

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF OFFICER DECISION

**DECISION TAKEN BY:**

Barbara Cooper

Corporate Director, Growth, Environment and Transport

**DECISION NO:**

OD/20/0003

**For publication Yes**

**Subject matter:** Issuing Direction under Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No.3) Regulations 2020 – Hop Farm, Paddock Wood

**Cabinet Member decision to which this action relates:**

Clair Bell – Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

Key Decision 20/00105 - <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=2412>

**Decision:**

To lift the current Direction Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No.3) Regulations 2020 issued to Circus Zyair on 23 October 2020.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

Circus Zyair has submitted a revised risk assessment to address concerns raised by Public Health relating to crowd management at the start/end of each performance.

Public Health officers visited the site on 27 October 2020 to confirm and assess the new arrangements, reporting back to the Director for Public Health who has reviewed the report and revised risk assessment and concluded that the additional mitigations are sufficient for the event to proceed. His confirmation is attached to this Officer Decision record.

**Financial Implications:**

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

**Legal implications:**

The decision has been taken under the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No.3) Regulations 2020.

Under the regulations, the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport has delegated authority to undertake the review of the direction (s2 of the Regulations) to revoke this Direction as appropriate and to issue the relevant notices.

**Equality Implications:**

There are no equality implications arising from this decision.

**Comments received from any Members or Officers consulted:****Director or Public Health Advice:**

Our team and Tonbridge and Malling Environment Health Officers did a site visit to the Hop farm this morning and reviewed the additional measures put into place to mitigate our concerns. The recommendation is therefore to rescind the decision and allow the circus to function.

**Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health**

The Cabinet Member has given approval to rescind the direction.

**Any alternatives considered and rejected:**

Not to revoke the direction, however this would be against the professional advice of Public Health

Officers and the Director of Public Health.  
**Any conflict of interest declared by any executive member consulted by the decision maker and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:**  
None

B. Cooper

27 October 2020

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