

Venue Management Plan

for

Hawkshaw Farm Tipi Weddings

at

**Hawkshaw Farm
Longsight Road
Clayton Le Dale
Blackburn
BB2 7JA**

Management of the proposed wedding venue to minimise impact on neighbouring properties

Site details

The main potential impact on neighbouring properties will be possible noise nuisance. A sound engineer has completed an assessment with regard to the impact on the nearby residential properties and his recommendations have been incorporated into the proposed site development plan.

A 2 metre high bund will enclose the wedding tipi site which will be planted with native species shrubs and trees to deflect and disperse noise generated within the site.

Guest numbers will be restricted to 150 which will form part of the booking contract for users of the venue.

Management tools

It is anticipated that users will often engage live musicians for part of the wedding celebrations. In order to limit the impact on nearby properties there will be a strictly imposed time restriction with no live music being permitted after 11pm. This is in line with guidance from WHO and to fit with BS8233 which provides guidance for desirable noise levels in the daytime (07.00-23.00) and at night (23.00 – 07.00).

After 23.00hrs guests will be permitted to play recorded music with the recommended sound limiter in place which restricts output to 85dB(A) as per the sound engineers recommendation.

All events will end at midnight and users will be required to vacate the site by 00.30 hrs.

Car parking for the wedding venue will be located adjacent to the tipis to the north west of the existing visitor centre parking. This means that any noise from cars leaving the site is also deflected by the bund and landscaping to protect neighbouring properties.

It is important to note that the Dowson family live on site and will also be keen to ensure that the impact on their own family is minimised as farm work commences at 5.00am each morning.

Sound will be monitored on a regular basis to ensure the impact is minimised. An open dialogue with neighbours will ensure that any issues are brought to attention quickly and actions taken to resolve the issue.

Car parking

It is anticipated that the average number of guests during the daytime will be 100 people with an additional 50 guests in the evening. It is expected that there will be at

least two guests in each car and also people living or staying locally will arrive and leave by taxi. Therefore the maximum number of parking spaces required would be 75. The additional parking creates 80 new spaces.

The parking for the visitor centre and for the wedding venue will have spaces marked out by using half round rails on the ground to ensure the car park is used effectively. The majority of weddings take place in the early afternoon so it is likely that a wedding would overlap with the visitor centre being open between the hours of 2pm and 5pm.

It is also relevant to note that when the additional evening guests arrive at the site the visitor centre will be closed ensuring there is always sufficient parking space.

Use of the tipis

The four tipis will be interlinked to provide several different areas for guests. The entrance will be into the centre of the four tipis as per the submitted plans. Seating for the wedding reception will be within the two central tipis.

There will be a bar and dancing area in the tipi to the north east of the site and then the fourth tipi to the south west will be a quiet seating area for guests to relax. This fourth tipi will contain sofas and chairs to allow groups to sit quietly for a chat away from the music and dancing.