

Appendix 1 – Recommended Changes to the Warwick Mop Fair Licence

Please note that many of these options were drawn directly from suggestions put forward by members of the public as part of the consultation exercises. Views of the current licence holder were also sought in regards to suggestions.

| Option | Include in the new licence? |
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| 1. Require that space is made for a careers fair at the Mop. This may start small (and easy to manage) with an armed forces stand, but may change dependent upon success | Yes. A number of locals suggested this idea to bring the Mop closer to its roots as a hiring fair. The current licence holder, should they have the opportunity to continue running the Mop, is also keen to include this element, and it is felt that it would be of benefit to the public. |
| 2. Allow flexibility in the opening time of the Mop to allow the licence holder to make concessions to the community such as opening early for local school children, etc. | Yes. A number of locals suggested this option in the consultation. The current licence holder is also very keen on this sort of community involvement. |
| 3. Work to help build relations with local businesses. I.e. anything from some sort of annual meeting to the licence holder judging shop window displays | <p>Yes. Require the licence holder to take part in liaison meetings with the licensor and local business representatives as and when required.</p> <p>This is with the expressed condition that it is <i>not</i> an invitation to review the operation of the Mop each year, but is instead there to help facilitate relationships and resolve specific issues in terms of 'best management'.</p> <p>This process will be facilitated by the Town Development Officer and the Events Team (or equivalents).</p> <p>The licence will refer to a dispute resolution process whereby final decision will be made by the relevant Head of Service in consultation with the Portfolio Holder.</p> |
| 4. That the licence holder must submit to the Events Team an accurate plan of the intended Mop setup at least two weeks before the event | Yes. Currently there is no such condition and it can cause some problems for the Events Team. |

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| <p>5. The new licence should run for only 5 years instead of 10</p> | <p>No (but see notes). The licence will run for a further 10 years, but will also contain a break clause after the 5th year to provide flexibility in the management of the Mop.</p> <p>It is not intended that the break clause would be an invitation to review the Mop or licence again in 5 years' time.</p> |
| <p>6. Introduce measuring and control of noise and fumes. Members should note that, in recent years, there have been no noise complaints to Environmental Health</p> | <p>Yes. This already appears in the current licence and should be modified to meet the latest standards.</p> <p>In terms of WDC management of the Mop, this needs to be fully enforced and needs to have an established assessment and reporting method. This will be done by Health and Community Protection and the Events Team</p> <p>Note: Generators are a necessary element to the Mop, and there is currently no practical way for us to provide the Showmen with access to an electrical supply instead.</p> |
| <p>7. Require that the licence holder provides designated staff to act as marshals and points of contact</p> | <p>Yes. The current licence holder states that they are largely self-policing (a view supported by the Events Team), and that they already have people keeping an eye on things during the event.</p> <p>The licence will require that Mop marshals are made more visible (perhaps with something as simple as high-visibility vests) and that the licence holder is to appoint people as being responsible for certain streets.</p> <p>It should be noted that the latest police figures show no recent rise in crime or ASB associated with Mop. Regardless, these measures will help address the (incorrect) perception that crime increases with the Mop.</p> <p>The Events Team are to be made the WDC point of contact as this has operational implications.</p> |

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| 8. That the Mop should close no later than 10pm each day | <p>Yes. Responses from the police and some local residents support this 10pm close. It should also be noted that the current licence holder has been closing the Mop around this time in recent years and is supportive of this condition.</p> <p>Whilst the police crime statistics show no increase in crime or ASB during the Mop, the earlier close may help to address the <i>perception</i> of such an increase.</p> |
| 9. To ban the giving or selling of live animals as part of the Mop | <p>Yes. The practice is not widespread at the current Mop (only two or three stalls do so with goldfish).</p> <p>Decision to ban the giving of animals outright as suggested by residents in the consultation.</p> |
| Options taken from other Councils' licences or put forward by Councillors/Officers | |
| 10. That the licence holder presents all relevant insurance/safety/etc. documents to WDC at least 1 month before the event | Yes. This is currently done via the current licence, but it was felt that the clause needed rewording slightly. It is suggested that a Safety Advisory Group meeting (or similar) leading up to the Mop would be the ideal time to receive these details. |
| 11. Licence holder and all ride operators shall conform with the latest legislation relating to the safe erecting, dismantling and operating of fairs in a public area. | Yes. |
| 12. Requirement that the licence holder cannot move or modify any permanently installed street furniture without prior permission | Yes. |
| 13. Require the licence holder to consult with the emergency services and highways, etc. before each Mop | Done so anyway via the SAG meetings. |
| 14. Removal of all non-essential vehicles from the fair area after setup | Yes. In practice, this is what currently happens anyway. |