

Lydden Hill Race Circuit Consultative Committee

Chairman: Graham Hutchison

Secretary: Gabriella White

The **1st Lydden Hill Race Circuit Consultative Committee meeting** held at Lydden Hill Race Circuit on 30th January 2024 commencing at 6pm.

Attendance list

Hannah Bennett	Lydden Hill Race Circuit
Reuben Elman	Lydden Hill Race Circuit
Keith Jones	Wootton Village Hall
Roger Tapley	Wootton Village Hall
Cllr Terry Hodges	Denton with Wootton Parish Council
Cllr Allyn Thomas	Denton with Wootton Parish Council
Cllr Jamie Pout	Eythorne and Shepherdswell Ward of Dover DC (ESW)
Chris Brown	Dover District Council
Penelope James	Wootton Environmental protection group
Justine Crush	Wootton Environmental protection group
Cllr David Beaney	Dover Downs and River ward
Cllr Mark Rose	Dover Downs and River ward
Cllr Nigel Stevens	Swingfield Parish Council
Cllr Richard Pickering	Swingfield Parish Council
Cllr Marien Elgar	Shepherdswell with Coldred Parish Council
Cllr Barry Crush	Shepherdswell with Coldred Parish Council

Minutes

- **Welcome, introductions and apologies**

Chairman of the Lydden Hill Race Circuit Consultative Committee (LHRCCC), Graham Hutchinson, welcomed everyone to the first LHRCCC. Each committee member then introduced themselves to the committee.

Cllr Richard Pickering was not present although Cllr Nigel Stevens explained they had intended for only one Cllr to attend each meeting.

There were no apologies received for Cllr David Beaney, Cllr Mark Rose or Cllr Barry Crush.

- **Attendees to sign attendance Sheet**

The attendance sheet was completed with the following members in attendance;

Marien Elgar
Jamie Pout

Christopher Brown
Nigel Stevens
Allyn Thomas
Graham Hutchison
Penelope James
Justine Crush
Terry Hodges
Roger Tapley
Keith Jones
Hannah Bennett
Reuben Elman
Gabriella White

It was raised that the Church may need a representative, Allyn Thomas volunteered to represent the Church.

- **Declaration of conflicts of interests**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

It was asked if the Lydden Hill Race Circuit Consultative Committee document was still in draft form or if it had been approved. It was confirmed that it has now been approved and discharged by DDC.

It was acknowledged that Dover Downs and River ward had been omitted from the members list within the constitution. Hannah to look into this with Chris to have them, along with Swingfield, added to the members list to be allowed a vote.

- **Report from LHRC to cover 2023, the 2024 calendar and a development update.**

A presentation was given by Reuben Elman from Lydden Hill Race Circuit which included an overview of 2023, a development update and the plan for 2024. A copy of the presentation can be found in appendix A.

- **Report from officers of DDC regarding any breaches of the LAeq limits and all exceedances of the LMax limits set out in the NMP and the planning permissions during the previous period**

Chris Brown from Dover District Council (DDC) started by explaining how DDC monitor Lydden Hill Race Circuit. It was explained that DDC monitor the circuit 12 times per year during a range of different events and during different times of the day. It was explained that Lydden Hill have two unrestricted days per year and if they use both of these days and then go on to breach noise limits, there would be an enforcement action issued by the DDC, although Lydden Hill have never reached this point.

Chris explained that Lydden Hill did not use any of their unrestricted days in 2023 and there were no recorded breaches of the noise abatement notice in 2023.

Chris did address that there were concerns from local residents that the November rallycross was loud. It was explained that there was a communication issue within their team and that DDC decided to record under the new permission although they recorded for 15 minutes rather than 30 minutes. Lydden Hill Race Circuit were not yet running under the new permission.

Chris explained that the weather had been poor in 2023 and that 8/12 events monitored were affected by the weather.

Chris did explain that whilst DDC note concerns from residents, DDC will only take evidence of breaches collected by DDC officers. It was also explained that even if the last event was recorded to be over the noise limit, it would have just resulted in an unlimited day being used rather than a breach of the abatement notice.

Chris referred back to the presentation and that Lydden Hill said they would be running under the new Noise Management plan from March onwards which will give transparency for residents. Chris also highlighted that the new planning permission is much stricter than the current noise abatement notice and gave the example that the average reading will go from over an hour to just half an hour.

Penelope James from WEPG asked why in the DDC report did it show that DDC were always monitoring between 12pm and 2pm. Chris explained that these times were the times of the highest reading and not the total time in which they were monitoring on each day.

