

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>  
**Sent:** 10 October 2024 17:08  
**To:** licensing  
**Subject:** application for a minor variation to a premises license  
**Attachments:** Saint Hill - application-for-a-minor-variation 10 Oct 2024.pdf; 00. Entertainment license - Saint Hill.pdf  
  
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Dear MSDC Licensing Department,

Attached please find a completed form for a minor variation to our premises licenses for Saint Hill. I have also attached a copy of our premises license.

We would like to pay for the fee online or over the phone which ever you prefer. The number to call for payment is [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Church of Scientology Religious Education College Inc  
Saint Hill Manor  
East Grinstead, W Sussex, RH19 4JY

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**Application for a minor variation to a premises licence or club premises certificate under the Licensing Act 2003**

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Before completing this form please read the Guidance Notes at the end of the form, especially Note 1.

If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Once completed please send your application to the relevant licensing authority. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

Church of Scientology

(Insert name(s) of applicant)

being the premises licence holder(s)/club holding a club premises certificate, apply to vary a premises licence under section 41A/club premises certificate under section 86A of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below.

**Part 1 – Premises details**

Postal address of premises (or, if none, ordnance survey map reference, or description)

Saint Hill Manor  
Saint Hill Road

Post town  
East Grinstead

Postcode  
RH19 4JY

Telephone number at premises (if any)

[REDACTED]

Premises licence number/club premises certificate number

[REDACTED]

**Brief description of premises (Please see Guidance Note 2)**

The Premises license is for Saint Hill Estate. Specifically the purpose of this application relates to a temporary marquee on those grounds. The marquee is set up for dinner followed by live entertainment and dancing. There is no sale of alcohol at any time.

## Part 2 – Applicant Details

I am/we are the premises licence holder/club premises certificate holder. (Please delete as appropriate)

Contact phone number in working hours (if any)

Applicant Postal address IF DIFFERENT FROM PREMISES ADDRESS

Post town

Postcode

Please provide email address if you would prefer us to contact you by email (optional)

## Part 3 – Proposed variation(s)

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect as soon as possible?  Yes  No

Please tick

DDMMYYYY

If not, from what date do you want the variation to take effect?

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect in relation to the introduction of the late night levy? (Please see Guidance Note 3)

Yes  No

**Please describe the proposed variation(s) in detail in the box below and explain why you consider that they could not have an adverse effect on the promotion of any of the licensing objectives (See Guidance Note 1). This should include whether new or increased levels of licensable activities will be taking place indoors or outdoors (indoors may include a tent):**

**Details of proposed variation(s) (Please see Guidance Note 4)**

We would like to extend the end time for the provision of live music from 23:00 until midnight (00:00) on Saturday.

We will adjust sound levels down after 23:00 and we have included additional sound proofing to the marquee so there is no impact locally on our neighbours. We also have on site professional sound engineers to monitor all sound levels for further insurance that there will be no undue impact on our neighbours. Specifically this is needed for our annual convention. The marquee is set up for dinner and live entertainment on Saturday the 26th of October.

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**Details of proposed variation(s) (Continued)**

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**Part 4 – Operating Schedule**

Please tick those parts of the Operating Schedule which would be subject to change if this application to vary were successful.

**Provision of regulated entertainment** (please read guidance note 5)

Please tick all that apply

- a. plays
- b. films
- c. indoor sporting events
- d. boxing or wrestling entertainment
- e. live music
- f. recorded music
- g. performances of dance
- h. anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)

<input type="checkbox"/>

**Provision of late night refreshment**

**Supply of alcohol**

(Note that this can only relate to reducing licensed hours, or moving them without any overall increase between 7am and 11pm)

Please tick to indicate you have enclosed the following:

I have enclosed the premises licence/club premises certificate

I have enclosed the relevant part of the premises licence/  
club premises certificate

I have included a copy of the plan  
(this is necessary if the proposed variation will affect the layout)

If you have not ticked one of the previous three boxes, please explain why in the box below.

**Reasons why you have not enclosed the premises licence/club premises certificate or  
relevant parts.**

**Any further information to support your application. (See Guidance Note 6)**

This change will not have an adverse impact of the licensing objectives.

**CHECKLIST:**

Please tick to indicate agreement

- I have made or enclose payment of the fee.
- I have not made or enclosed payment of the fee because this application has been made in relation to the introduction of the late night levy.
- I have enclosed the plan, if appropriate, of the premises in scale [1mm to 100mm], unless otherwise agreed with the licensing authority.
- I have enclosed the premises licence/club premises certificate or relevant part of it or provided an explanation.
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.

I understand that I must now advertise my application for a continuous period beginning on the first working day after the day on which the application was given to the relevant licensing authority and ending at the expiry of the ninth consecutive working day after that day.

**IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.**

**Part 5 – Signatures and Contact Details**

(See Guidance Note 7)

**Premises Licence:** Signature of applicant (the current premises licence holder) or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (see Guidance Note 8). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state your name and in what capacity you are authorised to sign:

Signature	
Date	10 October 2024
Capacity	Director

**Where the premises licence is jointly held, signature of 2<sup>nd</sup> applicant (the current premises licence holder) or 2<sup>nd</sup> applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent** (See Guidance Note 9). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

**Where the premises are a club**

I (insert full name) make this application on behalf of the club and have authority to bind the club.

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

Contact name (where not previously given) and address for correspondence associated with this application. (See Guidance Note 10)

	
Post town	Postcode
Telephone number (if any) 	If you would prefer us to correspond with you by email your email address (optional)  @churchofscientology.net

#### Notes for Guidance

1. General Note: The minor variations process can only be used for variations that could have no adverse impact on the promotion of any of the four licensing objectives. (These are: the prevention of crime and disorder; public safety; the prevention of public nuisance; and the protection of children from harm.)

It cannot be used to:

- extend the period for which the licence has effect;
- vary substantially the premises to which it relates;
- specify, in a premises licence, an individual as the designated premises supervisor;
- add the sale by retail or supply of alcohol as an activity authorised by a licence or certificate;
- authorise the sale by retail or supply of alcohol at any time between 11pm and 7am;
- authorise an increase in the amount of time on any day during which alcohol may be sold by retail or supplied;
- include the alternative licence condition referred to in section 41D(3) of the Licensing Act 2003 in a premises licence.

2. Description of premises: For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. This should include any activities in or associated with the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups, the presence of gaming machines etc.

3. You do not have to pay a fee if the only purpose of the variation for which you are applying is to avoid becoming liable to the late night levy.

4. Give full details of all the proposed variation(s). Failure to provide sufficient information may lead to the refusal of your application. Details should include a description of the proposed variation(s) in terms as precise as possible. If you are not precise, the licensing authority may decide that the changes you propose would be potentially broader in scope than you intend and reject your application as not being a 'minor' variation. You should also include a statement about why you consider the variations proposed could not have an impact on the licensing objectives listed in section 4(2) of the Act. You should cover each of the objectives that could possibly apply to your proposal (or if more than one, to each proposal) and say why you think there could be no adverse impact on that objective. Your application will be assisted by including as much information as you can about this. (However, there is a box at the end of the form for 'further

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 26 June 2025 15:55  
**To:** Dick Sweatman (Cllr)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Cabinet Monday 30 June

Dear Cllr Sweatman,

As discussed on the telephone just now, here is the link to the paper regarding the PSPO on Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead. The PSPO is at item 5.

[Agenda for Cabinet on Monday, 30th June, 2025, 1.00 pm - Mid Sussex District Council](#)

Kind Regards,



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 June 2024 11:24  
**To:** committees  
**Cc:** Christopher Phillips (Cllr); Dick Sweatman (Cllr)  
**Subject:** District Committee - 20th June 2024  
**Attachments:** DM.21.2276 Land East of Wineham Lane - Final - D - 20.6.24 V3.pdf; DM.24.0004 Saint Hill Farm, East Grinstead - Final - D - 20.6.24 V3.pdf

Good morning

Please see attached the reports, together with the links to the associated documents for the 2 applications going to District Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

DM/24/0004 Saint Hill Farm, East Grinstead, RH19 4NG

DM/24/0004 | Proposed demolition of existing commercial buildings (Use Class B8 and B2) and construction of replacement storage building (Use Class B8), new office building, conversion of former granary to offices (amendments to DM/19/2095), change of use of dwelling to trade counter, alterations to existing storage yard, construction of single storey replacement dwelling and detached garage, alterations to access, provision of additional vehicle parking and associated works and landscaping. LVIA Addendum received on 17.05.2024 | Saint Hill Farm Saint Hill Green East Grinstead West Sussex (midsussex.gov.uk)

DM/21/2276 Land East of Wineham Lane, Wineham, BN5 9AY

DM/21/2276 | Battery energy storage facility and associated infrastructure. (Amended plans, safety management plan, fire strategy and other supporting information received 17th June 2022) (Further landscape and heritage responses received 28/9 and Water Neutrality Assessment received 4/10) (Water Neutrality Mgt Plan and updated plans received 21/2/23) (Amended plans, updated fire strategy and covering letter received 22/6 showing secondary access) (Additional info on emergency access received 2/10 and 12/12) | Land East Of Wineham Lane Wineham West Sussex BN5 9AY (midsussex.gov.uk)

I haven't yet received confirmation of this order, but should it change I will notify you accordingly.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Planning and Building Control Support Officer

[REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk  
[www.midsussex.gov.uk](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 31 January 2024 03:38  
**To:** Dick Sweatman (Cllr)  
**Subject:** From journalist [REDACTED]

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Mr. Sweatman,

My name is [REDACTED] and I'm a reporter in New York. I write for my own Substack, but I also contribute to Rolling Stone and The Daily Beast.

I'm writing to you because I have obtained some emails that the Mid-Sussex District Council released as a result of a records request.

They show that on October 11, 2023, a former Scientologist named Alexander Barnes-Ross notified the Mid-Sussex council that he was submitting plans for a protest to be held outside Scientology's Saint Hill property on November 3-5.

A day later, on October 12, an email from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED], both of the council, referred to the protest plans, and [REDACTED] told [REDACTED], "I have received calls from Cllr Dick Sweatman, Ward Member for Herontye, asking how the Church of Scientology can apply for a road closure on an open day."

The next day, further emails between district council employees show that they had become aware that you were asking about Scientology obtaining a road closure as a direct response to the planned protest.

I'm hoping you'll help me understand why you took it upon yourself to make this effort on behalf of Scientology. Perhaps you could help me understand your relationship with the Scientology organization and its officers.

I understand also that Saint Hill, the Scientology property, is not in your ward, which also makes this a somewhat puzzling action on your part.

I hope you can help educate me about this situation so that I can understand your perspective on these matters.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**From:** Jacquie Russell <Jacquie.Russell@westsussex.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 08 June 2025 09:01  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** John Belsey (Cllr)  
**Subject:** FW: DM/25/1292 Lawful Development Certificate for Temporary Marquee Saint Hill Rd

Dear [REDACTED]

I wrote to you last week but have not received a reply to my queries therefore I will just submit my comments with respect to the above application noting the closing date of 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

The Church of Scientology have advised in their application that the building erected on the Church of Scientology land "takes several weeks. Including rehearsals, the actual use occurs for approximately one week. Dismantling and restoration of the land takes about a month

I note the application considers that the grounds to obtain a lawful development certificate centre around the 10 year rule. My understanding is that when using the 10 year rule as outlined in the application, the development must have been in place continuously for the specified period which it has not and that dismantling and rebuilding breaks the continuity. Thus, a structure such as a marquee that is taken down and rebuilt each year does not meet the requirement of continuous existence which I believe is required for determining if a development is lawful.

I have copied in the local ward member Cllr John Belsey for his information and would like to formally submit my comments for your consideration.

Kind regards  
Jacquie

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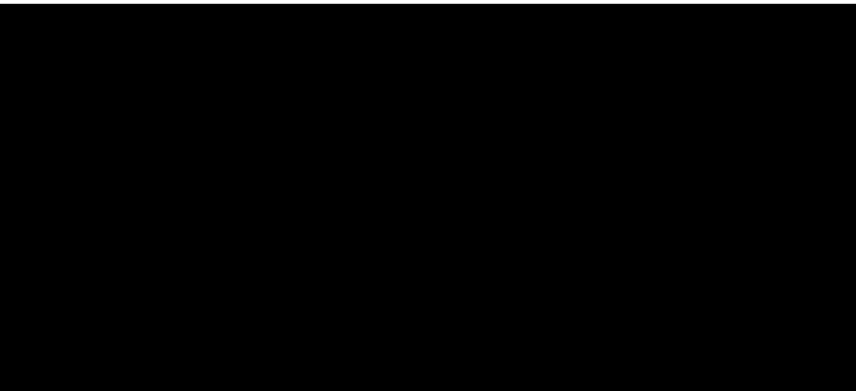
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 26 June 2025 16:09  
**To:** Dick Sweatman (Cllr)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Facebook and Saint Hill Road PSPO application  
**Attachments:** IMG\_2120.PNG

Dear Cllr Sweatman,

Thank you for clarifying.

Kind Regards,



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**From:** Dick Sweatman (Cllr) <Dick.Sweatman@midsussex.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 26 June 2025 15:53

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:**

Sorry it's on Facebook

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news, but equally, please just be  
polite.

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Alexander Barnes-Ross Author

[James Lawson](#) thank you,  
James. To clarify, I don't have  
anything against people who  
choose to be Scientologists. It is  
their abusive practices we are  
protesting against and I am glad  
the Council have found that our  
demonstrations are legal,  
peaceful and polite.

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## EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN COUNCIL

Council Offices, East Court, College Lane, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 3LT

Web site: [www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk](http://www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk) Tel: (01342) 323636

Dear [REDACTED],

21/11/2022

Thank you for your email dated 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 which has been treated as a Freedom of Information Request. FOI requests require a response within twenty working days our policy is to send the required information as soon as we are able to do so. For clarity "working day" means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a day which is a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 in any part of the United Kingdom. Additionally, The first day of the 20 working days commences the first working day *after* the request is received.

Your Request: ***"Please provide a list of gifts and hospitality given to councillors by any of the organisations listed below, in the past 5 years. For each item please provide a date, description and approximate value"***

### ***List of organisations:***

***Church of Scientology***

***Religious Technology Center (RTC)***

***Church of Spiritual Technology (CST)***

***Church of Scientology International (CSI) Inspector General Network (IGN) IGN International AB Dianetics Centers International (DCI) Dianetics Foundation***

***International (DFI) Hubbard Dianetics Foundation (HDF) WISE, Inc.***

***Author's Family Trust***

***Church of Scientology Religious Trust (CSRT) Scientology International Reserves Trust (SIRT) Trust for Scientologists United States Parishioners Trust Flag Ship Trust (FST) International Publications Trust Scientology Defense Trust SOR Services Ltd.***

***Nesta Investments Ltd.***

***FSO Oklahoma Investments Corporation***

***Theta Management Ltd. (TML)***

***Author Services Inc. (ASI)***

***Bridge Publications Inc. (BPI)***

***Golden Era Productions***

***New Era Publications ApS***

***Scientology Publications Ltd.***

***Association for Better Living and Education (ABLE) Applied Scholastics***

***Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR) Criminon International***

***Narconon International The Way to Happiness Foundation International World***

***Institute of Scientology Enterprises (WISE) Church of Scientology Celebrity***

***Centre International (CC Int.) International Hubbard Ecclesiastical League of***

***Pastors (IHELP) Scientology Missions International (SMI) The Sea Org Church***

***of Scientology Flag Service Organization Church of Scientology Flag Ship***

***Service Organization Church of Scientology Western United States Church of***

***Scientology Advanced Organization Saint Hill Europe & Africa Church of***

***Scientology Religious Education College, Inc.***

***Church of Scientology, Inc.***

***International Association of Scientologists (IAS) Hubbard Association of Scientologists International (HASI) International Association of Scientologists Administrations, N.V. (IASA) Membership Services Administrations (UK) Ltd. (MSA) Cohn International Association (CIA) The Scientology Media Productions Scientology TV Network***

In response to your enquiry: Town councillors are required to declare individual hospitality up to £40 in a hospitality book. Over £40 or accumulated value thereof then should be included as a declaration and no specifics are necessary.

Some councillors do both but it is not required once the £40 has been reached.

Gifts and hospitality received from the Church of Scientology:

R Whittaker - 07/10/2018 - Saint Hill Gala and Concert (£50)  
P Wyan - 07/10/2018 - Saint Hill Gala and Concert (£50)  
D Favor - 11/10/2019 - Saint Hill Humanitarian Awards (over £50)  
D Favor - 13/10/2019 - Saint Hill Concert (over £50)

Other councillors who have declared on their declaration form that they have received hospitality or gifts over £40 are:

C Mainstone  
J Mockford  
A Peacock  
D Sweatman

I trust this resolves your enquiry, however If you disagree with this response, you have the right for this to be looked at again by another officer. In such instances you please write to the Town Clerk, East Court, East Grinstead, RH193LT. If following this, you still remain dissatisfied you will have the right to make representation to the Information Commissioner.

Please note, any further requests will be treated as a new freedom of information request and responded to within twenty working days of receipt as outlined above.

[REDACTED]  
Safety, Compliance and Cemetery Manager  
East Grinstead Town Council



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Web site: [www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk](http://www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk) Tel: (01342) 323636

Dear [REDACTED]

15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Thank you for your email dated 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 which has been treated as a Freedom of Information Request. FOI requests require a response within twenty working days our policy is to send the required information as soon as we are able to do so. For clarity "working day" means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a day which is a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 in any part of the United Kingdom. Additionally, The first day of the 20 working days commences the first working day *after* the request is received.

