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24 July 2009

Dear Sirs

### **The Big Green Gathering**

We write further to our letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> July 2009 and the subsequent meetings on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2009.

The licensing authority is not satisfied that you have in place arrangements that will enable you to comply with the licence conditions and so promote the licensing objectives. Accordingly, the authority has decided to apply for an injunction without further notice to you, and is in the process of preparing papers for that purpose.

We would be grateful if you would give us an address for service of the application for an injunction, preferably an e-mail address, so that we can serve papers on you and details of the time and place of the hearing, in good time.

We strongly advise that you obtain legal advice on the contents of this letter.

There are a number of fundamental issues, the most important of which are:

- A lack of assurance that you have a security company contracted to provide event security in accordance with the licence conditions and Event Management Plan, including the position of Silver Control.
- A lack of assurance that you have a traffic management company contracted to provide traffic management and signage in accordance with the licence conditions and Event Management Plan.
- A lack of assurance that you will obtain a Road Closure Order in time for the running of the event.
- A lack of assurance that you will have in place an appropriate level of service from the South West Ambulance Service at the event.
- A lack of assurance that you have in place a fire safety consultant, proper Fire Safety Management Strategy, Fire Safety Risk Assessment and the relevant certification in relation to fire safety equipment for the event.

Many of the issues appear to relate to lack of finance for the event, and they do not appear to be resolving themselves.

We intend to issue proceedings and attend Court first thing on Monday morning, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2009, unless by 4.30 p.m. today we have:

- A signed undertaking to the licensing authority by your security company to provide event security services, including Silver Control, in accordance with the licence conditions and Event Management Plan.

- A signed undertaking to the licensing authority by your traffic management company to provide traffic management and signage in accordance with the licence conditions and Event Management Plan.
- The written assurance of the highway authority that you will obtain a Road Closure Order in time for the running of the event.
- The written, unconditional, assurance from South West Ambulance Service that they will be providing an appropriate level of service at the event.
- The Fire Safety Management Strategy, Fire Safety Risk Assessment and the relevant certification in relation to fire safety equipment for the event.

We would request that you deal with the contents of this letter with the utmost urgency. We have been highly concerned that matters have been allowed to drift, and we now believe that, absent the assurances that we need that there are plans properly in place for the management of this major event, it should be wound down in an orderly manner this weekend.

I have included my direct dial telephone number and direct e-mail address on this letter, to ensure that appropriate contact is maintained.

Yours faithfully



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