

**Karen Robson**

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**From:** Ruth Ashton  
**Sent:** 10 May 2018 19:03  
**To:** Karen Robson  
**Subject:** Fwd: Notice of Hearing - Section 6 - Durham Pride UK  
**Attachments:** Notice of Attendance.doc; Durham Constabulary letter.pdf; Dear Resident

Hi Karen. Please find attached documents that we would like to make available at the hearing on Wed 16th May. A letter from Durham Constabulary and a leaflet that we will be delivering to residents.

Kind Regards

Ruth Ashton (on behalf of Durham Pride UK)

# DURHAM CONSTABULARY

Durham City Police Office, New Elvet, Durham, DH1 3AQ



Together Better Policing

10<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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Dear sir/madam,

Re: Licensing Committee Hearing for Durham Pride, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

I write this letter in my capacity as Neighbourhood Inspector for the Durham City area with responsibility for the delivery of local neighbourhood policing, and having had sight of the representations made in respect of the Licensing application submitted by Durham Pride UK. Durham City pays host to a number of annual events and my team are involved in the vast majority of these, engaging with organisers, partner agencies, and other key stakeholders, not only during the events themselves but through attending the various preceding planning meetings – such as the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) forums.

I note that the issues highlighted within these representations include; unacceptable noise levels, damaged fences, car parking, and littering. Naturally, the consumption of alcohol by those going to and leaving the show ground are concerns raised also.

I would like to offer comment as follows:-

In respect of the comment relating to the 2017 Pride event that "there were at least 25 police officers on duty but they seemed bewildered by the event and ignored incidents that would be picked up on a normal day" I would like to add some clarity, namely in that in actuality there were 11 Officers present. I would be very surprised – and disappointed, if this was correct and incidents had been ignored as suggested and I would like to provide the assurance that this was not the case.

Officers policing Pride 2017 were thoroughly briefed prior to deployment at the event and the supervising Officers with responsibility on the date had been present at the aforementioned planning forums so there were 'no surprises' giving rise to such bewilderment. From a policing perspective the feedback from last year's event was that it ran effectively. Of those issues that did present themselves, such as noise concerns from the music played, these were quickly rectified between Police, partners and the organisers and – having attended a number of SAG forums ahead of this year's festivities, I can confirm that those issues have been raised, discussed, and addressed.

In respect of alcohol consumption 'off' the show field I would like to acknowledge that any issues fall within the remit of the PSPO (Public Space Protection Order) which is enforceable by my Officers and colleagues from Durham County Council. On the field itself there will be 10 SIA personnel who will be responsible for removal of alcohol from those attempting to take it onto the showground and the part of the field designated a 'licensed area' will, in itself, be fenced off further regulating alcohol consumption.

I also wish to acknowledge – and question, that whilst the areas of concern highlighted (such as littering, noise pollution) are unquestionably concerning for local residents, their regulation and control would surely fall outside of the licensing arena and therefore those issues could be dealt with by a forum other than within the licensing hearing. By way of example, on the date in question for Pride the Nuisance Action Team from Durham County Council will be in attendance on site.

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In summary, I would just like to report that there are no objections in respect of the license application from a policing perspective and we are satisfied that any potential concerns that may have existed have been addressed satisfactorily within the preparation, planning, and SAG processes.

Yours sincerely

Mark J Edwards  
Neighbourhood Inspector  
Durham Sector

10<sup>th</sup> May 2018



Dear Resident

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Celebration of LGBT+ diversity on the Sands.

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Sunday will be a funfair with stalls, food, beer tents  
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