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***Church of Scientology International (CSI)***  
***Inspector General Network (IGN)***  
***IGN International AB***  
***Dianetics Centers International (DCI)***  
***Dianetics Foundation International (DFI)***  
***Hubbard Dianetics Foundation (HDF)***  
***WISE, Inc.***  
***Author's Family Trust***  
***Church of Scientology Religious Trust (CSRT)***  
***Scientology International Reserves Trust (SIRT)***  
***Trust for Scientologists***  
***United States Parishioners Trust***  
***Flag Ship Trust (FST)***  
***International Publications Trust***  
***Scientology Defense Trust***  
***SOR Services Ltd.***  
***Nesta Investments Ltd.***  
***FSO Oklahoma Investments Corporation***  
***Theta Management Ltd. (TML)***  
***Author Services Inc. (ASI)***  
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***Applied Scholastics***  
***Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR)***

**Criminon International**

**Narconon International**

**The Way to Happiness Foundation International**

**World Institute of Scientology Enterprises (WISE)**

**Church of Scientology Celebrity Centre International (CC Int.)**

**International Hubbard Ecclesiastical League of Pastors (IHELP)**

**Scientology Missions International (SMI)**

**The Sea Org**

**Church of Scientology Flag Service Organization**

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**Church of Scientology Advanced Organization Saint Hill Europe & Africa**

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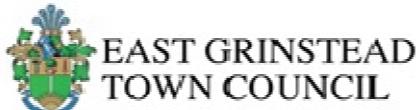
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21.04.2109	Mayor - St Hill Easter Egg Hunt	
18.06.2019	Mayor - visit to Saint Hill	
04.08.2019	Mayor - St Hill Summertime Swing Concert	
11.10.2019	St Hall Humanitarian Awards	over £50
13.10.2019	St Hill Gala Concert	over £50
11.10.2019	Mayor - St Hill International Humanitarian Awards	
13.10.2019	Mayor - St Hill Gala Concert	
04.12.2019	Mayor - St Hill Christmas Party	
28.09.2021	Mayor - St Hill coffee & walk around grounds	
06.07.2022	Mayor - visit to Saint Hill	
06.08.2022	Mayor - St Hill Summertime Swing Concert	
20.11.2022	Mayor - St Hill Christmas light switch on	
06.12.2022	Mayor - St Hill Christmas Party	
22.01.2023	Mayor- Charity concert at St Hill	
26.02.2023	Mayor - Vintage Film Afternoon at St Hill	
09.04.2023	Mayor- St Hill Easter Egg Hunt	
22.06.2023	Mayor - Red carpet event	under £25
20.08.2023	Mayor - Saint Hill visit	
03.11.2023 & 05.11.2023	St Hill Gala Weekend	over £40
03.11.2023 & 05.11.2023	St Hill Gala Weekend	over £40
05.11.2023	St Hill Gala Weekend	under £40
24.11.2023	COS Meal	over £40

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Regards,

East Grinstead Town Council



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: TPCA Order Request 3rd November  
**Date:** 17 October 2023 08:57:15  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)  
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[image004.png](#)

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Hi all

I've been made aware for info of the event by [REDACTED] (EH) and had been told of the protest by [REDACTED] I had passed the info onto my counterpart at Sussex Police for dissemination to the right department to take whatever action they deemed necessary.

I will look out for the event notification and Event plan from the church and take any necessary action via the SAG that's appropriate.

Thanks all

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

(Working days Tues, Weds, Thurs)

Communities Directorate

Mid Sussex District Council, Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex. RH16 1SS

Mobile: [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 October 2023 15:00  
**To:** [REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk>

**Subject:** FW: TPCA Order Request 3rd November

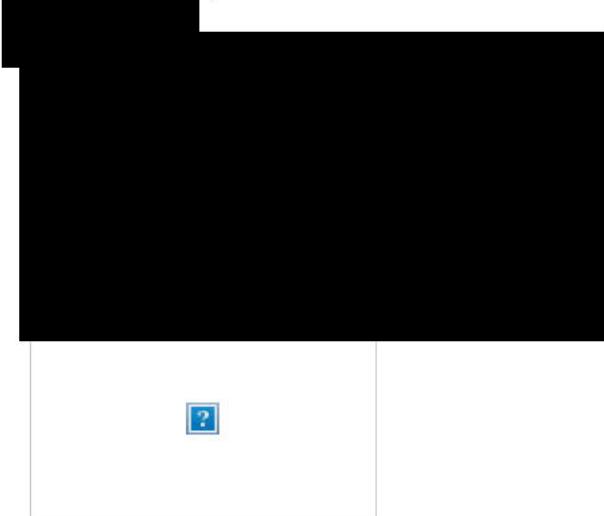
Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is sharing some intel about a protest and the international event at Saint Hill in November.

Please can you pass the info below to Sussex Police and copy [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in. In essence Cllr Dick Sweatman, Ward Member for Herontye has asked how The Church of Scientology can apply for a Road Closure for an Open Day. On the same day a protest group have asked for a road closure to allow a march.

Please do pass the info to your Police contacts.

Kind Regards,



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**From:** [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 13 October 2023 08:20

**To:** [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: TPCA Order Request 3rd November

Many thanks for your swift response, [REDACTED]

I think it is best [REDACTED] passes information to Sussex Police

Road Closure Application will be sent to Sussex Police so its best they have details on file before receiving. It also goes to WSCC Highways and West Sussex Events

I will process the Closure from Monday. As you know, Street Notices require a period of 14 days for objection so deadlines are tight

The event itself is on the Church's premises so I think the request for an 'access' closure is wise. This road would otherwise be full of parked cars

The protestors have also requested a closure, but maybe with a different agenda. The church is familiar with protests so should allow them access on to the closed road, though probably not on to their secured property

Key Contacts:

[REDACTED] Church of Scientology, [REDACTED]

Cllr Dick Sweatman: [REDACTED], [Dick.Sweatman@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Dick.Sweatman@midsussex.gov.uk)

Kind regards

Nigel

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 12 October 2023 17:14

**To:** [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: TPCA Order Request 3rd November

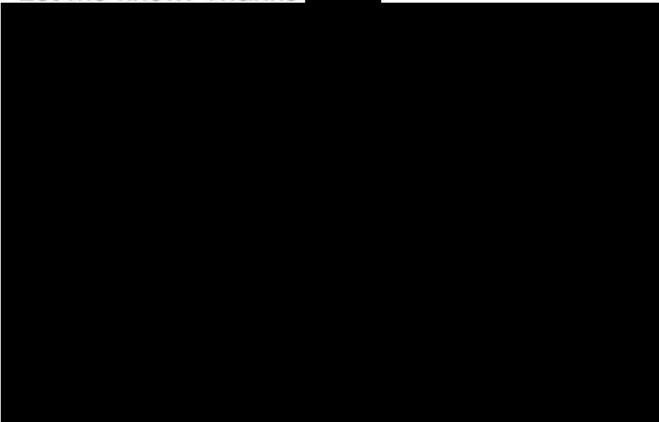
Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is not back at work until Tuesday.

Is this too late to respond?

Has your latest information been passed to Sussex Police? If not, [REDACTED] would be happy to do that.

Let me know. Thanks [REDACTED]



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**From:** [REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk>](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)

**Sent:** 12 October 2023 16:51

**To:** [REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk>](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)

**Cc:** [REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk>](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk); [REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk>](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)

**Subject:** RE: TPCA Order Request 3rd November

Hi [REDACTED]

The demonstration situation has escalated

I have received calls from Cllr Dick Sweatman, Ward Member for Herontye asking how The Church of Scientology can apply for a Road Closure for an Open Day. WSCC Events referred him back to me so I asked him to inform the Church to apply for a Temporary Closure (attached)

Knowing that the planned Demonstration (below) is against the Church I can now confirm the date and times are the same. I have not received a Closure Application from the Demonstrators, having asked them to contact County. I also spoke to you regarding possible Sussex Police involvement (attached)

I require help on this one as firstly there is not much time to process the Application and secondly there is possibility of Public Disturbance

Kind regards

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**From:** bookings

**Sent:** 11 October 2023 16:03

**To:** [REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk>](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)

**Subject:** FW: TPCA Order Request 3rd November

[REDACTED]  
FYI below

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**From:** Alexander Barnes-Ross <[abarnesross@gmail.com](mailto:abarnesross@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** 11 October 2023 15:47

**To:** bookings <[bookings@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:bookings@midsussex.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Re: TPCA Order Request 3rd November

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Thank you for your prompt response.

It is a peaceful march in opposition of the Church of Scientology. There are currently 26 people who have registered to attend, but this is likely to increase over the coming days as we are expecting some press coverage.

Many thanks and kind regards

**Alexander Barnes-Ross MCIM**

LinkedIn: <https://uk.linkedin.com/in/barnesross>

On 11 Oct 2023, at 15:41, bookings <[bookings@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:bookings@midsussex.gov.uk)> wrote:

Thanks Alexander

Please can you confirm the nature of the demonstration and approx. numbers involved

Kind regards

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**From:** Alexander Barnes-Ross <[abarnesross@gmail.com](mailto:abarnesross@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** 11 October 2023 14:19

**To:** bookings <[bookings@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:bookings@midsussex.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** TPCA Order Request 3rd November

You don't often get email from [abarnesross@gmail.com](mailto:abarnesross@gmail.com). [Learn why this is important](#)

I recently spoke to one of your colleagues over the phone, who advised to email asking for a TTRO regarding a demonstration march being organised on 3rd November 2023. I was then referred to yourselves and advised to request a TPCA.

We plan to meet at 2:00PM on Friday 3rd of November at the junction between Railway Approach, Beeching Way and London Road, and begin the march at 3:00PM.

The planned route is as follows:

South East along London Road to the roundabout junction with High Street and West Street; then turning west onto West Street, continuing west onto Turners Hill Road, turning left onto Saint Hill Road and continuing south to Saint Hill Manor where the march will conclude, and continue as a static demonstration.

The route should take approximately 45 minutes to one hour.

Please could you advise on whether a TPCA would be necessary to enable us to march on the road?

I wonder if it would be possible, to avoid disturbance by a full road closure, whether it would be possible to pause traffic temporarily, and have them slowly follow us. Or whether we could perhaps march on one side of the road, allowing traffic to pass with assistance from the police and/or traffic management volunteers?

Many thanks and kind regards

**Alexander Barnes-Ross MCIM**

**From:** "Julie Mockford (Cllr)" <Julie.Mockford@midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Date:** 6 March 2024 at 17:52:38 GMT  
**To:** [REDACTED] @eastgrinstead.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] @eastgrinstead.gov.uk>, "Margaret Belsey (Cllr)"<Margaret.Belsey@midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Press enquiry - Scientology

Hi Julie  
Received this today  
FYI  
Julie

Cllr. Julie Mockford  
Dep. Leader Independents  
Baldwins Ward  
julie.mockford@midsussex.gov.uk

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** [REDACTED]

Good afternoon,

The Daily Mail intends to publish a story this weekend about the relationship between Scientology and the local authorities surrounding its Saint Hill headquarters (namely East Grinstead Town Council, Mid Sussex District Council and West Sussex County Council) and I would like to give you the opportunity to provide a comment to be included if you would like to do so.

We intend to report that:

1. Councillors and the mayor have attended red carpet film premiers as the guest of prominent Scientologist Tom Cruise. We have been told that this is considered to be a 'perk of the job' for councillors. Pictures are attached for ease.
2. Councillor and former mayor Julie Mockford attended a Mission Impossible film set in 2018 with Cruise, who she described as her 'pal'. Mayor Frazer Visser was photographed with Mr Cruise at the London Mission Impossible premiere in July. Pictures attached.
3. [REDACTED]
4. The mayor, deputy mayor and five former mayors of East Grinstead attended the International Association of Scientologists gala at Saint Hill last year, which was held between November 3 and 5. A government minister (the local MP Mims Davies) and representatives of Mid Sussex District Council and West Sussex County Council also attended.
5. [REDACTED]
6. [REDACTED]
7. [REDACTED]

8. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

10. Councillors have appeared in Scientology PR videos. In one, Mr Whittaker can be seen standing next to David Miscavige at an event at Saint Hill. Dick Sweatman, Mrs Mockford, [REDACTED] and Margaret Belsey also feature in the video: <https://www.scientology.tv/series/inside-scientology/saint-hill.html> (from 51 minutes).

11. Emails obtained under the Freedom of Information Act show that councillor Mr Sweatman, who has attended events at Saint Hill, enquired about getting a road closed on behalf of the church after finding out that protestors were planning to hold a rally outside Scientology's headquarters. Document attached.

12. Photographs show Mr Sweatman opening Scientology's much-discredited drug rehabilitation centre, Narconon, in 2015. Attached.

13. Mr Sweatman, former vice chair of the local planning committee and chair of the district planning committee, has been involved in planning decisions relating to Saint Hill where permission was granted for major work.

14. Scientology's controversial leader, David Miscavige, was given a guided tour of East Grinstead council's headquarters by Mr Sweatman. Mr Miscavige even offered to pay for a set of sash windows that needed replacing. The town clerk ultimately told him this would not be possible.

15. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

16. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Could you please provide a statement that addresses the above information and answer the following questions. Mr Sweatman should answer the questions relating to him please:

17. What is your response to the claim that it is inappropriate for councillors to attend Scientology events? Or to attend events as guests of Mr Cruise and/or Scientology?
18. What is your response to the claim that it is considered to be a 'perk of the job' for councillors to attend such events and that they are 'tapped up' with such invites shortly after they are elected?
19. What is your response to the claim that Scientology has become increasingly involved with/prominent at public events and the church's organisation and volunteers means that it and council have become 'practically partners now'?
20. What is your response to the claim that council insiders believe some councillors may be secretly supportive of Scientology?
21. Why was Mr Miscavige given a guided tour of East Grinstead council's headquarters? Is it normal for him to offer to pay for upgrades to the council's offices?
22. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
23. Why have councillors featured in Scientology PR videos?
24. Why did Mr Sweatman enquire about getting a section of road closed outside Saint Hill after a group of protesters had asked for the same section of road to be closed so they could hold a demo? Saint Hill is not in Mr Sweatman's ward so please explain why, as the emails show, he would have been making 'calls' on behalf of the church.
25. Why has a section of a recorded town council meeting been edited to remove questions around the council's relationship with the church, considering other council meetings remain online in full?

Could you please provide a statement to be included in our report by 6pm on Friday, March 8. You can reach me via email or on [REDACTED] at any time if needed.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] @hodkin.org>  
**Sent:** 29 May 2025 21:59  
**To:** [REDACTED] pspo  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: PSPO Saint Hill Road , East Grinstead. MSDC Voluntary Code of Conduct

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter.

On the face of it the suggested voluntary code of conduct by the protestors would be an acceptable alternative to the PSPO, provided of course that it was always adhered to.

Unfortunately, I very much doubt that the protestors will agree. You will recall that we tried to do this ahead of the IAS Event last October (and indeed in previous years), when, through your good offices, our client proposed a very similar code of conduct for the protestors. The Church's [REDACTED] said in the email to you on 23 October 2024, copied to the protest leader:

"If he and his colleagues seriously want to cause no disruption to the event and to not harass anyone they should:

1. Remain in the space designated by the police for their vigil.
2. Not harass, or do anything to cause alarm or distress to, visitors to the event, including by:
  - a. Videoing, live-streaming or photographing any of them;
  - b. Calling out to or otherwise interfering with them
  - c. Chanting abusive language in their presence, such as that "Scientology has to go"
  - d. Getting in their way
  - e. Engaging in hate speech"

They flatly refused to agree to any of these points.

Your code of conduct for the protestors covers the same points, and is acceptable if the protestors stay in the designated space next to the Rockwood Park wall. If they did that, your code does address all of the concerns. Most importantly it ensures that the protestors are well away from the entrance to the Church, and that people can therefore enter unharassed. It also means that the Rugby Club car park can be used again as an overflow carpark for cars, as local residents can park there and walk into the Church unimpeded.

The different points that you suggest for the Church largely describe matters that we have already have in place and agreed. It is not appropriate to include matters subject to licencing – which have their own controls and obligations – in this list, but I see no objection in principle to the other points. I would suggest the following list:

1. The Church (its staff, volunteers, agents and/or contractors) shall follow and comply with any instructions given by the police.
2. The Church shall ensure that persons providing stewarding or security services in and around its property are identifiable to members of the public by wearing high-vis jackets, armbands or similar.
3. The Church shall provide adequate lighting at the entrance to its premises on Saint Hill Road to ensure the safety of pedestrians and vehicles entering or exiting its premises from the public highway. The adequacy of lighting and any additional measures to make the entrance stand out (such as banners, balloons and so forth) should be agreed with the police and MSDC in advance of an event (and/or the same lighting may be provided if previously agreed).
4. The Church (its staff, volunteers, agents and/or contractors) shall not attempt to enter or interfere with a space designated by the police for use by protestors whilst protestors are present within that space.

5. The Church (its staff, volunteers, agents and/or contractors) shall not obstruct (or attempt to obstruct) protesters from entering or exiting the area designated for their use.

6. The Church (including but not limited to its staff, volunteers, agents and/or contractors) shall not film or photograph protesters who remain within the space designated by the police for their use.

As I have said, however, it seems unlikely you will get agreement from the protestors as they have refused the same in prior years, and that the PSPO will therefore be necessary to eliminate the detrimental effect of the protestors' activities on local people.

Kind regards

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 May 2025 17:20  
**To:** pspo <pspo@midsussex.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@hodkin.org  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]r@midsussex.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** PSPO Saint Hill Road , East Grinstead. MSDC Voluntary Code of Conduct

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached a letter this Council would like you to consider.

Please respond by 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Kind Regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED] @hodkin.org>  
**Sent:** 07 October 2024 16:49  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

I can inform you that the event will be held from 25-27 October 2024. You will appreciate that the safety of visitors to the event is a considerable priority for the Church, particularly on the highway if a hostile crowd are allowed to congregate next to the entrance on the 60 mph road. My client had hoped that it would be possible for a PSPO to be in place this year to ensure that safety, but given what you now say regarding wanting to collect more evidence, another plan is having to be put in place. That plan will involve considerable additional expense and inconvenience but is intended to keep visitors safe this year. I hope that the PSPO can be in place soon.

The Council can continue to liaise with [REDACTED], the Church's [REDACTED], as they have been doing. And, of course, myself as required.

Kind regards

**From:** [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 04 October 2024 09:32  
**To:** Office <[Office@hodkin.org](mailto:Office@hodkin.org)>  
**Cc:** legalinfo <[legalinfo@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:legalinfo@midsussex.gov.uk)>; Lucy Corrie <[Lucy.Corrie@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Lucy.Corrie@midsussex.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead.

Dear [REDACTED]

As you know, the Scrutiny Committee met on Wednesday evening to review and agree the process required to consider a PSPO. The Committee accepted the recommendations set out in the report (linked below). Council Officers would therefore like to attend the upcoming event at the Church for observation and evidence gathering, in partnership with Sussex Police. We will provide more detail about what the observation and evidence gathering will involve next week. In the meantime, please let us know when the event is taking place and provide contact details for the person with whom the Council should liaise about access to the site. We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2024 5:11 PM  
**To:** [office@hodkin.org](mailto:office@hodkin.org)

**Cc:** legalinfo <[legalinfo@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:legalinfo@midsussex.gov.uk)>; Lucy Corrie <[Lucy.Corrie@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Lucy.Corrie@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead.

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

I note that another week has gone by and we have still not heard from you with (a) the date of the IAS event or (b) contact details for someone with whom we can liaise about the practicalities of attending the event to observe and gather evidence. Please provide the date and contact details by return. I am on leave tomorrow afternoon and on Friday so please copy my colleagues in to your response.

The Scrutiny Committee for People and Communities will be considering the PSPO at its meeting next Wednesday evening. The papers have been published on the Council's website and are available there - [Agenda for Scrutiny Committee People and Communities on Wednesday, 2nd October, 2024, 7.00 pm - Mid Sussex District Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](https://www.moderngov.co.uk/agenda/scrutiny-committee-people-and-communities-wednesday-2nd-october-2024-7-00-pm-mid-sussex-district-council-moderngov-co-uk)

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2024 9:35 AM  
**To:** [office@hodkin.org](mailto:office@hodkin.org)  
**Cc:** legalinfo <[legalinfo@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:legalinfo@midsussex.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead.

