Council Meeting #2 - Minutes

Project: Live Nation Festival Resource Consent

Date: 6 October 2026

Time: 10:30am

Location: Teams

Attendees:

Name	Role/Organisation
[redacted]	Waikato District Council — Land Use Consents Team Leader
[redacted]	Waikato District Council — Land Use Team Manager
[redacted]	Waikato District Council — Transportation Safety Engineer
[redacted]	Waikato District Council — Road Corridor Manager
[redacted]	Waikato District Council — Land Development Engineer
[redacted]	Barker & Associates — Planner
[redacted]	Commute — Traffic Engineer
[redacted]	Styles Group — Acoustic Consultant
[redacted]	Rhythm and Vines / Live Nation — Event Operations Manager
[redacted]	Rhythm and Vines / Live Nation — Site Manager

Item	Detail	Action
1	MC provided an update on resource consent progress, covering workstreams with Styles Group (acoustics), Maven (water discharge to land, requiring council consent), Commute (traffic/ITA, with ongoing NZTA consultation) and Ecological Solutions (bat effects, led by Chad). Target lodgement remains before the end of October 2026.	
2	VJ confirmed extensive consultation with neighbours and organisations, including Hamilton Airport, Windsor Park Stud and Waikato Thoroughbred Racing, via letters of support, alongside positive meetings with NZ Police and the Tamahere community group.	VJ, [redacted] and [redacted] to attend the Tamahere community committee meeting on 18 October.
3	MC noted the site sits on the Waikato/Waipā boundary. KB confirmed the Cambridge Road/Hooker Road intersection, the most significantly affected by festival traffic, sits entirely within Waipā (approx. 100m past the Waikato boundary), and any traffic management there	MC/JB to contact [redacted] [redacted] directly and arrange a joint meeting

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	requires approval from Waipā's [redacted] Council confirmed it remains interested in flow-back effects and suggested a meeting including NZTA.	with Waikato District Council.
4	JB presented the draft ITA, covering campers, day visitors (three offsite parking areas), buses, shuttles, rideshare, pedestrians and cyclists. Modelling shows a 45m queue on the northern approach at Cambridge Road/Hooker Road; NZTA remains concerned about queue management at the SH1 off-ramp.	JB to continue liaison with NZTA on off-ramp queue management and update the ITA for western access.
5	Options for managing pedestrians moving from offsite parking to the site along Hooker Road were discussed, including lane closure versus using the 5m roadside berm with fencing; KB favoured the berm/fencing option to avoid congestion and emergency access issues.	Finalise pedestrian management approach for Hooker Road.
6	Live Nation's planned on-site CCTV network (approx. 28 PTZ cameras) was discussed as a possible dual-purpose tool for event security and traffic/queue monitoring.	
7	JS presented preliminary noise contour modelling (worst-case 102dB at front of house; 75dB contour largely on site; 70dB extending slightly beyond boundary; 40dB extending several km under conservative propagation assumptions). Extended discussion confirmed NZ short- and long-tailed bats echolocate at 24–50+kHz, above human hearing and PA output range, but no audiogram exists for NZ bat species.	JS to finalise bat assessment methodology with Ecological Solutions ([redacted]) before completing the acoustic report.
8	Council raised concerns about effects on racehorses at nearby properties, particularly Windsor Park Stud. JS explained horses habituate to predictable, continuous noise but react to sudden unexpected sounds, and confirmed fireworks have been excluded from the event for this reason.	
9	NH suggested producing a combined plan showing noise contours against properties that have provided letters of support, to allow council to quickly see consultation progress.	VJ/MC to produce the noise contour and letters of support overlay map ahead of lodgement.
10	NH queried whether letters of support would be converted into formal written approvals. MC confirmed public notification is likely given the scale of the noise contours, and that the team needs to discuss findings together as the noise modelling develops.	Team to discuss notification approach internally with [redacted] as noise modelling progresses.
11	Live Nation's critical timeframe is to have decision certainty by around mid-2027 at the latest to allow artist booking and ticket sales, with earlier certainty strongly preferred. MC noted the application	

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	will be prepared as thoroughly and efficiently as possible in anticipation of potential notification timeframes.	
12	NH confirmed she has been in touch to set up a pre-application number, allowing council to charge time against the application.	NH to send the pre-application number link; MC to complete the form.
13	Airport height plane requirements for the main stage (approx. 20–25m) and drone operation/CAA coordination requirements remain unresolved; neither party could confirm these on the call.	NH and MC to each follow up with relevant contacts.
14	MC proposed booking a further meeting with council once the ITA review, acoustic/bat report and traffic management approach are more advanced, rather than fixing a date now.	MC to arrange a follow-up meeting with council once outstanding reports progress.

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