Allyn Thomas from Wootton with Denton parish council raised that there are endless disputes from residents that the noise monitoring points don't best reflect the local housing and asked if these could be moved. Chris explained that these points have come from the noise abatement notice and suggested Lydden Hill Race Circuit would need to put in planning for these points to be moved.

Justine Crush from WEPG raised that monitoring used to take place in the layby on Geddinge Lane although Lydden Hill and the council now monitor near to the entrance of Five Oaks which is inconvenient for the residents. Chris did explain that DDC can only enforce and monitor at specific locations as listed in the planning permission, if Lydden Hill choose to monitor at different locations then that is irrelevant. It was established that the Five Oaks measuring point (point 4) is the correct location. Hannah explained that she wasn't aware of the point being moved and would look into this further.

It was raised that the Goodwood model was discussed a number of times during the planning process as it was popular with their local residents and asked what happened to Lydden Hill using the same model. Chris from DDC explained that Goodwood has a very different topography to Lydden Hill with a noise management plan that allows a lot more unrestricted days and no external monitoring. Chris explained that he visited Goodwood to see how they monitor and believe that the new Noise Management plan in place for Lydden Hill is as close to their system as we are going to get. He also mentioned that Lydden Hill have followed the Goodwood model for the consultative committee.

Cllr Nigel Stevens from Swingfield parish council asked if the unrestricted days meant that Lydden Hill could, hypothetically run two days of F1 with no noise restrictions if they wanted to. Chris and Hannah both agreed that this would be permitted under the permission although Lydden Hill choose not to run 'unrestricted' events as such to minimise any disruption.

- **LHRC to respond to the previous item specifically providing any explanation and any action taken or changes made as a result**

Under the new permission, the unrestricted days must be identified within the calendar. Penelope James asked Hannah what dates would be unrestricted in 2024 to which Hannah confirmed they would be the Sunday of the Historic Bike Festival 21st April and the Sunday of the Lord of Lydden 20th October. Hannah did point out that although these events are identified as the two unrestricted days, they will still be monitored as if they were category 2 days to minimise disruption to residents.

Penelope stated she knows the categories are on the website for each event but asked if Hannah can send a simplified calendar including noise categories, Hannah agreed this was fine.

Justine Crush then asked who signs off the noise categories. Hannah explained Lydden Hill choose which events will fall into which category based on previous results. DDC then monitor to the limits of these categories.

- **Wootton Environmental Protection group to discuss traffic, road signage and road closures**

Penelope James expressed their appreciation of the road closures although noted there are concerns for the smaller events when there are no road closures and visitors may still use the village lanes. Hannah did explain that signage will be in place and that it is written into the regulations of the smaller events that if competitors are found to be driving through the village they will not be permitted to start.

Cllr Nigel Stevens did raise the point that the opening of the new access road will help deter people from using the village roads.

Penelope James raised that there have been issues with the road closures in 2023 which have included them being manned by young people who, in some occasions, have not been wearing PPE, no sandbags on signs, poor positioning of closures, passes not being recognised and supervisors having no accreditation to show when asked. It was suggested that we should reconsider the company used for 2024.

Hannah did explain that the company we use are CSAS and Kent County Council approved and manage their own health and safety. Hannah noted that we had received these concerns during the year and have passed the feedback onto Right Guard to make improvements ahead of 2024.

Cllr Nigel Stevens also raised that there have been occasions where the closure was in the wrong place and prevented people accessing the farm shop on Stockham Lane. Again, Hannah assured Nigel that Lydden Hill would speak to Right Guard and confirm the road closure locations.

Hannah did ask that residents are encouraged to call the office during events with any concerns they have so they can be rectified.

- **AOB allowed by the chair**

Allyn Thomas asked what the process is for changing events and providing notice to the Church for weddings and other events. Hannah explained that under the new noise management plan, the notice period for the large events is 3 months although the big events at the circuit usually remain the same weekends year on year.

It was asked why there are only two consultative committee meetings a year and was suggested that four may be more helpful. Chris explained that when reviewing the Consultative Committee constitution document, it was deemed that two would be enough to allow the circuit to run enough events to be discussed. Graham mentioned that we could vote at the next meeting on increasing the number of meetings per year.

It was decided the next meeting would be at 6pm on the 30th July 2024 at Lydden Hill Race Circuit.

