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Maidstone Borough Council Licensing Office Maidstone House King Street Maidstone Kent ME15 6JQ

Dear Sirs,

<u>Notice of Application for a Premises Licence made under the Licensing Act 2003 by Spirit of Rock Limited covering the Rambling Man Fair on 22nd to 24th July 2016</u>

We write to object to the granting of a licence for the above event as set out in the published application and our representation is as follows:

Although we live some distance from the venue of Mote Park we have previously been adversely affected by sound from events in Mote Park. The music could be heard in our house.

We are dismayed to see that the Rambling Man Fair has now grown into a three day event with live music proposed from around midday to 1-00 am on each day. For those living nearby this will be 13 hours each day of intrusive music which amounts to 39 hours over three consecutive days. It is too much to expect residents to tolerate this amount of noise. People who have to be fit for work on Monday 25th July should not be kept awake until 1-00 am on a working day. This event is after all just for the entertainment of some and of dubious benefit to the town.

Residents have a right to the peaceful enjoyment of their homes under Article 8 of the Human Rights Act. Although this is a qualified Right, interference with it has to be justified and that interference has to be proportionate and of overall benefit. Whilst the event might be justified as beneficial the duration certainly is not proportionate.

Yours faithfully,

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David and Barbara Wallace