Dear [REDACTED]

Further to [REDACTED] email of 30 July, my email of 12 September and our conversation on 13 September, we look forward to hearing from you with regard to the below. You will no doubt be aware that the Church's premises licence states:

You are required to notify the relevant health and safety enforcing authority of all upcoming events to be held within the grounds of Saint Hill Manor, 6 weeks prior to the actual event occurring detailing the nature of the event and any activities carried out on site

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2024 11:02 AM  
**To:** [office@hodkin.org](mailto:office@hodkin.org)  
**Cc:** legalinfo <[legalinfo@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:legalinfo@midsussex.gov.uk)>; Lucy Corrie <[Lucy.Corrie@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Lucy.Corrie@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead.

Dear [REDACTED]

We look forward to hearing from you with the date and detail of the International Association of Scientologists event. We will then share our plans with you and your client. As the police and Council Officers will be in attendance, it would be helpful to have contact details for someone at the Church with whom the Communities team can liaise about the practicalities. We look forward to hearing from you in that regard too.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Mid Sussex District Council  
Legal Services  
Tel: [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 30, 2024 2:57 PM  
**To:** office@hodkin.org  
**Cc:** legalinfo <legalinfo@midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** FAO [REDACTED] - Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead.

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

**Your Ref PDH/COS**  
**Public Spaces Protection Order Saint Hill Road East Grinstead.**

Thank you for your letter and documents dated 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 concerning the above order. I apologise for the delay in acknowledging your letter as I have been on leave.

May I ask when exactly the International Association of Scientologists event is in October? This will help me manage the timeline in considering the order.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

[\[REDACTED\]@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk)  
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**From:** [REDACTED] @hodkin.org>  
**Sent:** 30 April 2025 10:49  
**To:** [REDACTED] churchofscientology.net; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead - Meeting at 2 pm on Monday

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you to you and your colleagues for meeting with us on Monday.

We have tried very hard to find a solution other than the PSPO. However, given the refusal of this handful of anti-Scientologists to do anything other than stand right on the entrance to the place of worship, and harass, call out to, film, live stream and attempt to humiliate those who wish to enter, we have concluded that it is the only thing that will work. People have a right to practice their religion and to a private and family life – and this means that they must be able to go into their places of worship with their families without having to endure this intimidation and fear.

I hope that it will be possible to have this in place before the event in October.

[REDACTED] asked us to enquire about the provision of the crowd barriers. I can confirm that these were lent by Mid Sussex, rather than West Sussex. I have checked my record and see that this was offered by [REDACTED], when he was the Outdoor Leisure Officer, and this offer was gratefully taken up in 2023. This meant that the anti-Scientologists had a safe place to mount their demonstration next to the road and within sight of the Church entrance. It was the area agreed with the police in both 2023 and 2024, but the anti-Scientologists refused the police requests for them to use that area.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Kind regards

**From:** [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 28 April 2025 11:29  
**To:** [REDACTED] @hodkin.org>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] @churchofscientology.net; [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead - Meeting at 2 pm on Monday

Thanks for letting us know, [REDACTED]

If you can let us know who the residents are, in advance of the 2 pm meeting, that would be helpful.

We look forward to seeing you this afternoon.

Best wishes

From: [REDACTED]  [@hodkin.org](mailto:@hodkin.org)>  
Sent: 26 April 2025 15:46  
To: [REDACTED]  [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
Cc: [REDACTED]  [@churchofcientology.net](mailto:@churchofcientology.net); [REDACTED]  [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED]  [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED]  [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
Subject: RE: Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead - Meeting at 2 pm on Monday

Dear [REDACTED]

I write to confirm that we should be 6 people on Monday. In addition to myself and [REDACTED] there will be [REDACTED] from the Church. I also suggested to the Church that they bring along a few local residents who have been affected by this – limited to 3.

I look forward to seeing you next week.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
Sent: 22 April 2025 13:41  
To: [REDACTED]  [@hodkin.org](mailto:@hodkin.org)>  
Cc: [REDACTED]  [@churchofcientology.net](mailto:@churchofcientology.net); [REDACTED]  [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED]  [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED]  [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
Subject: Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead - Meeting at 2 pm on Monday

Thanks [REDACTED]

I'm on leave on Friday so please copy my colleagues in.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  [@hodkin.org](mailto:@hodkin.org)>  
Sent: 21 April 2025 08:45  
To: [REDACTED]  [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
Cc: [REDACTED]  [@churchofcientology.net](mailto:@churchofcientology.net); [REDACTED]  [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED]  [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
Subject: RE: Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead - Invitation to meet on Thursday - Responses requested by noon on Tuesday please

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you. I am still awaiting confirmation on who will attend on 28<sup>th</sup> April. I will try to let you know by the end of the week.

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]  [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
Sent: 09 April 2025 17:32  
To: [REDACTED]  [@hodkin.org](mailto:@hodkin.org)>

[REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net; [REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk>[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk>

**Subject: Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead - Invitation to meet on Thursday - Responses requested by noon on Tuesday please**

Thanks [REDACTED]

2 pm on Monday 28 April will work for us. Please let us know who will be attending and please report to main reception.

Thank you for the confirmation on disclosure too.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]@hodkin.org>

**Sent:** 08 April 2025 12:18

**To:** [REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net; [REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk>

**Subject: RE: Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead - Invitation to meet on Thursday - Responses requested by noon on Tuesday please**

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

The best dates for us within that window are 28 to 30 April. I hope that one of those days works for you. I am assuming a 2pm start, but I imagine we can accommodate another time if required. Please let me know.

I have no objection to your sharing my letter of 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024, with its enclosures – provided the same is suitably redacted of course.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 04 April 2025 15:03

**To:** [REDACTED]@hodkin.org>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net; [REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk>

**Subject: Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead - Invitation to meet on Thursday - Responses requested by noon on Tuesday please**

**Importance:** High

Thanks for calling [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

I understand that you and your client can't attend the Council's offices next week or the week after and you will let us have availability for a meeting in the week of 21 April or 28 April.

I should be grateful if you would respond, by noon on Tuesday, with confirmation that you have no objections to us sharing your letter of 15 July 2024 (with enclosures and redactions) with the protesters and more generally.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

Mid Sussex District Council

## Legal Services

Tel:



**From:** [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>

Sent: 04 April 2025 13:58

To: [REDACTED] <[@churchofscientology.net](mailto:@churchofscientology.net)>

Cc: [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk); [@hodkin.org](mailto:@hodkin.org)

**Subject: FW: Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead - Invitation to meet on**

Thursday - Responses requested by noon on Tuesday please

**Importance:** High

Dear [REDACTED],

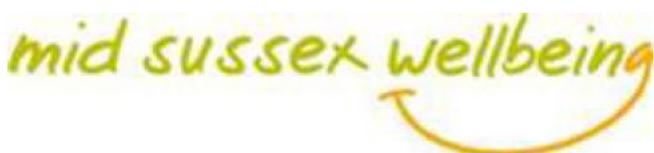
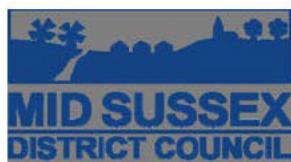
Please see the attached letter. We look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Best wishes

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**From:** [REDACTED] @hodkin.org>  
**Sent:** 21 May 2025 16:04  
**To:** [REDACTED] @churchofscientology.net; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead - next steps  
**Attachments:** Church 28.04.25 Notes red line.docx; Church 28.04.25 Notes clean.pdf

Dear [REDACTED]

I have gone through the minutes and amended with track changes where there are a few errors. I also produce a clean copy. They mainly correct the person or place referred to, and in one or two place make it a little clearer.

Kind regards

**From:** [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 16 May 2025 14:43  
**To:** [REDACTED] @hodkin.org>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] @churchofscientology.net; [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk> [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead - next steps

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your call in which you said that the people circled in blue on the attached photograph are members of the Church who were taking pictures of the event (not the protests) for circulation within the Church community. You indicated that you will provide some comments on the draft minutes on or before Wednesday and do not intend to send anything else unless there's anything we require. I will let you know if there is.

Best wishes

Mid Sussex District Council  
Legal Services  
Tel: [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 16 May 2025 13:09

To: [REDACTED] [@hodkin.org](mailto:@hodkin.org)

Cc: [REDACTED] [@churchofscientology.net](mailto:@churchofscientology.net)

[REDACTED] [@churchofscientology.net](mailto:@churchofscientology.net)

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[REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)

**Subject:** RE: Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead - Meeting at 2 pm on Monday

Hi [REDACTED]

We look forward to hearing from you with any further evidence by 5 pm on Wednesday.

In the meantime, please can you help us identify the people circled in blue on the attached photograph? Do you and your client know who they are and what they're doing?

With regard to the barriers, we acknowledge they were provided by Mid Sussex via the then Outdoor Leisure Officer.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)

**Sent:** 07 May 2025 16:15

**To:** [REDACTED] [@hodkin.org](mailto:@hodkin.org)

**Cc:** [REDACTED] [@churchofscientology.net](mailto:@churchofscientology.net)

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**Subject:** RE: Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead - Meeting at 2 pm on Monday

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for attending the meeting on 28 April 2025 at Mid Sussex District Council.

As promised in our letter of 3 April, please find attached the minutes from our meeting. I have also attached an electronic copy of the documents you provided to us at the meeting.

If you would like to submit any further evidence to the Council, please do this by 17.00 on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2025 to [pspo@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:pspo@midsussex.gov.uk)

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>  
**Sent:** 15 October 2024 13:52  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead. - Site Visit Request 10/10/24

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much and my apologies for the delay in replying. Yes we'll be happy to have you and any other team members come. Tomorrow would be fine. If you can let me know what time works best for you I can organise myself to match that as well.

Kindest regards,

[REDACTED]  
Church of Scientology Religious Education College Inc  
Saint Hill Manor  
East Grinstead, W Sussex, RH19 4JY

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To <[:@churchofscientology.net](mailto:@churchofscientology.net)>  
C <[:@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED]

Date 10/10/2024 16:15:53

Subject Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead. - Site Visit Request  
10/10/24

Dear [REDACTED]

As you know, the Scrutiny Committee met last Wednesday to agree the process required to consider a PSPO. The Committee accepted the recommendations set out in the report (linked below).

[Agenda for Scrutiny Committee People and Communities on Wednesday, 2nd October, 2024, 7.00 pm - Mid Sussex District Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

As part of the evidence gathering process, Council Officers, namely myself and our Community Safety Team Leader would therefore like organise a site visit next week to consider the safest and most efficient way to conduct observation and evidence gathering.

We would require access to the entrance on Saint Hill Road and the onsite carpark should that be permissible please. We do not require any further site access.

I would be very grateful if you could assist the district council with a site visit and ask whether we should liaise with you, or someone else, about the practicalities of attendance, parking and so on. We look forward to hearing from you

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Head Of Service  
Community Services**

[REDACTED]

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[\[REDACTED\]@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk)

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 10:35 AM

To: [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net' [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>

Cc: [REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk>

Subject: Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead.

Dear [REDACTED],

I write in [REDACTED]'s absence on leave. You will see, from the emails below, that the Church's solicitor has not responded to emails from the Council's solicitor. I should be very grateful if you would let us know the dates of the IAS event and whether we should liaise with you, or someone else, about the practicalities of attendance, parking and so on. We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Community Services**

**From:** [REDACTED] @hodkin.org>  
**Sent:** 21 October 2024 20:01  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Re[2]: Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead. - Site Visit Request 10/10/24

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Dear [REDACTED]

Further to your visit last week, as promised I am sending you the 2 minute video from last year – edited from the protestors own videos that they live streamed and posted online. You will get this by We Transfer. Please confirm it arrives safely.

You also mentioned that you would have fliers to give to people to let them know how to report any incidents. I would be grateful if you could email me one of those fliers, as some people have already asked for them.

Kind regards

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: [REDACTED] [@churchofscientology.net](mailto:@churchofscientology.net)>  
To: " [REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
Cc: [REDACTED] [\[REDACTED\] @midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED]  
[midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:midsussex.gov.uk)>

Date 15/10/2024 15:37:01

Subject Re[2]: Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead. - Site Visit Request 10/10/24

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you and 10 am will be perfect. I'll meet you at the front gate, can you let me know what make of vehicle(s) you will have so I can alert security and they know to expect you.

Kind regards,

Church of Scientology Religious Education College Inc  
Saint Hill Manor  
East Grinstead, W Sussex, RH19 4JY

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[REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)>

Date 15/10/2024 14:53:48

Subject RE: Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead. - Site Visit Request  
10/10/24

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the reply and offering to meet me tomorrow.

Would 10am on site be acceptable? I can be with you earlier or late morning depending on your schedule.

If it's easier to discuss arrangements on the phone my contact details are below or I can call you if you have a work contact number?

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Community Services

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[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] @hodkin.org>  
**Sent:** 22 October 2024 15:08  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Re[2]: Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead. - Site Visit Request 10/10/24

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for letting me know.

Are you able to email across to me one of the leaflets that [REDACTED] mentioned?

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

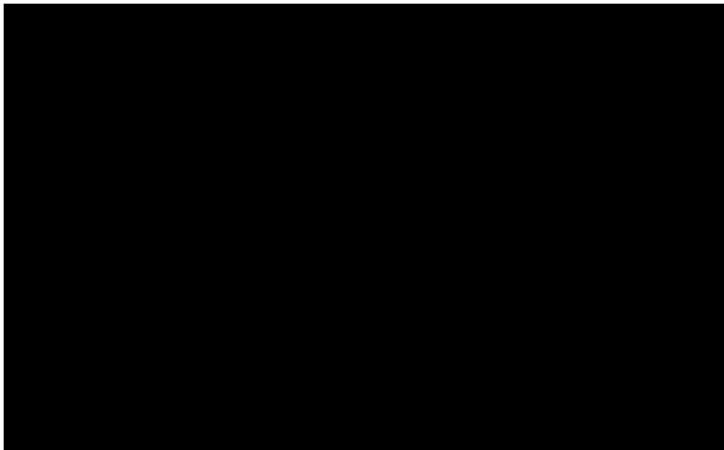
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 October 2024 15:05  
**To:** [REDACTED] @hodkin.org>; [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Re[2]: Public Spaces Protection Order - Saint Hill Road East Grinstead. - Site Visit Request 10/10/24

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email. We have received the video.

Kind Regards,



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**From:** Alexander Barnes-Ross <abarnesross@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** 24 June 2025 11:58  
**To:** Andy Watt  
**Cc:** John Belsey (Cllr); Jacque Russell  
**Subject:** Re: Saint Hill Marquee DM/25/1292

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Dear Andy,

Thank you for getting back to me. I am glad that you have taken legal advice on the matter and that you will be accepting my comments.

As an activist campaigning for free speech and against Scientology's attempted censorship of its critics, unfortunately I cannot accept your proposal to censor my comments and kindly request they are included in their entirety.

I would be more than happy to provide evidence of any claims I have made, if that would be necessary. But I feel it is important to note that every point I have made is relevant to Scientology's application for a Legal Development Certificate. For example, their well-documented history of acting in bad faith and failure to secure planning permission for the castle they built in the 1960s. This provides important context as to why Scientology have applied for an LDC, rather than going through the normal planning application process. Their attitude towards local legislators and the arrogance with which they have dealt with local authorities such as WSCC Highways and the Mid Sussex District Council Communities team in respect of their PSPO application is important to consider as part of their proposal.

By granting an LDC, Mid Sussex District Council would be giving Scientology the green light to continue flaunting planning regulations and abusing former members who choose to protest outside the event held in the structure.

With regard to Scientology not having charity status, this is in direct response to their application, which references the charity concert they hold in the marquee as a justification for its construction. The tax issues are also important to consider - due to the fact the marquee is used to hold Scientology's largest fundraising event globally, taking in millions of dollars for the church - none of which is declared to HMRC, or enters the local economy. By granting an LDC, Mid Sussex District Council would be inadvertently permitting this practice to continue, as it takes place in the structure that is the subject of the application.

During my time in Scientology, my free speech was taken away from me and I was punished if I didn't tow the line unquestionably. In leaving, I also left censorship behind - and I hope you understand that for us, a community of trauma and abuse survivors, any attempt to silence us will be extremely triggering. If you have received any other comments from fellow ex-Scientologists, may I ask that you take extra care in your response - taking this into consideration?

If you require further evidence to verify my claims, there are ample articles, books and documentaries that have been published over the years about Scientology's operations in East Grinstead - and would be happy to provide links if required.

I hope you enjoy your time off and look forward to hearing back from you in due course.

Many thanks

**Alexander Barnes-Ross**

On 20 Jun 2025, at 11:12, Andy Watt <[andy.watt@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:andy.watt@midsussex.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear Mr Barnes-Ross

Thank you for your emails and please accept my apologies for not responding sooner. I have taken legal advice on this matter and can confirm that we WILL be able to accept comments in this instance without an address being shown on our website.

As is usual, we will redact personal information such as your name and email address from our website, both of which you have submitted. However, I would be grateful if you could re-submit your comments to focus solely on the facts of the case before us, rather than any irrelevant or unrelated information, such as enforcement matters, church practices and tax issues. I have suggested that the highlighted areas in your original email be removed. Clearly if you wish to provide any additional factual information about the usage, nature and timeline of the events held annually, that can be added to the evidence supplied. You can submit comments directly to my email address.

Please note that I am on leave next week and may need to seek further legal advice, so bear with us if your comments are not displayed on our website straight away. Please be assured that relevant comments will be considered in the assessment of the application. I should also point out that the determination of this application will be made on the evidence before us, not on normal planning grounds.

I hope this is of assistance and look forward to hearing back from you shortly.

Kind regards

**Andy Watt, BSc (Hons), MTPL, MRTPI**

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**From:** Alexander Barnes-Ross <[abarnesross@gmail.com](mailto:abarnesross@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** 17 June 2025 13:30

**To:** Andy Watt <[andy.watt@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:andy.watt@midsussex.gov.uk)>

**Cc:** John Belsey (Cllr) <[john.belsey@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:john.belsey@midsussex.gov.uk)>; Jacque Russell <[jacque.russell@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:jacque.russell@westsussex.gov.uk)>; planninginfo <[planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Re: Saint Hill Marquee DM/25/1292

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Dear Andy,

With the deadline looming for public comments on application DM/25/1292, I was wondering if you might be able to afford a response to my emails please?

At present, the MSDC Planning Portal only allows comments to be provided in a manner in which address information becomes public, and I (and several others) would like to submit comments but are quite frankly afraid of the repercussions of doing so, in reference to Scientology's well documented history of harassment.

Would it be possible to provide an avenue for comments to be submitted, but for personal identifiable information to be redacted from the public record, please?