Cllr Nigel Stevens asked if Gaby's email is able to be shared, Gaby confirmed she is happy for her email to be shared and that it is Gaby@lyddenhill.co.uk

Record of votes:

30/01/2024

No votes actioned

Potential vote items for next committee meeting;

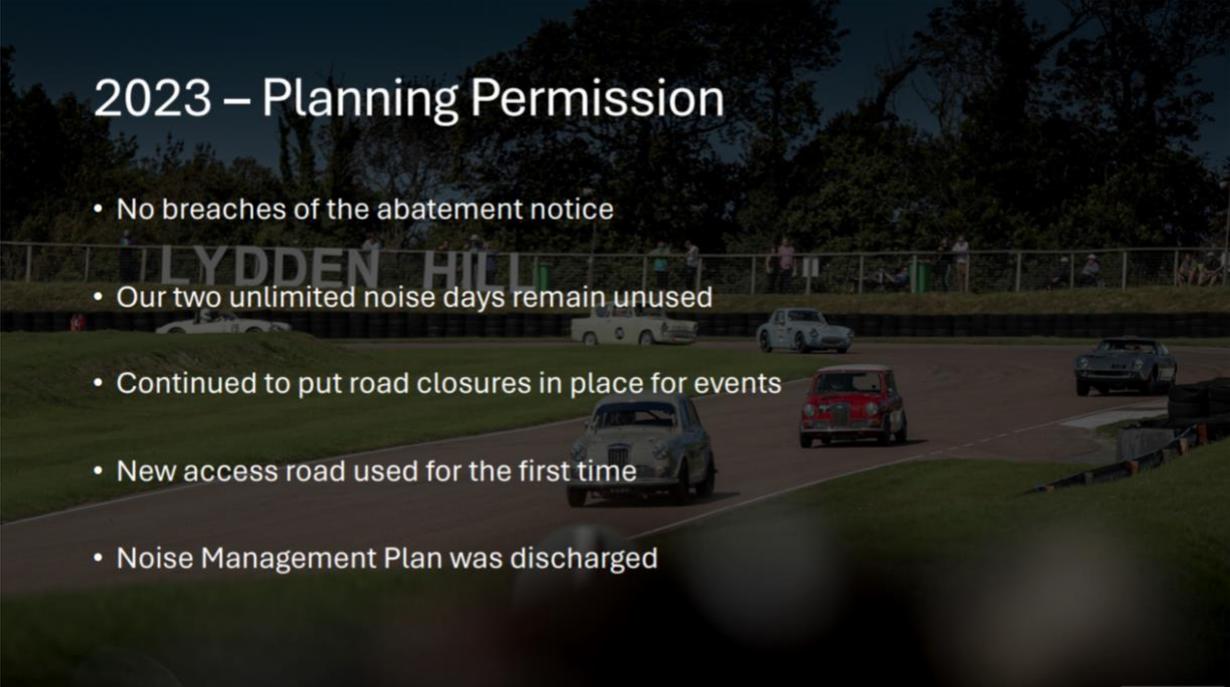
- The adding of members to the LHRCCC
- Increasing the frequency of LHRCCC meetings

