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### **Lytham Festival Capacity / SAG**

Dear Joe,

As the Chair of the Safety Advisory Group (SAG), it is my role to coordinate members on the SAG (including the blue light services) to review event plans, safety aspects of events and to coordinate the information sharing and feedback presented to the SAG. All members of the SAG have the opportunity to feed back their questions, queries or possible recommendations on event plans.

Having chaired the 2023 Lytham Festival debrief session with members of the SAG, which included two nights with an increased capacity as approved by Fylde Council, I am satisfied that should the 2024 plans be robust to demonstrate the required level of public safety, that an increased capacity as applied for on safety grounds should not be an issue to the SAG. Any concerns raised on this basis would be discussed and fed back to the SAG. The SAG is there to advise and discuss safety matters based on plans provided.

The plans presented for previous Lytham Festival events have been robust and the organisers have been good to engage with local residents through a formal forum. The organisers have expressed a wish to keep this dialogue open with residents to allow for any concerns, questions or queries with regards to future arrangements. This includes a recent 'open house' session in Lytham which was publicly advertised, plus a resident's section with FAQ's and contact points on the Lytham Festival website.

Based on previously submitted event plans, discussions through the SAG and an ongoing willingness demonstrated to engage with local residents, I am satisfied that the organisers would approach a potential increased capacity in a responsible way and continue to provide the necessary safety approaches and reassurances. Therefore, as Chair of the Safety Advisory Group, should the SAG be in approval of the 2024 event plan, then likewise I would support an increase capacity on the grounds of safety.

Yours sincerely

Tim