Many thanks and kind regards,

**Alexander Barnes-Ross**

On 8 Jun 2025, at 13:53, Alexander Barnes-Ross  
<[abarnesross@gmail.com](mailto:abarnesross@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Andy,

In reference to Scientology's application for a Lawful Development Certificate (DM/25/1292), I wanted to make sure my comments are considered ahead of the 18th June deadline, however the online form on the Mid Sussex District Council planning portal does not allow comments without providing an address.

Scientology have a well-documented history of harassing and attacking anybody who is critical of its abusive practices (known as 'Fair Game'), and I myself have recently been the target of a sustained campaign of harassment as a result of speaking out about my personal experiences within the Church. I do not take issue with Scientology's beliefs, rather their abusive behaviours and I am concerned that by providing my full home address I would be putting myself in danger of further attacks from the Church.

*The Observer* newspaper recently covered this harassment in a feature, which details the now 10,000 attack posts on social media and physical intimidation I have

received: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/mar/23/uk-scientology-critics-targets-harassment-online-abuse>

As a vocal ex-Scientologist, I have also been contacted by a number of local residents who wish to comment on this application but are afraid of the repercussions.

Would it be possible for my below comments to be considered?

Many thanks and kind regards,

**Alexander Barnes-Ross**

On 3 Jun 2025, at 13:45, Alexander Barnes-Ross  
<[abarnesross@gmail.com](mailto:abarnesross@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Planning Team,

I have recently been made aware of the Church of Scientology's application for a Lawful Development Certificate (DM/25/1292) for their 45,000 square foot marquee used to host the annual gathering of the International Association of Scientologists (IAS) every October. As a former member of the Church who was abused as a teenager and forcibly held against my will and as a victim of a currently ongoing prolific campaign of targeted harassment orchestrated by the Church's headquarters at Saint Hill, I wanted to express my concerns about this development.

In their application, the Church claim that the land has been used for 10 years and as such, they do not require planning permission. However, I think it is incredibly important to note the marquee is only in place intermittently. It has not been consistently there for 10 years and so it does not meet the criteria required for a Lawful Development Certificate. The marquee is constructed during the summer and is usually removed some time in November and for the majority of the time over the last ten years the land is used as a field, not as an event venue.

Scientology have a well-documented history of acting in bad faith and having complete disregard for local planning laws. In the 1960s, using child slave labour provided by their 'Sea Organisation' (members who are paid a weekly stipend of £50 in return for 16-18 hour works days, 7 days a week with no time off) the Church constructed what it describes as 'the Castle' without planning permission. After Mid Sussex District Council raised enforcement action, Scientology's expensive lawyers found a legal loophole which allowed the building to remain.

The Church have also installed concealed fencing, a hedgerow and wooden sleepers along Saint Hill Road on public land in order to restrict the rights of peaceful protestors who have gathered at the premises calling for an end to the Church's abusive practices. Sussex Highways consider these to be illegal obstructions of the public

right of way that present a danger to road users and have ordered Scientology remove them.

Similarly, during the weekend of events, Scientology have placed temporary planters, metal barriers and other obstructions along the footpath to the west of Saint Hill Road, which the Council have duly ordered they remove every year.

The marquee itself is situated in the curtilage of a listed building (Saint Hill Manor) and is larger than the footprint of the Saint Hill Castle. It's by far the largest structure in the local area, it towers above the Castle and is visible from nearby roads, creating a visual intrusion on an otherwise rural area.

The land is also located within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), and its use has a significant impact on the local area, including causing disruption and miles of traffic due to the increased vehicular activity associated with the use of the marquee.

Access to and from the structure is not carefully planned or executed, with the increase in road traffic and obstructions such as metal barriers and road signs placed along the Saint Hill Road causing a safety hazard to dog walkers and passers by.

The structure is located in the vicinity of the Grade-II listed Saint Hill Manor and the land is directly adjacent to a wooded area that is protected by a Tree Preservation Order. (TP/15/0007). There is also a Cedar of Lebanon on the property which is listed as a 'Notable tree' on the Ancient Tree Inventory (Tree ID 189409), and there is no evidence to suggest these have been considered in their repeated construction of the marquee every year.

The marquee is constructed without any consultation with local residents, businesses or the relevant authorities such as planning, highways, environmental health, English Heritage and the Environment Agency. There has also been to my knowledge, no consultation with specialist conservation staff; no assessment of potential risks and impacts, and there is no plan in place mitigate any adverse impacts the structure may have on the historic Saint Hill Manor. Similarly, there is no evidence that proves the marquee that has been constructed every year over the last ten years is the same size or in the same location.

Although the structure is used to host a charity concert, this is just one day out of several weeks (or sometimes months) that the building is in place. Although the charity concert may be attended by a relatively small number of local residents, the main purpose of the building is to host a fundraising event for the Church of Scientology, which is not a registered charity and has a well documented history of fraud, harassment and abuse. In 1999, the Charity Commission ruled Scientology "does not benefit the public" and so there is no argument its primary use is one that is private in nature. For the majority of the time the marquee is used, it serves no benefit to the public - access is restricted and former Scientologists are discriminated against by being banned from making use of the building.

For context, at the last IAS event just £50,000 was donated to local charities but tickets for the 'Patrons Ball' on the Saturday alone

brought in £1.2 million for IAS Administrations, a foreign entity that is not registered in the UK and does not pay tax; and that does not include any additional donations made by its members, or money raised during the Friday IAS event itself.

Similarly, the primary function of the structure is to host a fundraising event for the International Association of Scientologists (IAS), which is not a registered UK entity and provides no benefit to the people of the local area. The applicant, Church of Scientology Religious Education Centre Inc., (COSRECI) is also an Australian-registered overseas entity.

Churches of Scientology are also registered places of public worship, making it unlikely the Council will be able to collect Business Rates or other venue from the structure - increasing the burden on the taxpayer.

Under the Town and Country Planning Act, the 10 year rule is defined as "beginning with the date on which the operations were substantially completed." As a temporary structure, the works were not completed 10 years ago, rather the structure is substantially completed, and then removed every year. For the vast majority of the time over the last 10 years, the land has been used as a field with no structures.

Scientology have no due regard for the rule of law, and as a result of raising concerns such as these with the Council, I have been targeted in a vicious and prolific campaign of harassment, which was recently covered by *The Observer* (<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/mar/23/uk-scientology-critics-targets-harassment-online-abuse>). Many local residents have contacted me with their concerns about Scientology's behaviours in and around East Grinstead, but are simply too frightened to voice their concerns publicly. And so I strongly urge you to deny this application for lawful planning certificate and require the Church of Scientology to apply for planning permission so that it is given the due scrutiny and examination it needs.

I have copied in John Belsey as the District representative for the area and Jacquie Russell as the County Councillor and hope that they too consider these concerns before responding to the application.

Many thanks and kind regards,

**Alexander Barnes-Ross**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 September 2024 10:21  
**To:** John Hitchcock (Cllr)  
**Cc:** Julie Mockford (Cllr)  
**Subject:** RE: Scrutiny Committee 02 October 2024  
**Attachments:** 241002 Full Papers.pdf

Dear Councillor,

Please see below the automated email, along with the report pack attached to this email.

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Meeting venue: Council Chamber

The following items are included in the agenda:

**No. Item**

1. To appoint a new Vice-Chairman.
2. To note Substitutes in Accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4 -Substitutes at Meetings of Committees etc.
3. To receive apologies for absence.
4. To receive Declarations of Interests from Members in respect of any matter on the Agenda.
5. To be agreed by general affirmation the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 January 2024.
6. To consider any items that the Chairman agrees to take as urgent business.
7. Simpler Recycling Implementation and Waste Policy.
8. Review of the Housing Allocation Scheme: Consultation.
9. Service and Financial Planning Guidelines for 2025-26.
10. Saint Hill Public Spaces Protection Order.
11. Scrutiny Committee Work Programme - People and Communities.
12. Questions pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 10.2 due notice of which has been given.

Best regards,

Mid Sussex District Council  
Direct Line: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] @MidSussex.gov.uk

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**From:** John Hitchcock (Cllr) <[John.Hitchcock@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:John.Hitchcock@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2024 9:30 AM

**From:** [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>  
**Sent:** 18 October 2024 10:09  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re[2]: application for a minor variation to a premises license  
  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much and I looked into this,. The Gardner had taken it down 'because people don't use that entrance'. It has now been put back and will stay there until the date noted.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

Church of Scientology Religious Education College Inc  
Saint Hill Manor  
East Grinstead, W Sussex, RH19 4JY

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From ' [REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk'>  
To [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>  
Date 18/10/2024 08:15:07  
Subject RE: application for a minor variation to a premises license

Dear [REDACTED]

You may be aware that I visited Saint Hill yesterday afternoon as I have to check that the public notices for the minor variation application are displayed correctly in case of a challenge to the application process.

I saw the notice on the main entrance gate but did not see one on the other entrance. I believe it is referred to as the South Lodge entrance. Please could you arrange for one to be placed there today.

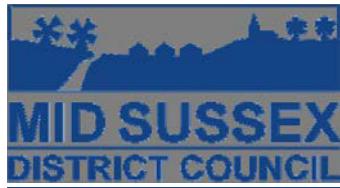
Many thanks

Kind regards  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Environmental Health  
Mid Sussex District Council  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 10, 2024 5:25 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] [@churchofscientology.net](mailto:@churchofscientology.net)  
**Cc:** licensing <[licensing@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: application for a minor variation to a premises license

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the application to extend the hours for the provision of live music to midnight on Saturdays.

I can confirm that I have accepted the application, and the public consultation will start tomorrow and end on the 24 October 2024. I have attached the public notice, please print on white paper and arrange for it is display at the site from tomorrow. I suggest one notice is placed at the main entrance and the other at the unused entrance further down Saint Hill Road. There is no other advertisement of the application required.

The Licensing Support Team will be in contact tomorrow to arrange payment of the fee.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Environmental Health  
Mid Sussex District Council  
Tel +44 (0) 1444 477428  
Mobile +44 (0)7712 415409

Email: [REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)

**From:** [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>  
**Sent:** 27 February 2024 10:47  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re[2]: EF/23/0271 - DM/18/0946

You don't often get email from [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net. [Learn why this is important](#)

Dear [REDACTED]

No problem, please send me a copy of the report redacted to exclude any personal data.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
Church of Scientology Religious Education College Inc  
Saint Hill Manor  
East Grinstead, W Sussex, RH19 4JY

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To: [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>  
Date 27/02/2024 07:34:52  
Subject RE: EF/23/0271 - DM/18/0946

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. Unfortunately we do not send out copies of the report due to data protection, I have provided our reference number and the nature of the report, which we are allowed to disclose.

The site visit should not take up too much time to check that the building has been built in accordance to the approved plans, and I would appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Please can you confirm an convenient date as suggested in my previous email.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>  
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 5:43 PM  
To: [REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk>  
Subject: Re: EF/23/0271 - DM/18/0946

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. I am certainly not aware of any such thing.

I would be grateful if you would kindly send me a copy of the report you have received, redacted if necessary, so that I can make appropriate enquiries ahead of your site visit.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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To [REDACTED] [@churchofscientology.net](mailto:@churchofscientology.net)

Date 26/02/2024 14:27:22

Subject EF/23/0271 - DM/18/0946

Dear [REDACTED]

I have been passed your contact details to arrange a visit regarding planning permission DM/18/0946, Proposed three storey self contained building for staff use. This building is located behind Saint Hill Farm, West Hoathly Road.

I've received a report that the building might have not been built in accordance with the approved planning permission, and therefore a site visit is required to check. I am available on the following dates and times;

Tuesday 5th March at 12pm

Tuesday 12th March at 12pm

Wednesday 13th March 12pm

Please can you confirm a date convenient.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
Development Management  
Mid-Sussex District Council

[REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)

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**From:** [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>  
**Sent:** 24 January 2025 11:22  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re[2]: Events for the coming year  
  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much. If you are available on Wednesday at 11:00 am that would work well for me.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

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From [REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk>  
To [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>  
Date 23/01/2025 09:32:29  
Subject RE: Events for the coming year

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

I have availability either Tuesday and Wednesday morning next week if that is convenient for you.

Kind regards

Environmental Health  
Mid Sussex District Council

Email: [REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)

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**From:** [REDACTED] [@churchofscientology.net>](mailto:@churchofscientology.net)  
**Sent:** 22 January 2025 17:38  
**To:** [REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk>](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)  
**Subject:** Events for the coming year

Dear [REDACTED]

I hope this finds you well. I wanted to make an appointment with you if possible in the coming week or so. I would like to run through the different events for the coming year so I can get ahead of the game with the management plans in place in plenty of time and to ensure that I am covering all the necessary requirements.

Kindest regards,

[REDACTED]  
Church of Scientology Religious Education College Inc  
Saint Hill Manor  
East Grinstead, W Sussex, RH19 4JY

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**From:** [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>  
**Sent:** 12 October 2024 16:18  
**To:** parksopenspaces  
**Subject:** Re[2]: FW: event management plan  
  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear [REDACTED]

With regards to the temporary road closure, I wanted to check if it is also possible to reduce the speed limit down to 30 mph for that period as well. It is currently 60 mph and while not everyone does that, there are some people who like to travel at that speed whether it's safe or not.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

From "parksopenspaces" <[parksopenspaces@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:parksopenspaces@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
To [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>  
Date 11/10/2024 11:36:20  
Subject RE: FW: event management plan

Good morning

Following on from our email below, please can you provide your mobile number so we can call you to discuss this?

Kind regards  
[REDACTED]

On behalf of the Landscapes and Leisure Team  
Contracts and Services  
[REDACTED]

[parksopenspaces@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:parksopenspaces@midsussex.gov.uk)  
[www.midsussex.gov.uk](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk)

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**From:** parksopenspaces <[parksopenspaces@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:parksopenspaces@midsussex.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 24, 2024 11:40 AM

**To:** [REDACTED] @churchofscientology.net

**Subject:** RE: FW: event management plan

Good morning

In relation to your request for temporary road closure, we have checked with our colleagues and you will need to contact West Sussex County Council and police to make the relevant arrangements.

Kind regards

On behalf of the Landscapes and Leisure Team  
Contracts and Services

[parksopenspaces@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:parksopenspaces@midsussex.gov.uk)

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On Wed, 28 Aug 2024 at 16:30, [REDACTED] @churchofscientology.net> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

I hope this finds you well. I have prepared the Event Management Plan for our annual International Association of Scientologists (IAS) Event. I however sent it to your old email address. I called MSDC and they directed me to send this address.

We do not yet have final confirmation of the date, however we are preparing for the 1st week-end of October or potentially the 2nd week-end. I have attached the Management Plan.

A point I wanted to ask for your input on is with regards to temporary signage to direct traffic to appropriate parking.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Church of Scientology Religious Education College Inc

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East Grinstead, W Sussex, RH19 4JY

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Kind regards

**Mid Sussex Glendale Bookings Desk**

**Glendale Services Outdoor Leisure**

**[bookings.midsussex@glendale-services.co.uk](mailto:bookings.midsussex@glendale-services.co.uk)**

[REDACTED]

my

**From:** [REDACTED] @churchofscientology.net>  
**Sent:** 21 October 2024 10:46  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re[2]: IAS Event

**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much and I did the final tweaking on the event management plan and resubmitted it on the link you provided. The only amendments are the name of the Event Manager and the name of the ambulance service we are using. The remaining is the same.

Thank you very much,

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk>  
To: \[REDACTED\] \[@churchofscientology.net>  
Cc: \\[REDACTED\\] \\[@midsussex.gov.uk>  
Date 15/10/2024 10:39:29  
Subject RE: IAS Event\\]\\(mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk\\)\]\(mailto:@churchofscientology.net\)](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)

Good morning, [REDACTED]

Nothing further at this stage other than completion of the event notification form and attaching any relevant event planning documents, as discussed, thank you.

[Forms - Mid Sussex District Council](#)

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

(Working days Tues, Weds, Thurs)

Communities Directorate

Mid Sussex District Council, Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex. RH16 1SS

Mobile: [REDACTED]

Email: [\[REDACTED\]@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk)

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**From:** [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 8, 2024 8:36 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] @churchofscientology.net>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: IAS Event

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the notification of the dates for this year's event.

There is nothing more needed from the licensing aspect, [REDACTED] will be in touch if he needs you to do anything else.

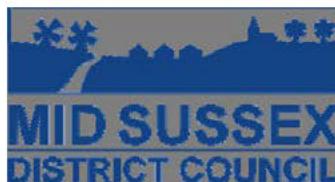
Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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Mid Sussex District Council  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  [@churchofscientology.net](mailto:@churchofscientology.net)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 7, 2024 1:37 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)  
**Subject:** IAS Event

Dear [REDACTED] & [REDACTED]

I hope all is well with you. We've received the confirmation now that the event is on the 25th, 26th and 27th of October.

Could you advise if there are now forms that I need to fill out to update the records on this.

Thank you and kindest regards,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2024 11:22  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re[2]: Licensing Compliance Visit  
**Attachments:** 01. IAS Event Management Plan 2024 (jkl).pdf  
  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much and I hope all is well with you.,

Yes - I'd emailed our event management plan 3 -4 weeks ago to the email address I had from last year and when I didn't get a reply back, I called the Council who informed me that this department was now outsourced to a private company. I was able to reach [REDACTED] who was involved last year and he told me that he didn't deal with these types of events any longer but would refer it to the correct people. I have attached the event management plan for you in case it didn't arrive with you.

The date for the event is not fully finalised but we've been given the direction to be ready for the 1st week-end of October or possibly the 2nd week-end.

Yes, we are in coordination with Sussex Police, a risk assessment has been done and is included in the event management plan, and of course dynamic risk assessments are done continually, professional child care facilities have been engaged. There will also be on-site first aid and emergency medical services. We have both in-house and private security companies on 24 hour/day and outside parking company. As covered last year, there is no alcohol sale for the dinner on Saturday night which is served by the catering company and there is no sale of alcohol at any location.

We've been doing quite of bit of review on the traffic management and I have a question in regards to any permits we might require to put up signs to direct vehicle traffic to assigned parking areas. We have tried to reconfigure the traffic flows and establish parking assignments to reduce pedestrian foot traffic as much as possible on the road itself. I realise that won't be completely possible to eliminate fully because people will be people with their own minds. For this eventuality, we will stanchion off specific sections on the side of the road for any foot traffic and then have a lolly-pop man at either end of this section of the road as a safety factor.

However, I wanted to put up sufficient signs so vehicle can easily spot where their assigned parking is, however I couldn't find any information on the website if I need to obtain permits for putting up the signs. Are you able to direct me on who I should contact for this.

Thank you again ,  
[REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

From [REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
To [REDACTED] [@churchofscientology.net](mailto:@churchofscientology.net)>  
Date 02/09/2024 08:45:13  
Subject RE: Licensing Compliance Visit

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received information from a third party that preparations have started with the build for this year's International Church of Scientology conference at Saint Hill Manor and that it is due to be held in October.

