jennifer Gill
Date:14th December 2023

If this form is sent as an email attachment, its transmission will confirm that you have agreed the above conditions

Please return this form along with any additional sheets to:

licensing@shropshire.gov.uk or by post to: Licensing Team, Business & Consumer Protection Service, Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate,
Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND

This form must be returned within the statutory consultation period, which is displayed on the premises site notice, the newspaper advert, and on the Council's website.

For confirmation on this date please contact the Licensing Team on 0345 678 9026