Appendix A



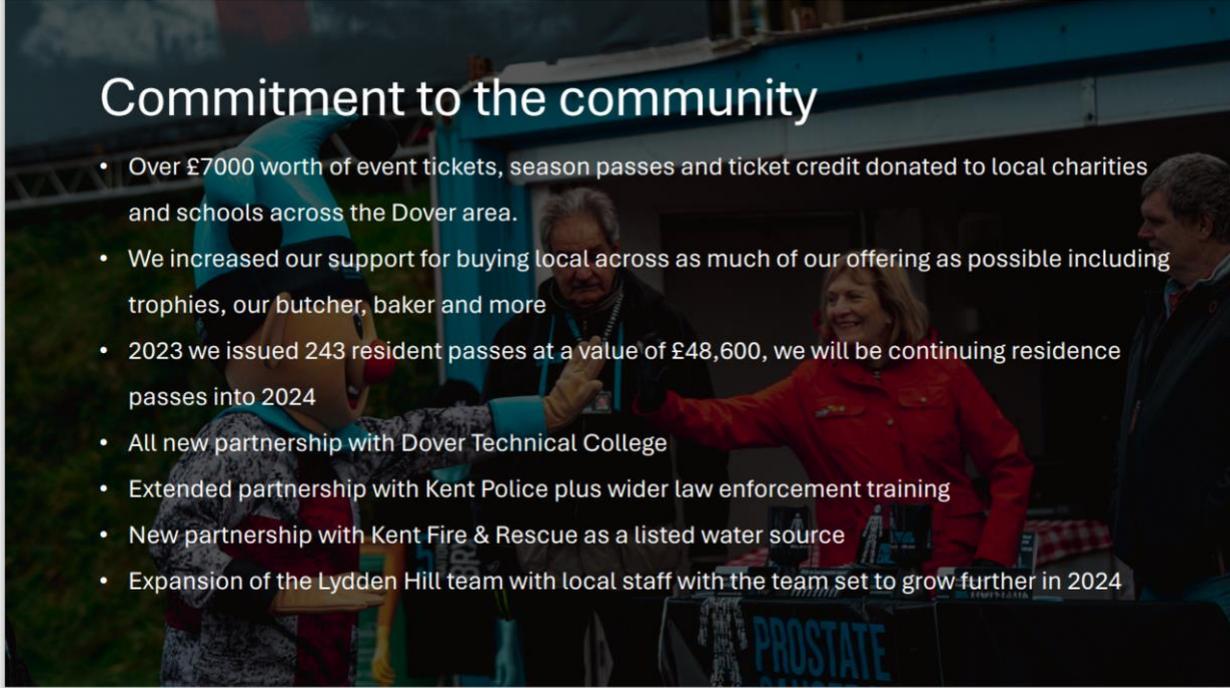
2023 – Overview of our events

- 52 event days were run in 2023 with over 70,000 visitors in attendance
- Hosted 6 large-scale spectator events
- Hosted FIA World Rallycross event with record attendance from overseas visitors as well as putting the circuit and Dover on the international stage
- Organised PR activity with Dover Castle, Samphire Hoe and DDC to attract visitors to Dover.
- Increase in cycling events including training, cyclocross and glorious gravel
- Removed the BHP Performance Show from our event calendar
- Supported events in Dover including the Regatta and Dover transport museum.
- Promoted Lydden Hill and the Dover district on BBC, ITV and the Grand Tour.
- Won the tender to extend our contract as promotor of the Motorsport UK British Rallycross championship



2023 – Planning Permission

- No breaches of the abatement notice
- Our two unlimited noise days remain unused
- Continued to put road closures in place for events
- New access road used for the first time
- Noise Management Plan was discharged



Commitment to the community

- Over £7000 worth of event tickets, season passes and ticket credit donated to local charities and schools across the Dover area.
- We increased our support for buying local across as much of our offering as possible including trophies, our butcher, baker and more
- 2023 we issued 243 resident passes at a value of £48,600, we will be continuing residence passes into 2024
- All new partnership with Dover Technical College
- Extended partnership with Kent Police plus wider law enforcement training
- New partnership with Kent Fire & Rescue as a listed water source
- Expansion of the Lydden Hill team with local staff with the team set to grow further in 2024

2024 – Calendar

- The same roster of 6 large spectator events will be held in 2024 as well our smaller activity
- No increase in the number of motorsport days
- An increased number of experience days, private hires & filming
- Other activity days to include cycling, balloon take-offs, boot fairs etc

Development Update

- The new Noise Management Plan to be in effect prior to any use of additional noise categories
- The new hedges will be planted along the new access road as per our landscaping plan
- The new entrance road will undergo remedial work to be open for our first large spectator event
- Planning permission to be submitted for construction of entrance sign

Noise Category

- At the bottom of each event page you will find the noise category for that day
- Timetables will also be shown here when available

Spectating is free of charge

There is quality, freshly prepared locally sourced catering open on-site at all Everyman Racing events at Lydden Hill

Dogs are permitted on a lead

All visitors of the circuit agree to abide by the [Lydden Hill Venue Regulations](#)

Noise Category: 4

ANY QUESTIONS?
📞 01304 830557

Resident Information

- Local resident update email list available for sign-up
- Shared folder with noise paperwork
- Privilege pass application

Bank Statement/Utility Bill or similar confirming your address, again this is for each person holding a pass.

Photographic ID for each person holding a pass such as a Driving Licence or Passport.

Residents living in the areas covered by our major event traffic management scheme (i.e. residents of Wootton) are also entitled to a vehicle pass allowing them to pass through the road closures that are in place for the larger events.

Children 13 and under go free to all events so do not need to be in possession of a privilege pass.

Click [HERE](#) to download your Privilege Pass Application Form.

[Lydden Hill Race Circuit noise paperwork can be viewed by clicking here](#)

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email address

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Privilege Pass Application 2024

Name(s):

Address:

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