Please could you confirm the date of this year's event, if in fact it is being held, and confirmation that the below licence conditions have been complied with.

*You are required to notify the relevant health and safety enforcing authority of all upcoming events to be held within the grounds of Saint Hill Manor, 6 weeks prior to the actual event occurring detailing the nature of the event and any activities carried out on site.*

*Large events (over 1000) people - full risk assessments will be completed. Full liaison with Sussex Police and Professional Childcare will be appointed*

The Licensing Team have not received any notification of the date of this year's event.

I look forward to hearing from you.

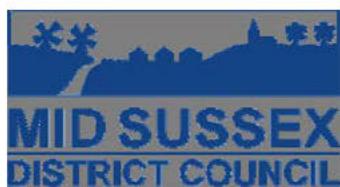
Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Environmental Health  
Mid Sussex District Council  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2023 2:34 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  [@churchofscientology.net](mailto:@churchofscientology.net)>  
**Subject:** RE: Licensing Compliance Visit

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your confirmation of the submission of the documents.

I am happy that the licence conditions are complied with and that the delay in the submission of the ESMP and notification of the event was just an oversight.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Senior Licensing Officer  
Environmental Health  
Mid Sussex District Council

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**Sent:** 17 October 2023 12:34  
**To:** [REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Licensing Compliance Visit

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for coming to meet with me yesterday and thank for the link. I have submitted the Event Management Plan and also submit a copy to [REDACTED] at the email address above.

Thank you again,

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Church of Scientology Religious Education College Inc  
Saint Hill Manor  
East Grinstead, W Sussex, RH19 4JY

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From: [REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
To: [REDACTED] [@churchofscientology.net](mailto:@churchofscientology.net)>  
Cc: [REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
Date 17/10/2023 09:41:44  
Subject Licensing Compliance Visit

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your time yesterday morning.

I have spoken to [REDACTED], the Mid Sussex District Council [REDACTED], and he has not had the notification of this event. I have attached the link to the event notification form  
<https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/forms/?form=25805&w=2>

Please can you arrange for the submission of the online form and a copy of the Event Safety Management Plan to Paul by the end of today. The submission of the notification ensures that Paul is able to make all of the relevant Authorities and organisations aware of the event in good time; this also ensures that the below Licence condition is complied with. I have cc'd [REDACTED] so the current version of the ESMP can be sent direct to him as well.

*You are required to notify the relevant health and safety enforcing authority of all upcoming events to be held within the grounds of Saint Hill Manor, 6 weeks prior to the actual event occurring detailing the nature of the event and any activities carried out on site*

Looking at previous events (pre-covid) we received the ESMP in the August prior to the event together with details of all other upcoming events.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Environmental Health  
Mid Sussex District Council  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] @churchofscientology.net>  
**Sent:** 10 October 2024 17:18  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re[2]: query - entertainment license  
  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your detailed reply and for clarifying that it is indeed an anomaly.

Thank you also for the application form for a minor variation. I have completed the form and submitted it to the Licensing Department and included a copy of our premises license. I asked for a 1 hour extension until midnight on the Saturday evening.

We have put in place additional mitigating measures to further alleviate any potential disturbance to neighbours including lowering the sound levels at 23:00, we installed additional sound proofing to the marquee and we also have hired an independent sound management company throughout the whole week-end.

Thank you again,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
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Saint Hill Manor  
East Grinstead, W Sussex, RH19 4JY

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From: [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>  
To: [REDACTED] @churchofscientology.net>  
Date 10/10/2024 15:19:25

Subject RE: query - entertainment license

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

I have looked at the current Premises licence and the performance of live and recorded music is only until 2300 hours everyday. I have noted that the Provision of Entertainment facilities similar to music/dance, the Provision of facilities for making music and Entertainment similar to dancing/making music have later timings. I do not know the reason for this anomaly.

As it stands any performance of live or recorded music constituting regulated entertainment is not permitted after 2300 hours under the terms of the current licence.

The timings could be extended by means of a minor variation to the licence, there is a shortened consultation period of 10 working days; which if submitted today would end on the 24 October. Variations to premises licences that could not impact adversely on the licensing objectives are subject to a simplified 'minor variations' process. In considering the application, the licensing authority must consult relevant responsible authorities if there is any doubt about the impact of the variation on the licensing objectives and they need specialist advice and take their views into account in reaching a decision.

The licensing authority must also consider any relevant representations received from other persons within the time limit referred to above. Representations are only relevant if they clearly relate to the likely effect of the grant of the variation on the promotion of at least one of the licensing objectives; representations must be confined to the subject matter of the variation. Minor variations will generally fall into four categories: minor changes to the structure or layout of premises; small adjustments to licensing hours; the removal of out of date, irrelevant or unenforceable conditions or addition of volunteered conditions; and *the addition of certain licensable activities*. In all cases the overall test is whether the proposed variation could impact adversely on any of the four licensing objectives.

I have attached the application form if this is the course of action you wish to take. If so please send the completed form to [licensing@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@midsussex.gov.uk) There is a fee of £89 for a minor variation which can be paid by card over the phone if we have a contact telephone number to take payment.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Environmental Health  
Mid Sussex District Council  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  [@churchofscientology.net](mailto:@churchofscientology.net)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 10, 2024 9:43 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** query - entertainment license

Dear [REDACTED]

Good morning. I wanted to seek your input to clarify a point on our entertainment license.

With regards to our Saturday night Patron 's Ball, we have live performances and then dancing following the dinner. I wanted to clarify as to what time the music needs to end on the Saturday night as it gives two times - 23:00 and 01:00. have attached a copy of the license.

Thank you very much.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Senior Licensing Officer  
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**Sent:** Thursday, October 10, 2024 9:43 AM

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**Subject:** query - entertainment license

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**From:** [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>  
**Sent:** 25 October 2024 11:35  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re[4]: application for a minor variation to a premises license  
  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much, I appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

From ' [REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk'>  
To [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>  
Date 25/10/2024 10:06:17  
Subject RE: Re[2]: application for a minor variation to a premises license

Dear [REDACTED]

I can confirm that the Public Consultation period for the application for a minor variation to the Premises Licence at Saint Hill concluded at 2359 hours on the 24 October.

Having reviewed and considered the responses received during the consultation I have granted the application with immediate effect. The Licensing Support Team will send out the revised Premises Licence in due course.

The revised timings for the Performance of Live Music are effective for tomorrow.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Senior Licensing Officer  
Environmental Health  
Mid Sussex District Council  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 October 2024 14:56  
**To:** [REDACTED] [@churchofscientology.net>](mailto:@churchofscientology.net)  
**Subject:** RE: Re[2]: application for a minor variation to a premises license

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your update and confirmation.

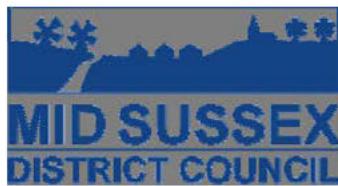
Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Senior Licensing Officer  
Environmental Health  
Mid Sussex District Council

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**From:** [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>  
**Sent:** 28 February 2024 10:08  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re[4]: EF/23/0271 - DM/18/0946  
  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

I am sorry that I have not made clear the reason for my request. I am sure that we will be happy to accommodate one of your dates, but I am not directly responsible for that building and therefore need to liaise with those that are. The building itself is used for various religious devotions, including some which are highly private. They will therefore need to understand exactly what areas you need to access to agree the most appropriate date and make any necessary arrangements.

I do appreciate that you need to investigate these sort of reports, however having eliminated the data protection reason for not disclosing it to us, you have not actually provided a good reason why you should not. It will obviously assist us to make arrangements for the visit if we know what it is that you need to see. Therefore, I would be grateful if you would revisit letting us see a redacted report. Alternatively, could you be more specific on the areas you need to see.

Either way, as I said, I am sure we will be able to accommodate one of your proposed dates. I will speak to the relevant people when I get your reply.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
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Saint Hill Manor  
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**From:** [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>  
**Sent:** 14 October 2024 09:37  
**To:** parksopenspaces  
**Subject:** Re[4]: FW: event management plan  
  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear [REDACTED]

Good morning and thank you very much. This is for Saint Hill Road.

It would be very helpful if it is possible to reduce the speed limit for those days.

Kindest regards,  
[REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

From "parksopenspaces" <[parksopenspaces@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:parksopenspaces@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
To [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>  
Date 14/10/2024 08:59:42  
Subject RE: Re[2]: FW: event management plan

Good morning

Thank you for your response. We will look into the request. Can you confirm which roads the temporary road closure is for?

Kind regards  
[REDACTED]

On behalf of the Landscapes and Leisure Team  
Contracts and Services  
01444 458166  
[parksopenspaces@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:parksopenspaces@midsussex.gov.uk)  
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**From:** [REDACTED] @churchofcientology.net>  
**Sent:** 18 September 2024 10:29  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re[4]: Licensing Compliance Visit  
**Attachments:** IAS Event Management Plan 2024 (jk1) rev(1).pdf  
  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much and I appreciate your help on this. For convenience I have attached again the Event Management Plan that I had earlier sent earlier on 13 August which is for 2024. I was given to understand that this has been circulated to all necessary departments once sent to the Events Team at the local authority and as such I have not separately sent this to the HSE. If I am not correct on this point I will certainly send it to the HSE separately and if you have the contact details for this, I would appreciate that.

We do not as yet have the final date confirmed, which is why we have had to give notice for all weekends in October, however we expect it to be the 2nd or 3rd weekend in October.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

From ' [REDACTED] " [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>  
To ' [REDACTED] @churchofcientology.net>  
Date 17/09/2024 10:15:53  
Subject RE: Re[2]: Licensing Compliance Visit

Dear [REDACTED]

I don't appear to have had a response to my email below.

The need to know the date of the event is to be able to confirm that the below Premises Licence condition has been properly complied with.

*You are required to notify the relevant health and safety enforcing authority of all upcoming events to be held within the grounds of Saint Hill Manor, 6 weeks prior to the actual event occurring detailing the nature of the event and any activities carried out on site.*

In this case the relevant health and Safety enforcing authority would be the HSE. Your email to [REDACTED] would not have been compliant with this unless you have notified them separately. As you will understand the Licensing Authority need to ensure that the License conditions are complied with. Ordinarily the Event Notification form sent to [REDACTED] would be sufficient as he would circulate the notification of the event to the relevant parties which include the HSE but I have noted that the Event notification form relates to the 2023 event.

Could you confirm that the Health and Safety Executive have been separately notified and the date of this notification?

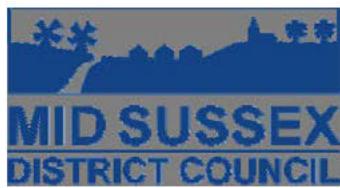
Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Senior Licensing Officer  
Environmental Health  
Mid Sussex District Council  
[REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED] [\[REDACTED@midsussex.gov.uk\]](mailto:[REDACTED@midsussex.gov.uk])

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2024 5:15 PM  
To: [REDACTED] [\[REDACTED@churchofscientology.net\]](mailto:[REDACTED@churchofscientology.net])>  
Subject: RE: Re[2]: Licensing Compliance Visit

Dear [REDACTED]

In order to confirm that the licence conditions regarding notification of the event have been complied with please could you update me as to the dates the event will be held as I do not appear to have received this information from you yet. I only have either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in October at present.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Senior Licensing Officer  
Environmental Health  
Mid Sussex District Council  
[REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED] [\[REDACTED@midsussex.gov.uk\]](mailto:[REDACTED@midsussex.gov.uk])

**From:** [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>

**Sent:** 17 October 2024 15:49

**To:** parksopenspaces

**Subject:** Re[5]: FW: event management plan

**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear [REDACTED]

Apologies to bother you, I wanted to see if you were able to get any information with regards to being able to also have a reduction in the speed limit on Saint Hill Road for that time period the road closure is in place.

Kindest regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>  
**Sent:** 24 September 2024 13:21  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re[5]: Licensing Compliance Visit  
  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear [REDACTED]

I wanted to check if you were in the office this afternoon and if I could pop around to see you briefly to run through a few points.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>  
**Sent:** 05 March 2024 11:44  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re[6]: EF/23/0271 - DM/18/0946

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you and that is appreciated. Is Tuesday, 12 March, at noon still suitable for you to do the site visit?

I can meet you at the building at that time.

Kind regards,

----- Original Message -----

From [REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk>  
To "[REDACTED]"@churchofscientology.net>  
Date 04/03/2024 09:15:27  
Subject RE: Re[4]: EF/23/0271 - DM/18/0946

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. I completely understand that there are some matters that are private and appreciate the sensitivity.

I do not require access to inside the building, I only want to check that the building has been built in accordance to the approved plans. Therefore, I would only require a short amount of time to access the building from the West Hoathly Road.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk>](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)

To: [REDACTED] [@churchofscientology.net>](mailto:@churchofscientology.net)

Date 28/02/2024 08:20:30

Subject RE: Re[2]: EF/23/0271 - DM/18/0946

Dear [REDACTED]

As previously stated we do not disclose the full details of the report, only what the alleged breach refers to.

Under the Town and Country Act 1990, the local planning authority has a right of entry onto the land. Failing to cooperate we do have the powers to serve an Inspection Notice, giving a date and time of the visit. Failing to comply with the notice served can impose a fine up to £1000.

The local planning would prefer not to take a formal route of an inspection notice, and would hope that a agreed date and time can be reached.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>  
**Sent:** 24 September 2024 13:56  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re[7]: Licensing Compliance Visit  
  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you and yes I can be there is about an hour. Looking forward to speaking.

Sincerely [REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

From ' [REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk'>  
To ' [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net'>  
Date 24/09/2024 13:48:17  
Subject RE: Re[5]: Licensing Compliance Visit

Hi [REDACTED]

Just got back, I'll be in the office until 4pm if that helps.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]  
Senior Licensing Officer  
Environmental Health  
Mid Sussex District Council  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>  
**Sent:** 13 March 2024 16:00  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@hodkin.org  
**Subject:** Re[8]: EF/23/0271 - DM/18/0946

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for confirming this with me.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk>  
**To:** [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>  
**Date:** 13/03/2024 14:10:58  
**Subject:** RE: Re[6]: EF/23/0271 - DM/18/0946

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your time yesterday.

I have checked the approved planning permission DM/18/0946 and confirm the building has been built in accordance with the approved plans.

No further action is required and I will close my file.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] @hodkin.org>  
**Sent:** 26 September 2024 18:20  
**To:** committees  
**Subject:** Scrutiny Committee People and Communities - Meeting 2nd October 2024  
**Attachments:** new letter-26092024181232.pdf; Public Spaces Protection Order with plan.pdf; letter to MSDC-150724.pdf; Sports Club letter.pdf; Rockwood Park Residents letter.pdf; EG Rugby Club letter.pdf; Protest complaint letters.pdf  
  
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Dear Sirs

At the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee People and Communities on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024, one of the items on the agenda is a proposal for a Public Spaces Protection Order on Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead.

I would be grateful if you would pass this email to the Chair of that committee, who I understand to be Councillor Sue Hatton.

Attached to this email is a new letter for the Chair of the Committee, together with other documents referred to in that letter.

I would be grateful if you would kindly acknowledge receipt.

Kind regards

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## **The Public Spaces Protection Order (Mid Sussex District Council) 2024**

Mid Sussex District Council (“the Authority) has made the following Public Spaces Protection Order under chapter 2 section 59 to 75 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (“the Act”).

1. The Authority being satisfied that demonstrations and protests on the public highway and verge immediately outside of the Church of Scientology properties on Saint Hill Road and West Hoathly Road in East Grinstead have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, presenting both a risk to public safety and causing harassment, disturbance and alarm to those attending the Church of Scientology, and that such activities have had and will have such effect, and further that the effect is or is likely to be of a continuing nature such as to make such activities unreasonable and justify the restrictions imposed by this order.
2. The Authority is accordingly satisfied that the conditions set out in section 59(2) and (3) of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 have been met.
3. In making this Order, Mid Sussex District Council has had particular regard to the rights and freedoms set out in the European Convention on Human Rights, including the need to ensure that the restrictions imposed are proportionate. The Council considers that the restrictions are justified and proportionate in light of the unreasonable detrimental effect on the local community of the activities prohibited.
4. This Order applies to the public highway and public land adjoining the public highway on Saint Hill Road and West Hoathly Road in East Grinstead, West Sussex, the location of which is shown edged red on the attached Plan (“the PSPO Area”).
5. The Authority, in exercise of its powers under section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, hereby prohibits, until the date 3 years from date of this Order or until this Order is discharged by the Council, whichever is earlier, any person from engaging in any demonstration, protest, vigil or similar activity on the PSPO area.
6. It is an offence for a person, without reasonable excuse, to engage in any activity that is prohibited by this Order. A person found to be in breach of this Order shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

## Defined terms:

Public highway - any highway or road to which the public has access and includes pavements, verges and other land adjacent to that highway.

Demonstration - includes any assembly, gathering or procession in a public place to demonstrate support for or opposition to any person, cause or organisation.

Protest - similar to a demonstration but may involve fewer people.

Vigil - a period of keeping watch, especially at night.

