

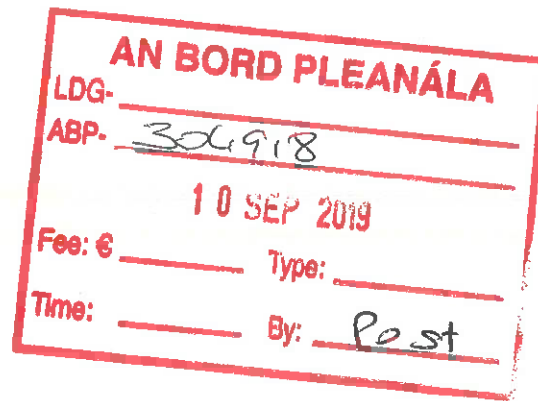
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Your reference: ABP-304918-19

An Bord Pleanála
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By Email and post
Re: Music Events

Mondello Park, Donore, Naas, Co Kildare



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Dear Sir/ Madam,

We write in reply to your letter dated 1st August 2019 relating to a referral under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Same related to a Section 5 application which sought a declaration on whether the music event held at the venue, with amplified music and related entertainment constitutes an established use, is or is not development, and is or is not exempted development.

The background to the event is that we received an application from a promoter, Paradox Events, to hold a music event at the venue with a capacity which was under 4,999. We assessed the application, the event management plan, consulted local Gardai and referenced the relevant provisions of The Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 16 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001. We also noted that as per condition 4 of PLO9 98287 (Ref: 1920/94) that the public address system could only be used for communication purposes in running an event and not for amplified music.

In concluding that it was in order to proceed with the event from a planning perspective we noted that the Planning and Development Act of 2000 (as amended) was issued after the Bord had assessed previous event applications at the venue which dated back to 1998, and that as such the 2000 legislation was the code to be used in order to assess whether a music event with a capacity under 4,999 was a development, or an exempted development. We assessed that it was exempted development.

In relation to the public address system we can confirm that at no point during the music event was the venue's PA system used to broadcast music around the venue. The music that was played at the event was sent through smaller individual PA systems that were localised to small area of the venue. At all times during the event the sound that was output from the individual PA systems was monitored and adjusted as we deemed necessary.

We held pre event meetings with residents who expressed some concerns. However after meeting with the event promoters who had produced a comprehensive Event Management Plan, the

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residents concerns were eased. We held post event meetings with the same groups who commented that there was no disruption, traffic issues or unacceptable noise levels, during or after the event.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Faithfully



Roddy Greene

Managing Director

For and on behalf of Mondello Park Ltd



