



Havering
LONDON BOROUGH

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

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REPORT

Subject heading:

**Damyns Hall Aerodrome
Aveley Road Upminster RM14 2TN
Temporary Events Notice
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This temporary events notice (TEN) was submitted by Mr Daudi Mosh Alim under section 100 of the Licensing Act 2003. The TEN was received by Havering's Licensing Authority on 14th August 2025.

Geographical description of the site

Damyns Hall Aerodrome is located on the rural border between Upminster and Rainham, 2.2 miles from Upminster Station. While the site is predominantly used for small planes and microlights it also permits music festivals and similar outdoor events to occur on site. The Damyns Hall website - <https://www.damynshall.co.uk/home> - has a 'coming events' section. As of 20th August 2025 The Uganda Festival 2025 is not listed on the website.



Damyns Hall Aerodrome

The Uganda Festival 2025 has a presence on various online platforms. One online entry includes the following clarification further to the festival's relocation from the London Borough of Merton to Havering:

We are excited to announce that the maiden Uganda Festival 2025 will now take place at: Damyns Hall Aerodrome Aveley Road, Upminster, RM14 2TN, UK
NB: OUTDOOR SECTION*

This change follows restricted conditions at Morden Park that would have limited our ability to celebrate to the fullest.

Our new venue offers the freedom, space, and atmosphere to go bigger, louder, and better! At Damyns Hall Aerodrome, we can bring our festival vision to life with electrifying performances, vibrant cultural showcases, delicious food, and non-stop entertainment for all ages.

We can't wait to welcome you to an unforgettable celebration!



Details of the TEN

The TEN was submitted in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 on 14th August 2025. The TEN notifies the premises user's intention to supply alcohol and to provide regulated entertainment between the hours of 12:00 and 22:00 with a maximum attendance of 499 people. This maximum attendance number includes staff, organisers and performers. The TEN does not clarify the number of staff and performers who will be in attendance; however, online research suggests that a festival for 5,000 attendees would need a staffing presence of between 333 and 500 persons, based upon the industry-recognised staffing ratio of one staff member per 10-15 attendees.

Based upon a ratio of one staff member to every 15 guests an attendance of 467 members of the public would require that the staff and performers amount to 31 to ensure the 499 limit is not breached. The festival's promotional material suggests that there will be 13 acts performing. If each act is a solo act that would leave 18 staff members to run the festival for a maximum of 467 guests. Any increase in staffing numbers above 18 would therefore necessitate a reduction in attendee numbers.

Section 100 of the Licensing Act 2003 defines the parameters which govern a TEN; s.100(6) provides that:

- Where the relevant licensable activities include the supply of alcohol, the notice must make it a condition of using the premises for such supplies that all such supplies are made by or under the authority of the premises user.

The TEN form indicates that the premises user does not hold a personal licence and neither has he given any other TENs.

Section 3 of the TEN confirms that relevant entertainment will be provided between the hours of 12:00 and 21:00. Relevant entertainment is clarified on the TEN form at guidance note 13:

- Relevant entertainment is defined in the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 ("the 1982 Act") as any live performance or any live display of nudity which is of such a nature that, ignoring financial gain, it must reasonably be assumed to be provided solely or principally for the purpose of sexually stimulating any member of the audience (whether by verbal or other means). Relevant entertainment therefore includes, but is not limited to, lap dancing and pole dancing.

As required, the Licensing Authority supplied a copy of the TEN to the relevant responsible authorities on the day of receipt. The Police submitted an objection notice on 19th August 2025.

Summary

The objection notice provides details of Police concerns further to the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance and public safety. The Police objection notice includes:

- *The numbers that they have applied for at the original site in Merton were 5000 attendees, this was submitted along with an EMP [event management plan] for the event.*
- *Police feel that his event is going to go way beyond the number (499 including staff) that are allowed for a Temporary Event Notice.*

Section 7 of the s.182 Guidance to the Licensing Act 2003 addresses TENs. Paragraph 7.30 clarifies thus:

- In the case of an event authorised by a TEN, failure to adhere to the requirements of the 2003 Act, such as the limitation of no more than 499 being present at any one time, would mean that the event was unauthorised. In such circumstances, the premises user would be liable to prosecution.