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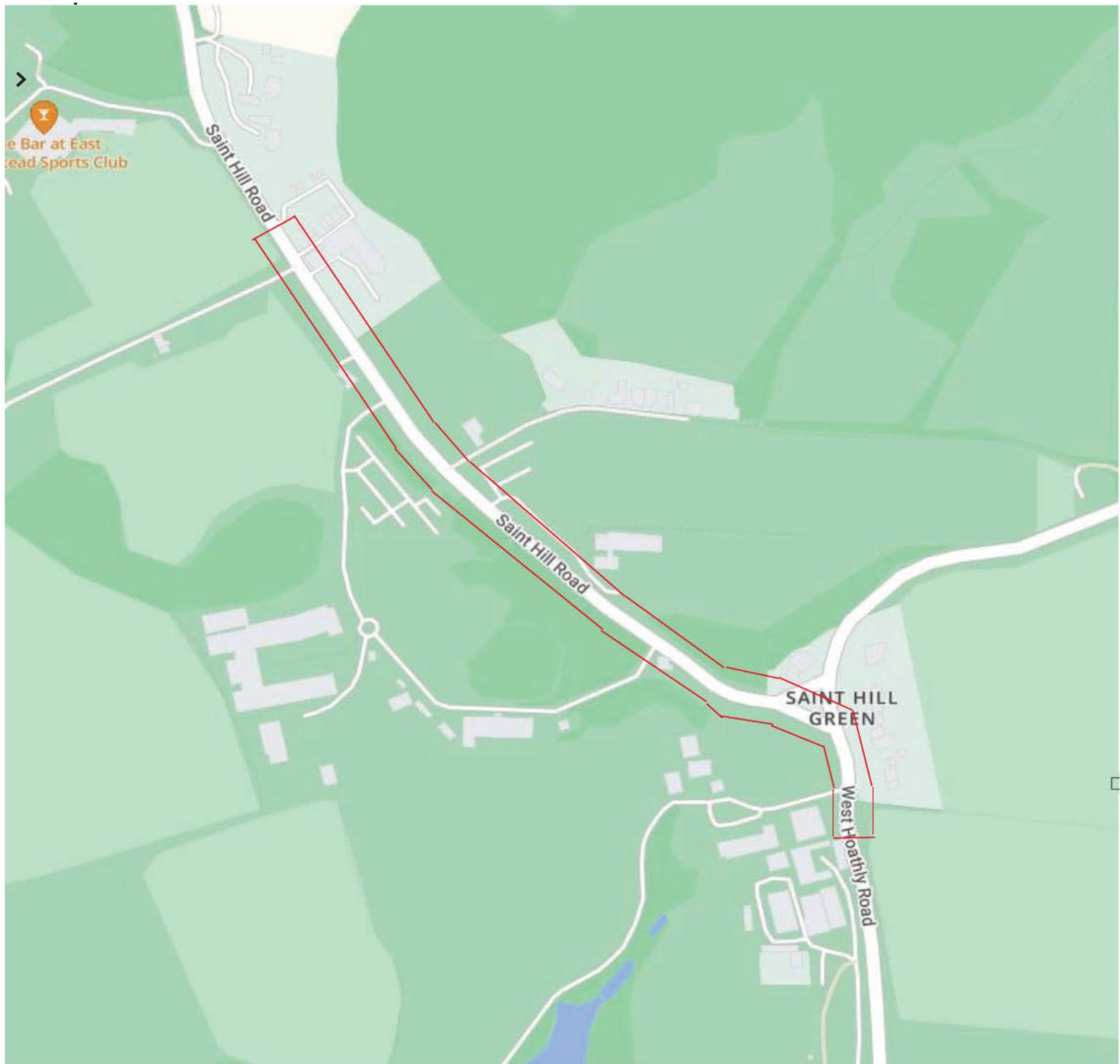
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This      day of

2024

In the presence of

**Authorised Officer:**



PSPO Area



Councillor Sue Hatton  
Chair, Scrutiny Committee People and Communities  
Mid Sussex District Council  
Oaklands  
Oaklands Road  
Haywards Heath  
West Sussex  
RH16 1SS

Our ref: PDH/COS

26 September 2024

Dear Councillor Hatton

**RE: Public Spaces Protection Order – Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead**

I write on behalf of Church of Scientology Religious Education College Inc of Saint Hill Manor, Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead (“the Church”).

On the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 I wrote to the Council in relation to a proposed Public Spaces Protection Order (“PSPO”) for Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead. I understand that this proposal is to be considered by the Scrutiny Committee People and Communities on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024, and that you are the Chair of the Committee. I write to you in that capacity and ask that you share this communication with other members of the Committee as you deem appropriate.

I have read the published report prepared for the meeting by the Deputy Chief Executive.

Having read that report I felt that the Committee would be helped if it had some additional information.

Firstly, there does not appear to be provided with the report a copy of the proposed PSPO, my letter setting out the detailed reasons it is believed that it is necessary, a volume of supporting evidence, and letters from the local landowners supporting the making of the PSPO.

I am, accordingly, attaching all of that material in case it is not readily available to members of the Committee.

In summary, the reason for the PSPO is that this is a 60 mph road, with no pavements. The presence of a number of people who wish to stand on this highway immediately outside of the Church entrance at times when major events are occurring on the Church property, and

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therefore a lot of traffic on the road, both vehicular and pedestrian, creates a serious risk to the highway users' safety. In addition, the protestors harass and abuse people entering the property, with hate speech, including calling for the elimination of their religion, and filming them for broadcast on the internet. This activity increases the safety risk even further, as of course, people move to try and keep away from this treatment.

Significant evidence has already been gathered and provided as to what happened last year, including the many statements. There is also video footage of much of it still available on the internet. I have also offered to provide a 2-minute video of excerpts all taken from the protestors own video, that they posted on the internet.

The request for the PSPO was only made after a detailed assessment of the risks to the safety and wellbeing of visitors to the event, as well as other road users, based on the well recorded experience of what happened last year. In the light of that I am very surprised that the Council's own risk assessment would lead them to propose monitoring the event this year to "collect evidence" as being an appropriate course of action. If someone gets killed or injured on the road this year, or is subjected to harassment and hate speech, it would seem to be rather too late for the Council to then make the Order.

The PSPO is the least restrictive way of dealing with this issue - it ensures safety and stops abuse of people in the locality, while not preventing protest a safer distance away if people want to do that,

I also ask the Committee to note that section 72 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act requires the local authority to conduct "necessary consultation", which is defined in this way:

**"the necessary consultation" means consulting with—**

- (a) the chief officer of police, and the local policing body, for the police area that includes the restricted area;**
- (b) whatever community representatives the local authority thinks it appropriate to consult;**
- (c) the owner or occupier of land within the restricted area;"**

In this case, the police have already been consulted, and, having reviewed the evidence, support the making of the PSPO. I am not sure why that fact is not mentioned in the report.

There is a letter from the community of residents immediately next to where the protestors conducted their activity, from Rockwood Park, which also supports the making of the PSPO.

There are also letters of support for the PSPO from the other neighbouring landowners – the Church, the East Grinstead Sports Club and the East Grinstead Rugby Club.

The Committee will also note that the protestors came from far afield and are not part of the locality.

Given all of this, the detailed, time consuming and expensive timetable of steps proposed in the report appears to be excessive and legally unnecessary. The legal advice the Church has is that the Council already has sufficient evidence to make the Order, and that not making the Order represents a greater risk to the safety, wellbeing and quality of life of those in the locality

than making it. Particularly when not making the Order invites a repetition of all of those activities which led to the Order being proposed in the first place.

If the Council wishes to gather further firsthand evidence, I suggest that it errs on the side of public safety and wellbeing and makes the Order – but comes to the event and monitors the impact of making it for itself. The Act always allows such Orders to be varied or discharged, and the Council can then judge whether it should be continued.

If I can provide any other information, or if anyone would like to see the 2 minutes video, please let me know.

Yours sincerely

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Solicitor

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** sagevents  
**Subject:** Re: Event notifications  
**Date:** 25 September 2024 11:14:32  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Good morning. I wanted to check if you would be available at any time today or tomorrow for a quick meet. I wanted to run through the various items on the planning related to your area.

erely,  
[REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

From "sagevents" <[sagevents@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:sagevents@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
To " [REDACTED] @churchofscientology.net">  
Cc " [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk">  
Date 05/09/2024 09:07:05  
Subject Event notifications

Good morning, [REDACTED]

Further to [REDACTED] email below I'd be grateful if you would use the following to advise me of events via [Forms - Mid Sussex District Council](#) and any subsequent Event plans and Risk assessments to [sagevents@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:sagevents@midsussex.gov.uk) rather than my [REDACTED] address.

In addition to the advice given by [REDACTED] relating to road and traffic management, If required, further event guidance can be found at [\(Sussex\) Local Authority Resilience Partnership - Events \(midsussex.gov.uk\)](#) and information on road closure procedures can be found at [Road Closures - Mid Sussex District Council](#)

Many thanks for your time.

Kind Regards  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Emergency Preparedness Manager  
Chair Mid Sussex Safety Advisory Group  
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**From:** [REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk](#)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 8:58 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] [@churchofscientology.net](#)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: Re[2]: Licensing Compliance Visit

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your reply and update I can advise the third party accordingly.

Moving forward could I ask that for future events the Event Plan is sent through to [licensing@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@midsussex.gov.uk) and also to [REDACTED] the Emergency Planning Officer. I have forwarded the current EMSP to [REDACTED] for the necessary circulations. Once the date for this year's event has been confirmed please could you update Paul and myself.

In respect of the question regarding placing signs to regulate traffic flows I would suggest that West Sussex County Council Highways department would be best placed to advise.

I have attached the link to their enquiry webpage  
<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/make-an-enquiry-or-report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/report-other-road-or-pavement-problems-1/>

Kind regards



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**Cc:** [REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk>](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)

**Subject:** Re: Licensing Compliance Visit

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for coming to meet with me yesterday and thank for the link. I have submitted the Event Management Plan and also submit a copy to [REDACTED] at the email address above.

Thank you again,

regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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Cc [REDACTED] [@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
Date 17/10/2023 09:41:44  
Subject Licensing Compliance Visit

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your time yesterday morning.

I have spoken to [REDACTED], the Mid Sussex District Council Planning Officer, and he has not had the notification of this event. I have attached the link to the event notification form <https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/forms/?form=25805&w=2>

Please can you arrange for the submission of the online form and a copy of the Event Safety Management Plan to [REDACTED] by the end of today. The submission of the notification ensures that Paul is able to make all of the relevant Authorities and organisations aware of the event in good time; this also ensures that the below Licence condition is complied with. I have cc'd [REDACTED] so the current version of the ESMP can be sent direct to him as well.

*You are required to notify the relevant health and safety enforcing authority of all upcoming events to be held within the grounds of Saint Hill Manor, 6 weeks prior to the actual event occurring detailing the nature of the event and any activities carried out on site*

Looking at previous events (pre-covid) we received the ESMP in the August prior to the event together with details of all other upcoming events.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Senior Licensing Officer  
Environmental Health  
Mid Sussex District Council  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Terrific, I'll log in at 2. I'll have my colleague, [REDACTED] as well. Speak soon.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

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To [REDACTED] @churchofscientology.net>  
Date  
Subject Event notifications

Good morning, [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. I can only do a TEAMS meeting due the various time constraints before I go on leave.

Please find a TEAMS invite below and I look forward to speaking with you

**Advance notice of annual leave 30<sup>th</sup> Sept - 14<sup>th</sup> October**  
Kind Regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Emergency Preparedness Manager  
Chair Mid Sussex Safety Advisory Group

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**To:** sagevents <[sagevents@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:sagevents@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Event notifications

From: [REDACTED] Alexander Barnes-Ross  
To: [REDACTED] RE: IAS Event 2024  
Subject: [REDACTED] 23 October 2024 10:42:21  
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Dear [REDACTED]

I note Mr Barnes-Ross' further email dated 14 October 2024.

It is regrettable that he continues to be dishonest and disingenuous.

In relation to his motivations, he has several times publicly stated that he is trying to make a living from his anti-Scientology agenda, and he continually seeks to destroy the religion and harass its members in any way he can. His often repeated chant at his protests, including in particular at last year's IAS event, is "Scientology has to go".

I am also aware of his repeated lie saying he was locked in a room at our London Church over a decade ago, when he was trying to be a staff member there. In fact, all of the rooms at the London Church can be opened from the inside, even if locked from the outside. It is simply a lie, which he has embroidered, as he embroidered much else, to further his career as an anti-Scientology propagandist.

Last year he also said that his intention was not to disrupt the event. However, you will note that he does not deny screaming at the top of his voice to try to disrupt the outdoor opening of a new building which took place during the weekend. Or videoing and live-streaming himself doing so.

Nor does he deny videoing and live-streaming on the internet all the activ ties, including seeking out individual visitors to harass and broadcast on the internet. Some of these visitors were with their children. This was an extreme form of harassment, taking place directly in front of a recognised place of worship. Nor does he deny organising a chant calling for the eradication of the Scientology religion. You will have seen a lot of this yourself if you look at the video.

He and his cohorts were guilty of pure hate speech. The fact that he pretends not to see that simply speaks to his fanaticism.

If he and his colleagues seriously want to cause no disruption to the event and to not harass anyone they should

1. Remain in the space designated by the police for their vigil.
2. Not harass, or do anything to cause alarm or distress to, visitors to the event, including by
  - a. Videoing, live-streaming or photographing, any of them;
  - b. Calling out to or otherwise interfering with them
  - c. Chanting abusive language in their presence, such as that "Scientology has to go"
  - d. Getting in their way
  - e. Engaging in hate speech

That would be the minimum one should expect if he really were genuine.

Yours sincerely,

----- Original Message -----  
From: [REDACTED] <[@midsussex.gov.uk](#)>  
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Cc: [REDACTED] <[@coadlaw.co.uk](#)>  
Date: 15/10/2024, 11:50:59  
Subject: RE: IAS Event 2024

Dera Mr Barnes-Ross,

Thank you for your email. It is noted.

Kind Regards,

Assistant Director – Communities  
Mid Sussex District Council  
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From: Alexander Barnes-Ross <[abarnesross@gmail.com](mailto:abarnesross@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Monday October 14 2024 11:02 AM  
To: [REDACTED] <[@scientology.org.uk](#)>; [REDACTED] <[@midsussex.gov.uk](#)>  
Cc: [REDACTED] <[@coadlaw.co.uk](#)>  
Subject: Re: IAS Event 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your patience. Please see my response to [REDACTED] allegations below

I contacted [REDACTED] in good faith with the view to understanding Scientology's plans for this year's event so we can make appropriate arrangements as protestors to ensure our demonstration causes minimal disruption.

We are not protesting Scientology's beliefs, but are calling for an end to the abuse that is prevalent throughout the organisation. Our main priority is reaching Scientologists with a positive message of hope, that there is a community of people and resources available to support them should they decide to leave. Last year, we approached our demonstration with kindness and compassion and will continue to do so this year.

My goal is not to, as [REDACTED] suggests, "make a living from pushing an anti-Scientology message" or to "destroy the religion" - but rather to raise awareness of the increasing number of parishioners who claim they were abused, trafficked and harassed by the Church. Following my own experience of being held against my will as a teenager at Scientology's London Org, I want to support and advocate for victims of abuse irrespective of their status with the Church or religious beliefs.

With regard to last year's protest, I have attached the email correspondence I had with Mid Sussex District Council which confirms my application for a temporary road closure was approved under the TPCA. After liaising with Sussex Police and hearing concerns about the potential impact of the road closure on the local community, we decided not to enforce the road closure and instead were escorted down Saint Hill Road by Police vehicles. This allowed us to march in the road whilst keeping traffic disruption to a minimum. We paused briefly at two points between Turners Hill Road and Saint Hill in order to let traffic pass and received positive feedback from the Police that this approach did not create any significant delays to road users.

On arrival at Saint Hill, protestors were directed to a cordoned-off area on the verge outside Rockwood Park, a considerable distance from the Scientology property. I advised the Police that although the majority of residents were Scientologists and therefore likely to be attending the event, the proximity to a private residential property meant our demonstration was much more likely to cause disruption to residents. I walked with an officer down to an area just south of the main gates of Saint Hill and we agreed that it was much more suitable due to the distance from residential property, proximity to the entrance and larger area for protestors to congregate.

Scientology had erected hoarding along the pavement and placed plant pots, tables and signs along the public right of way, and a number of vehicles had been parked on the verge which restricted access to their property. As a result, attendees to Scientology's event were forced to walk in the road to avoid the obstructions and I voiced concerns for their safety to the police on the day.

A fence and hedge row has also been installed on public land directly opposite the entrance to Saint Hill, which Scientology use to affix a large banner along the side of the road for the event. In previous years, this area had been used by protestors and I understand the Highways Authority have ordered it removed before this year's event; which would allow us to gather on the opposite side of the road to the property.

We remained on the verge and Police were present for the entire duration of the protest. No arrests or police cautions were made and I was advised by law enforcement that none of our actions could be considered harassment, discrimination or bigotry.

Our engagement with event attendees was positive and we complimented them on their outfits, told them we care about them and offered the contact details for the Aftermath Foundation, a non-profit organisation that provides resources and support for those starting new lives after leaving Scientology. Police present across all three days did not raise any concerns with us about allegations of harassment, hate speech or discrimination. We did not call for the "eradication of the Scientology religion", but were chanting "the abuse has to stop" but were often drowned out by unusually loud music Scientology were playing over loudspeakers placed along the road and cars parked next to protestors.

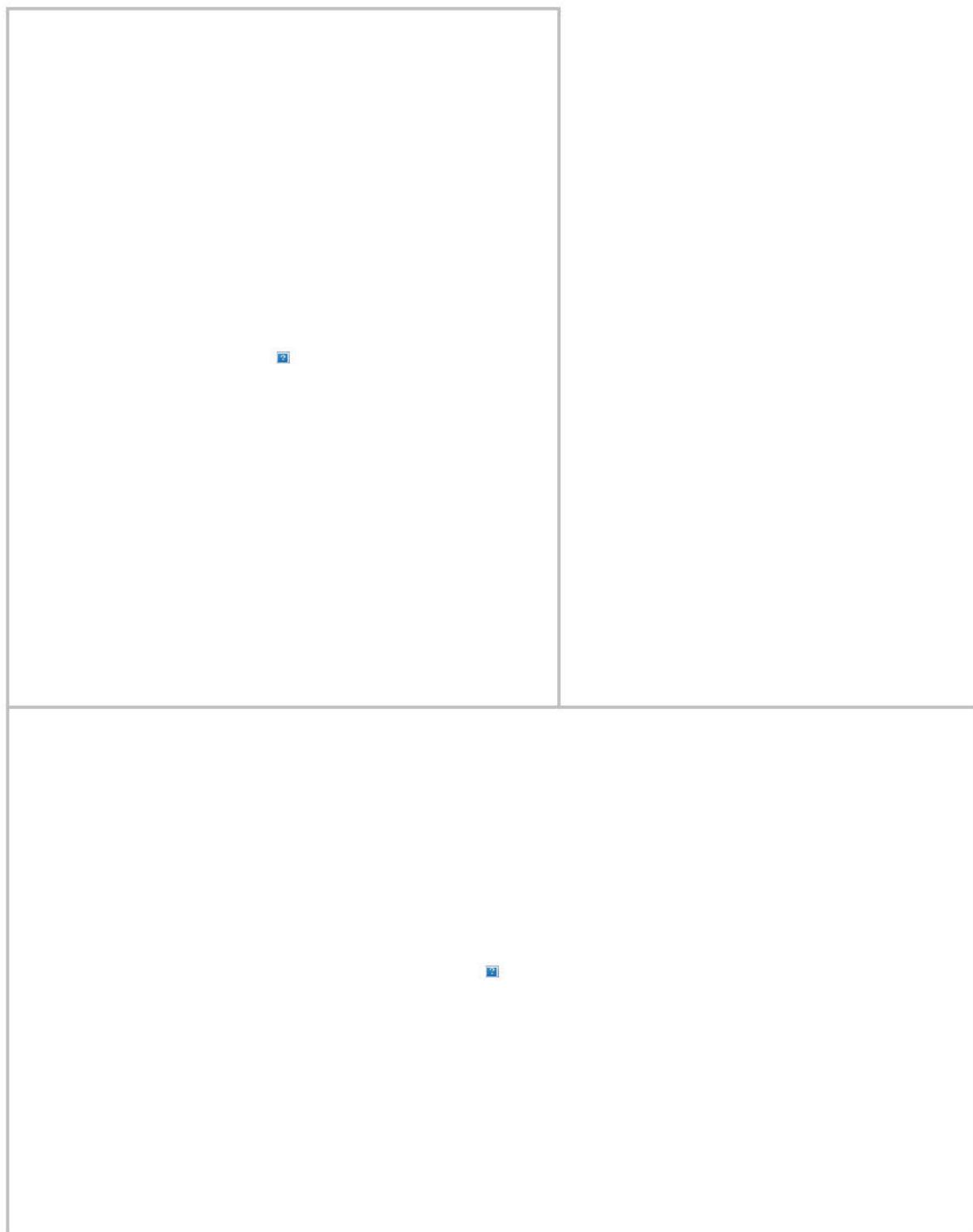
As [REDACTED] points out, there was significant impact on traffic in the local area on the Friday however this was due to the thousands of vehicles arriving at Saint Hill for the event and a lack of traffic management in place to assist access to the site. Our small gathering on the verge next to the road did not limit access to the property and was not a factor in the congestion caused by Scientology's event.

