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I object to the development application SSD 4995-2011 – Future Music Event on 10 March 2012.

I object to this development application on the grounds that the traffic management plan is insufficient to protect the surrounding residential area.

In particular, the residential area to the east of the Racecourse is very badly impacted by the Future Music event each year. These impacts are predominantly because attendees who choose to drive park in neighbouring streets removing all on-street parking opportunities for residents who return home after midday from normal weekend activities.

The parking in residential areas further impacts the community as attendees who have parked earlier return to their cars after the event. As there are large numbers of attendees, the time period for returning to their cars is between 10.15 to 11.30 pm. During this time a large amount of noise is made, litter left and other anti-social behaviour.

All this is so unnecessary, if only the event promoter would invest in a better traffic control plan (TCP) for the area east of the Racecourse for those attendees who choose drive. Such plans have been effectively implemented for the area west of the Racecourse.

For TCP 8 to be effective, this being the only entrance to ‘on-field’ parking for attendees who drive, a majority drive east along Alison Road (being the ‘primary frontage’ of the Racecourse):

- Firstly, it necessary to direct attendees who drive east along Alison Road past the residential streets leading off Alison Road (being John, Cowper and Prince) up to the turn-off just after gate 8 of the Racecourse. Accordingly, I suggest that left turns from Alison Road into John (TCP4), Cowper (TCP5) and Prince Street be closed, (buses excepted) between midday and 5pm (this being the ingress period). Similar arrangements already exist to the area west of the Racecourse (left turns from Anzac Parade into Carlton, Goodwood Streets – per TCP19& TCP20 for the egress period).

Attendees who drive would then continue south-east along Alison Road and via variable message signs (on Alison Road) would be directed to turn right into Wansey Road for event parking per TCP8a - ingress. At the very least, several variable message signs on the east side of Alison Road (between Doncaster Avenue and Prince Street) should direct attendees to “get in right lane for free event parking” (first message) and “turn right at Wansey Road for event parking” (second message) or similar.

I am aware of the concerns of residents on Wansey Road regarding use of this gate, but understand these relate to large truck movements before and after the event rather than attendees who drive.

- Secondly, it is necessary to extend the hours of operation of the existing residential parking scheme for the area east of the Racecourse. A similar consent condition was in place last year, but not acted upon, with the reasons unknown.

At present, many on street parking areas with time restrictions (from which residents are excepted), only operate 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday, although some on-street parking areas (Alison Road and William Street for example) operate 8am to 8pm Monday to Saturday. I suggest the on-street parking spaces which operate Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm should be subject to a 'special event' sign to extend the period of operation to include Saturday and up to 8pm. Randwick Council could subsequently be approached to standardizing the parking restrictions across the whole "RA4" zone at a future date.

Finally, this has been a consistently poorly run event for several years and I consider the promoter should be limited to a maximum attendance of 38,000, which is in line with the maximum imposed at other nearby outdoor festival event in Centennial Park.

Yours faithfully,  
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