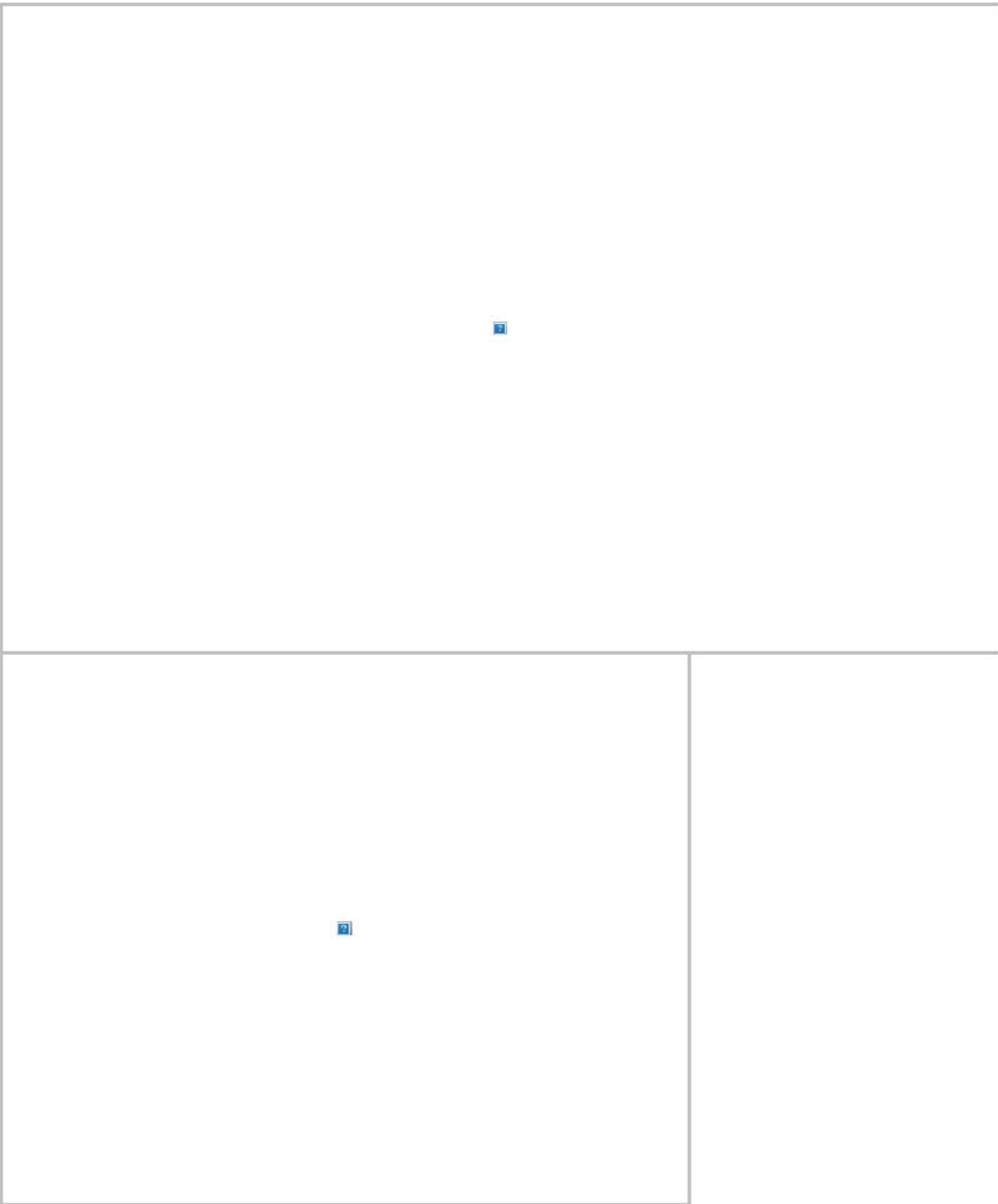
I am more than happy to negotiate an agreeable plan to minimise disruption to Scientology's event, however the location [REDACTED] is suggesting would have a greater impact on local residents. If the Church does not place obstructions along the public right of way, access to their site would be significantly easier and safer for all.

Appendix 01 - Communication with MSDC confirming last year's road closure  
Appendix 02 - Grass verge indicating location of the demonstration  
Appendix 03 - Plant pots and hoarding erected along the public highway last year  
Appendix 04 - Vehicles, plant pots and signage obstructing public right of way last year  
Appendix 05 - Grass verge prior to fence and hedgerow installation (2011)  
Appendix 06 - Hedgerow and fencing erected along the highway (2014)  
Appendix 07 - Property boundaries indicated by previous Saint Hill planning application

Kind regards,

**Alexander Barnes-Ross**





On 7 Oct 2024, at 16:16, Alexander Barnes-Ross <[abarnesross@gmail.com](mailto:abarnesross@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED] and [REDACTED],

This is to acknowledge receipt of the below email from [REDACTED]. I will respond by close of business on Tuesday 15th October and have copied in my lawyer, [REDACTED]

Kind regards,

Alexander Barnes-Ross

On 7 Oct 2024, at 11:08, [REDACTED] <[@scientology.org.uk](mailto:@scientology.org.uk)> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to you further to the email below sent by a Mr Barnes-Ross.

In his email Mr Barnes-Ross purports to be seeking to agree arrangements for a protest to take place outside of the Church of Scientology. I will not be communicating with Mr. Barnes-Ross directly, as he is an anti-Scientology propagandist who has previously indicated that he has two aims. Firstly, to make a living from pushing an anti-Scientology message, and secondly to destroy the religion. Even the email that he has written quite clearly has as its primary purpose to harass the church, and also to provide material for his constant need to generate an anti-Scientology output in order to achieve his first aim.

By way of background Mr. Barnes-Ross briefly joined the church over a decade ago, and was thrown out. He has a significant problem with being honest. Last year, for example, he claimed to have obtained the permission to close Saint Hill Road, which, as you will know, was not true. He also asserted that he would do nothing to try to disrupt the Church's event, and then proceeded to do precisely that. At one point he even videoed himself shouting at the top of his voice trying to disrupt the outdoor opening of a new building which took place during the weekend.

His claims to not want to harass or abuse visitors to the event were also a complete lie. In reality, he videoed and live-streamed on the Internet a lot of the activities. This included breaching privacy, as they sought out individual visitors to harass and abuse and broadcast on the Internet. Some of these visitors were with their children. He also organised a chant calling for the eradication of the Scientology religion.

In other words, he and his cohorts were guilty of pure hate speech.

In terms of arrangements for the protest, last year the police had allocated an area a short distance from the entrance, where the protestors could stand next to the road and be visible to people visiting the event. They would be able to stand there safely without harassing or abusing visitors, and, in particular, without putting the safety of visitors (or themselves) at risk. The Council even provided safety barriers.

However, Mr Barnes-Ross ignored the police's request to stand there, and insisted on standing near the entrance, where he and his cohorts proceeded to harass and abuse any visitors arriving, thus causing anyone arriving on foot to have to walk along the road itself in order to avoid being harangued and videoed. This was extremely dangerous. As a result of Mr Barnes-Ross' actions with his cohorts, there was a considerable backup of traffic which extended all the way into East Grinstead.

It was as a result of this experience that the Church and our neighbours asked the Mid-Sussex to create a Public Spaces Protection Order - so that people can arrive at the event safely, and that visitors would not be subject to harassment, hate speech and abuse.

You will note that the requested order would not prevent Mr Barnes-Ross and his cohorts from protesting in the area where the police had indicated he should have done so last year.

Accordingly, if Mr. Barnes-Ross wishes to repeat his so-called protest, then he should make arrangements only to stand in that area.

Yours sincerely,

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From "Alexander Barnes-Ross" <[a Barnes-Ross@gmail.com](mailto:a Barnes-Ross@gmail.com)>  
To [\[REDACTED\]@scientology.org.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@scientology.org.uk)  
Cc [\[REDACTED\]@hodkin.org](mailto:[REDACTED]@hodkin.org) [\[REDACTED\]@midSussex.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@midSussex.gov.uk)  
Date 03/10/2024, 11:21:16  
Subject IAS Event 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

As with last year, we want to ensure our protest does not cause any disruption to your event. We want this to be a peaceful demonstration on the public highway and are keen to ensure our plans take your arrangements for the day in to account and minimise potential for disruption for your attendees.

Last time I called your office, I was hung up on as soon as I said my name so I thought an email was the next best way to contact you.

I have some questions for you to help me better understand your plans for this year's IAS event.

**If you could get back to me as soon as possible**, as it would allow us time to adjust our plans if necessary.

- When is the IAS event taking place this year?
- How many guests are you expecting? Last year, the Police and local authorities were told 6,000 attendees however the legal capacity of your temporary marquee is only around 3,000.
- What time does the event start & finish?
- What time are the majority of guests expected to arrive?
- Which entrance will the majority of visitors be using? Stables?
- Will VIPs be using a separate entrance, and if so what time are they expected to arrive? I understand they may use a separate gate?
- Will your guests arriving by vehicle be arriving from Saint Hill Green, or Turners Hill Road?

Please could you also provide a mobile number for the appropriate security personnel? Last year, we established a positive relationship with your security team, who told us thanks to our approach we were able to ensure our protest did not impact your event. I am keen to establish a point of contact should we need to communicate on the day.

I look forward to hearing back from you, and please don't hesitate to give me a call on 07706 145 330 if you would like to discuss our protest plans further.

Many thanks

Alexander Barnes Ross

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for coming to meet with me yesterday and thank for the link. I have submitted the Event Management Plan and also submit a copy to [REDACTED] at the email address above.

Thank you again,

regards  
[REDACTED]

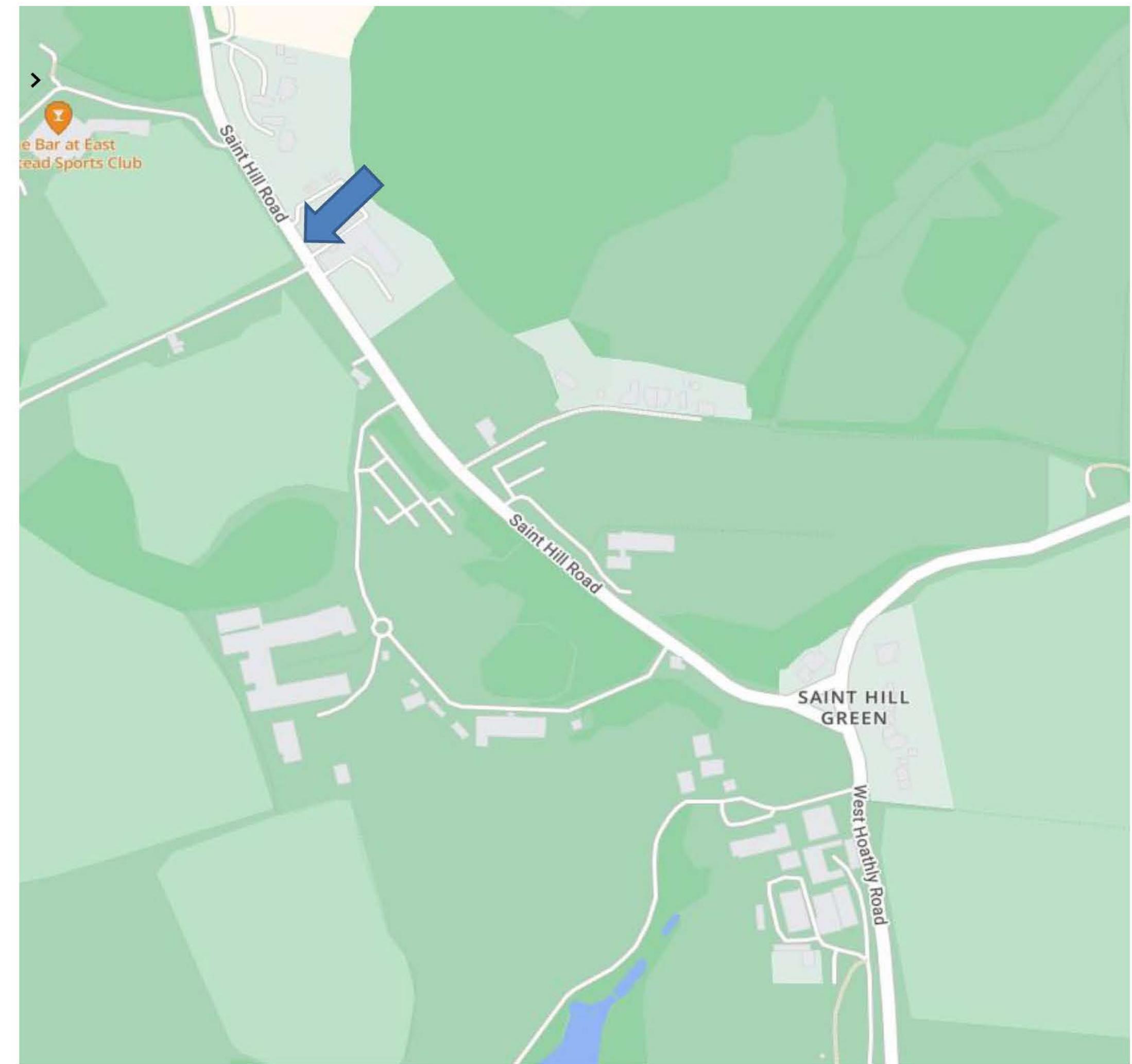
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]; [pspo](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: MSDC - Voluntary Code of Conduct letter -Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead  
**Date:** 15 June 2025 19:55:51  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[Designated protest space.pdf](#)

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email and letter.

As you know the purpose of the application for a PSPO was to prevent the activities of anti-Scientologists from having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of local Scientologists and other visitors to the Church of Scientology at Saint Hill. They need to be able to enter their place of worship without having to pass through or immediately next to people who are hostile to their religion, and without being harassed and humiliated by being called out to, filmed and live streamed on the internet.

Your proposed code of conduct will achieve this aim, provided it is adhered to strictly by the anti-Scientologists and provided there is clarity on what is meant.

Firstly, the position of the designated space should be included on a map attached to the Code. I accordingly attach herewith a map with a blue arrow pointing to the space designated by the police. The wording of point 2 will need to be slightly amended to refer to the map. I suggest the following:

**2. At all times protesters will remain in the space designated by the police (indicated by a blue arrow on the attached map), other than for the reasonable purposes of entering and exiting that space.**

Secondly, to ensure that it is entirely understood that the most objectionable harassment and intimidation of Scientologists will not occur, point 5 should explicitly refer to these. The wording of point 5 should therefore be slightly amended to cover this, as follows:

**5. Protesters will not (or will not attempt to) harass, intimidate or abuse any persons attending events at Church premises, or persons providing security or stewarding services for Church events. This includes not calling out to, filming or live streaming them or using foul or abusive language.**

Subject to those points of clarification being included, and their strict adherence by the anti-Scientologists, the Church is willing to give the Voluntary Code a chance as an alternative to the PSPO.

I am surprised, since the protestors were essentially asked to agree the very same things last year and refused. This is why the PSPO seemed to be necessary. If they are now willing to agree then all is good.

Kind regards

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**From:** [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 13 June 2025 15:34  
**To:** pspo <pspo@midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** MSDC - Voluntary Code of Conduct letter -Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead

Dear all,

Please find attached a further voluntary code of conduct letter offered by this Council dated today.

The deadline for responses is 4pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Assistant Director – Communities**  
Mid Sussex District Council

[REDACTED]

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [pspo](#)  
**Subject:** RE: MSDC PSPO Cabinet paper 30th June 2025  
**Date:** 26 June 2025 19:17:45  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

My client has carefully reviewed your published paper and the various documents. We appreciate all of the work that you and other Council staff have put into this.

To be clear, the purpose of the request for an PSPO was solely to prevent anti-Scientologists from congregating at the gate of the Church while members of the Church, and other visitors, were entering to attend religious services (which occur 7 days a week including during the IAS weekend) and religious activities, such as the IAS event. It did not seek to stop protests occurring in the vicinity of the Church, just not right next to it. We believe that is an entirely reasonable request.

While we note that your investigation of matters went broader than this, this was the simplicity of what the Church was asking for.

There is an alternative way of achieving this which my client has recently discussed with the police. My client is therefore willing to see what can be achieved by working with the police, Mid Sussex and Highways this year.

On this basis my client withdraws the present request for a PSPO. They will see what can be done this year, and do not rule out requesting it again based on what happens. Hopefully it will not be needed.

As I have said we do appreciate everyone's efforts, and I hope that this may considerably shorten the homework of members of the Cabinet, as well as the length of the meeting on Monday!

Kind regards

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**From:** [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 20 June 2025 15:35

**To:** [REDACTED] @hodkin.org>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>; pspo <pspo@midsussex.gov.uk>

**Subject:** MSDC PSPO Cabinet paper 30th June 2025

Dear [REDACTED]

In [REDACTED] absence on leave, please find below a link to the published paper on the Saint Hill Road PSPO to be considered on the 30 June 2025.

<https://midsussex.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=137&MId=3399>

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Assistant Director – Communities**  
Mid Sussex District Council

From: [REDACTED] (Cllr)  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: PSPO from MSDC Board mtg and others  
Date: 22 June 2025 08:59:15

Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Having attended the Gala on a few occasions (not recently!) I have never felt intimidated- I have been aware of their presence-but never felt that I needed protecting!  
I took the liberty of looking up rights of assembly -

Article 11 of the Human Rights Act 1998, which incorporates the European Convention on Human Rights into UK law, guarantees the right to freedom of assembly and association. This right encompasses the ability to gather peacefully and form or join groups, including trade unions, for the protection of one's interests.

I personally see no reason to implement a PSPO for this event. Given that it is illegal for any Council to overturn an Act of Parliament - should this case be taken to Court, costs would be awarded against the Council. (And we don't want that!!)

My thoughts....

Cllr [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk

On 21 Jun 2025, at 23:52 [REDACTED] (Cllr) [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi All

[REDACTED]

More importantly Cabinet will be discussing the request from the Saint Hill Scientologists for a PSPO. Please give at least the Cabinet paper a read  
(<https://midsussex.moderngov.co.uk/documents/21505/item%205.%20Application%20for%20a%20Public%20Spaces%20Protection%20Order%20PSPO%20Saint%20Hill%20Road%20and%20West%20Hoathly%20B.pdf>)  
and give me a call if there are points that you would like me to raise.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [press](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] [\(Cllr\)](#); [REDACTED] [\(Cllr\)](#); [REDACTED] [\(Cllr\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Press enquiry - Scientology  
**Date:** 08 March 2024 17:22:50

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Thanks for your response [REDACTED] I presume from your statement that I can expect to receive individual responses from [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] if they did not attend Scientology events "in their capacity as Mid Sussex District Councillors"? Could you confirm this please?

Your statement also doesn't address the emails obtained under the Freedom of Information Act which show that councillor [REDACTED] enquired about getting a road closed on behalf of the church after finding out that protestors were planning to hold a rally outside Scientology's headquarters. This is not a Scientology event, so can you address that please?

And will you investigate the relationship between councillors and the Church of Scientology or will councillors be free to continue attending Scientology events?

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
News Reporter

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**From:** press <[press@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:press@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 8, 2024 5:02 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@mailonsunday.co.uk>  
**Cc:** press <[press@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:press@midsussex.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: Press enquiry - Scientology

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks for the email. Please do contact [press@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:press@midsussex.gov.uk) for any future queries. Please find the response from Mid Sussex District Council below:

*"No Councillors have attended any Church of Scientology events in their capacity as Mid Sussex District Councillors.*

*Furthermore, as a District Council, we have no affiliation or association with the Church of Scientology and remain committed to transparency in all of our community interactions."*

Best

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [enquiries](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] [\(Clk\)](#) [REDACTED] [\(Clk\)](#); [REDACTED] [\(Clk\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Press enquiry - Scientology  
**Date:** 08 March 2024 13:02:31

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Good afternoon,

I didn't receive an acknowledgment of this email so I am following up to ensure it has been seen.

Kind regards,

## News Reporter

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Dear

I act for the Church of Scientology.

I would be grateful if you would call me back in connection with your letter to [REDACTED] dated 21 October 2024 (ref: EF/24/0203). My number is [REDACTED]

Kind regards

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**Subject:** RE: Church of Scientology, Saint Hill Manor (ClientRef:CHU001/1)  
**Date:** 11 November 2024 21:20:32  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)  
[questionnaire-11112024211258.pdf](#)

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Dear [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Given that your paperwork gave two different deadlines, and I was unable to communicate with you today, we have completed the questionnaire as best as we can.

I attach this herewith. Please acknowledge receipt.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 November 2024 17:01  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Church of Scientology, Saint Hill Manor

Dear [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED]

I was hoping to speak with you today regarding the PCN. I had noted the 12 November as the date by which it should be replied to – as the notice states that the information is required within 21 days from the date it was served on the client. However, I note that the covering letter refers to 21 days from the date of the letter.

I would be grateful if you could call me today to clarify how some of the questions should be answered.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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Served On [REDACTED] Reference No: EF/24/0203

Further to the notice served on me the answers to the questions listed in Paragraph 4 are as follows:

(a) [REDACTED]

(b) None. The land is owned by  
Church of Scientology Religious Education  
College Inc.

(c) At the date of the notice we were just completing the  
erection of the 3 marquees for the International  
Association of Scientologists event held between  
25-27 October 2024. It has now largely been removed.

(d) Church of Scientology Religious Education  
College Inc.

(e)

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(1) 8500	5000	1800
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(f) ALUMINIUM/TIMBER CASSETTE DECK

(g) Range of forklift trucks and meepers

(h) ALUMINIUM PROFILE FRAME WITH PVC COVERS

(i) Fixed to the ground with 1.5m long ground  
anchors/pegs

(j) Approximately 7,000 man hours

(k) About 16

(l) It was finished on 2nd October 2024

(m) It is mostly renovation, this will be completed in a few days

(n)

Activity	Activity start date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Activity end date (dd/mm/yyyy)
International Association of Scientologists Convention with charity concert.	25/10/2024	27/10/2024


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(o) IT IS STORED AT THE HQ OF THE  
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(p) IT IS A GRASS FIELD AND WOODLAND,  
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EVENTS 3 DAYS A YEAR  
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(q) It is an understanding that it is  
permitted development.  
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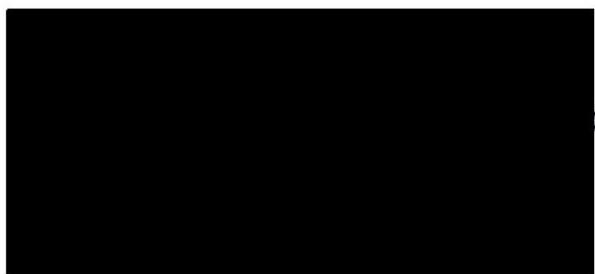
(r) We intend to make an application to put

some permanent infrastructure into the ground to facilitate this event. See pre-application advice date 2nd August 2024 (DM/24/0951)

(s) Mid Sussex Planning department previously reported that this is permitted development.

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Please continue on separate sheet if required



dated 11 Nov 2024

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Church of Scientology, Saint Hill Manor (ClientRef:CHU001/1)  
**Date:** 21 November 2024 12:08:32  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

Dear

Thank you for your email. I confirm that the marquees have now been removed.

Kind regards

**From:** [REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 21 November 2024 09:58  
**To:** [REDACTED]@hodkin.org>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Church of Scientology, Saint Hill Manor (ClientRef:CHU001/1)

Dear [REDACTED],

Further to the below, I would be grateful to receive an update on the removal of the marquee as your response in the Planning Contravention Notice stated that this would take place in a few days.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Team Leader – Planning Enforcement and Trees  
[REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Mid Sussex District Council Observation at Scientology Annual Event – Friday 25th, Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th October (ClientRef:CHU001/1)  
**Date:** 22 November 2024 22:52:32  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Please see attached letter. I am also sending you a video on WeTransfer.

Kind regards

**From:** [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 23 October 2024 15:07  
**To:** [REDACTED] @churchofscientology.net>; [REDACTED] @hodkin.org>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Mid Sussex District Council Observation at Scientology Annual Event – Friday 25th, Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th October  
**Importance:** High

Dear [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Thank you again for last week's site visit and for agreeing to allow the Council's officers parking and on site access this weekend to safely conduct evidence gathering for the purposes of the Council's work relating to the potential Public Spaces protection order.

As promised I am writing to share contact details, documents and questions our officers will use during their presence at this weekends event.

As discussed last Wednesday, following legal advice, we will have copies of the attached A5 flyer available to attendees, directing them to an online questionnaire where they can submit statements regarding any activities they experience during the event. Council staff will also be using an observation sheet and a shortened questionnaire to collect on-the-day statements if required. Additionally, local residents and businesses on Saint Hill Road will receive a letter encouraging them to make statements about their experiences should they wish to.

**Questionnaire link** [Public Spaces Protection Order \(PSPO\) Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead - Mid Sussex District Council](#)

Please be aware that council officers will be gathering evidence as part of their role as independent observers. They will not be there to make judgements on any activities or to manage health and safety concerns, which will be handled by the police present on the day.

Our intention is not to interfere with your event, the protests, or the work of the police in anyway. We simply be gathering evidence in order to assist with the future considerations relating to the potential Public Spaces Protection Order. Our staff will act as impartial observers.

We expect to be on site between about 2.30/3 pm until 7 pm each day.

You can contact me on telephone number [REDACTED] should you need to do so. I should be grateful if you would provide a contact telephone number for someone who can help if we have any issues on-site.

### **Friday Event**

- Team Leader, [REDACTED], Total team of 4 staff
- 2x Cars for parking, [REDACTED]

### **Saturday Event**

- Team Leader, [REDACTED], Total team of 4 staff
- 2x Cars for parking, [REDACTED]

### **Sunday Event**

- Team Leader [REDACTED], Total team of 4 staff
- 2x Cars for parking, [REDACTED]

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.



[REDACTED]

**Head Of Service  
Community Services**



[\[REDACTED\]@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@midsussex.gov.uk)



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**Sent:** 16 June 2025 11:25

**To:** [REDACTED] @hodkin.org>

**Cc:** [REDACTED] @midsussex.gov.uk>; pspo <pspo@midsussex.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: MSDC - Voluntary Code of Conduct letter -Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead

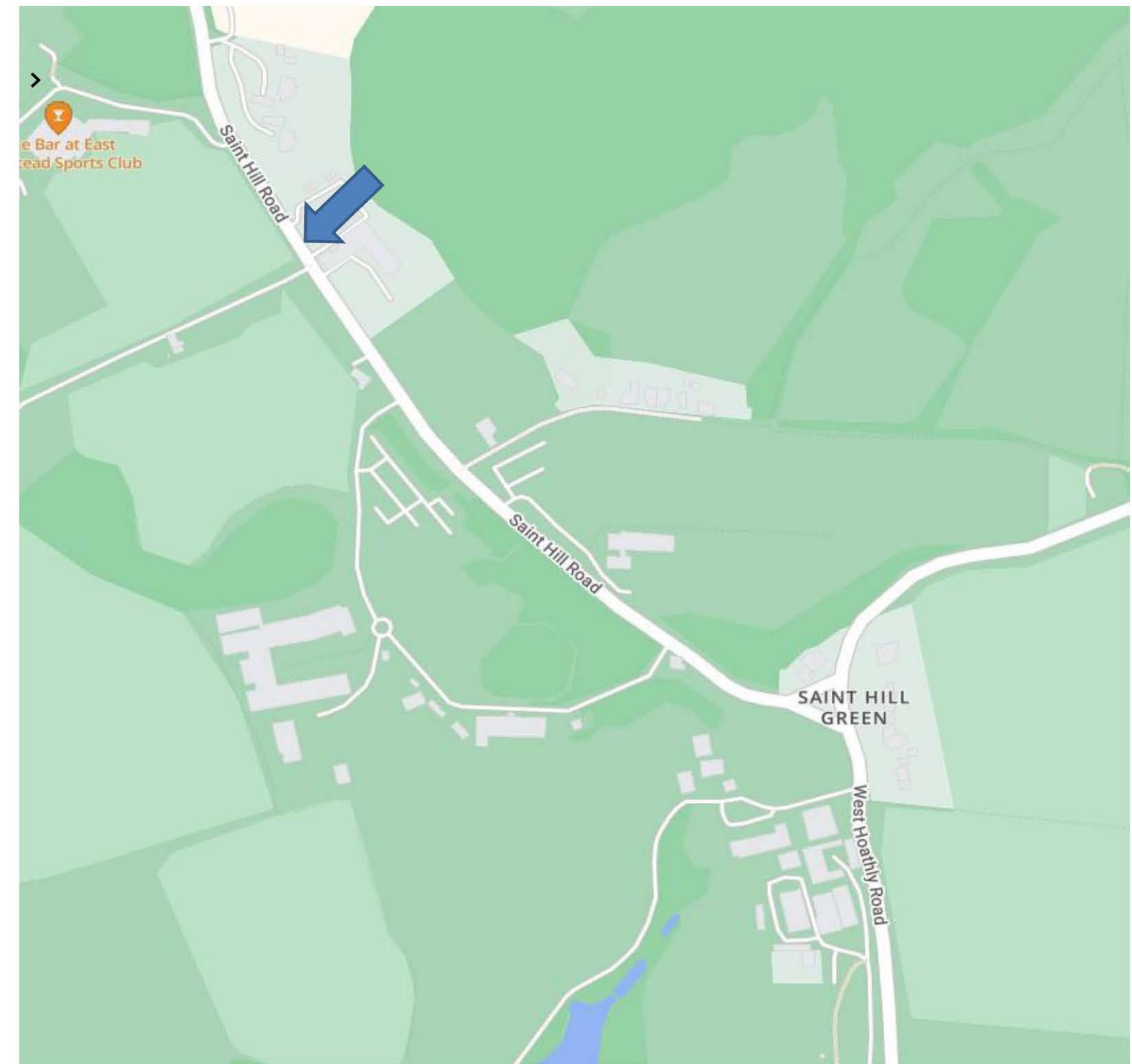
Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for responding so quickly. I have also already heard from the protesters and they have agreed to the voluntary code of conduct set out in my letter of 13 June 2025 (attached).

With regard to your suggested amendments:

1. The protesters have agreed to remain in any space designated at any time for their use in agreement with the police, other than for the reasonable purposes of entering and exiting that space. It is for the police to decide where the space will be. The police have told us that they do dynamic risk assessments on the day of each protest and that the protesters are co-operative. The Council considers that the designation of a safe and appropriate protest space is a task for the police, and that it is not within the Council's powers to enter into an agreement which may interfere with their assessment.

2. The protesters have agreed that they will not (or will not attempt to) harass, intimidate or abuse any persons attending events at the Church premises or persons providing security or stewarding services for Church events. They have also agreed not to use foul or abusive language. They have not agreed that they

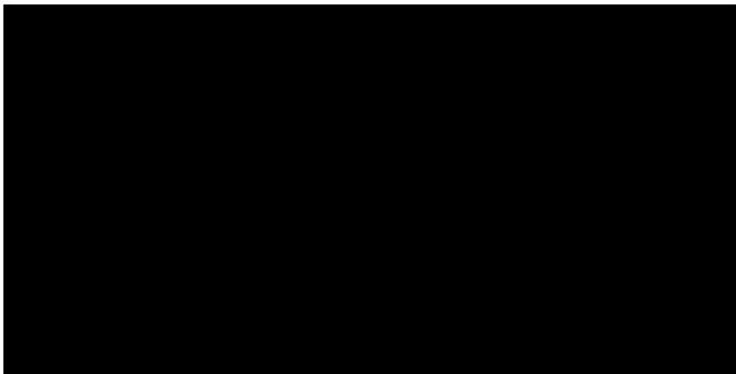


will not call out to attendees and they have not agreed to a prohibition on filming or live streaming. They have, however, agreed to follow and comply with instructions given by the police and/or any officers of MSDC or WSCC, to remain on public land or the public highway, and to follow and comply with instructions given by the police or the Council regarding amplified music, voice or audio.

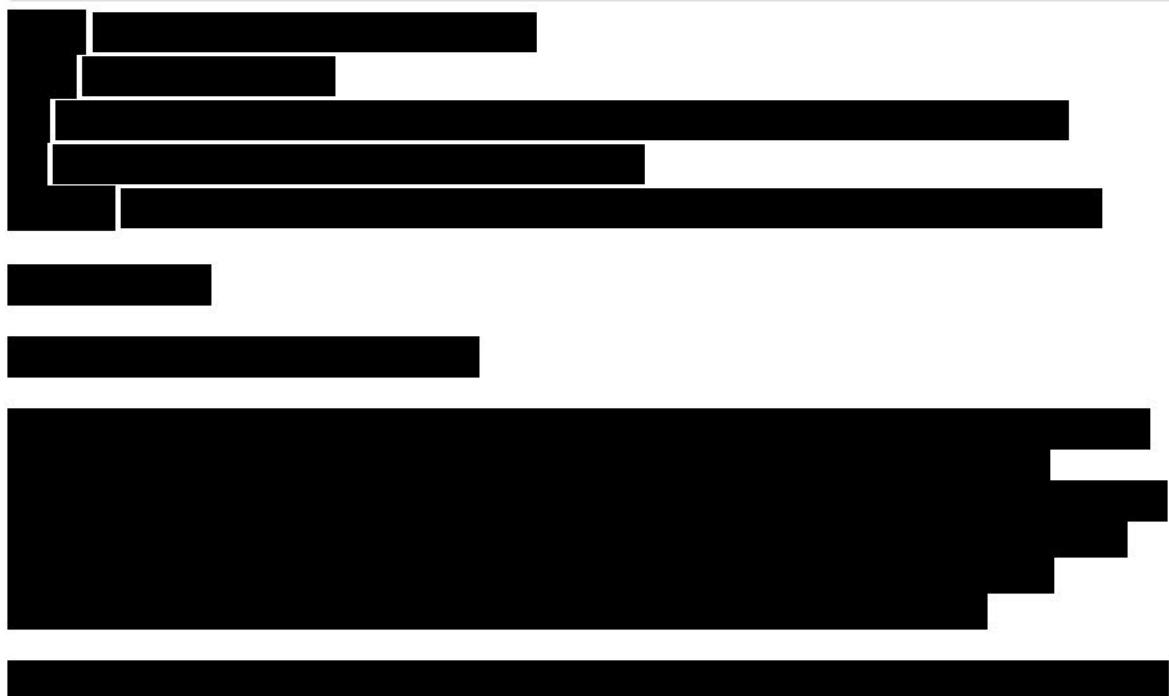
The wording of the proposed Codes has been carefully considered; having regard to all the available evidence the Council considers that the proposed Code is proportionate and workable.

Please confirm your agreement to the voluntary code of conduct, as set out in my letter of 13 June 2025, by 4 pm on Wednesday 18 June 2025.

Kind Regards,



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**From:** [REDACTED]@churchofscientology.net>  
**Sent:** 07 October 2024 13:37  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
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Dear J [REDACTED] & [REDACTED]

I hope all is well with you. We've received the confirmation now that the event is on the 25th, 26th and 27th of October.

Could you advise if there are now forms that I need to fill out to update the records on this.

Thank you and kindest regards,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the time you took for us the other day. As discussed, I've attached the soft copy Event Management Plan for the 2025 IAS event. As we progress with the preparations I will be able to update and send you the finalised plan, but there won't be significant changes.

Thank you again,

Kindest regards,  
[REDACTED]

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Dear Councillor Sweatman,

Last year, you approached Mid Sussex District Council officers on behalf of the Church of Scientology seeking to close Saint Hill Road as a way to restrict protestors gathering outside their property. My understanding is that you have regularly attended events at Saint Hill and have a positive relationship with Liz Ostermann, Janet Laveau and Graeme Wilson who head up their public relations department.

As a former Scientologist, I was locked in a room as a teenager and forcibly held against my will and since leaving have been the subject of a sustained and targeted campaign of online harassment, orchestrated by Scientology. Nonetheless, I stand firm in my determination to end abuse inside the organisation and remain committed to supporting those who wish to leave, providing resources and community to those who need it.

In contrast to what Scientology say about me, I have never called for an end to their organisation and have nothing against their belief system - I just want the abuse to stop.

Would you be willing to meet with me in private, or speak over the phone to discuss my concerns and whether it would be possible to establish a more co-operative and collaborative relationship with the Church that lessens the impact of their annual event on local residents?

Many thanks and kind regards

**Alexander Barnes-Ross**