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THE leader of BCP Council has backed calls to stop Marilyn Manson from performing in Bournemouth.



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Councillor Millie Earl has raised concerns about giving a platform to the alleged abuser.

The American rocker, whose real name is Brian Warner, has faced multiple allegations of sexual assault and abuse from women, including former partners.

Cllr Earl said: "I have actually written to BH Live to express my concern about Marilyn Manson and the fact that I don't feel that Marilyn Manson reflects the values that we have in BCP."



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Actor Evan Rachel Wood accused Manson of grooming, manipulation and severe emotional and physical abuse during their relationship.

Several other women came forward with similar claims, describing patterns of violence, coercion and threats.

Cllr Earl agreed that allowing Manson to perform in the town sends the wrong message in an area which is White Ribbon accredited.

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Millie Earl (Image: BCP Council)

She added: "I have asked that BH Live reconsider hosting Marilyn Manson later this year, to try and help reinforce that message that violence against women and girls isn't something that is acceptable in our community."

Cllr Earl spoke out following a campaign called No Stage For Abusers, launched by the group Male Allies Challenging Sexism, which is calling for men accused of abuse to be denied a public platform.

The group demanded answers from BCP Council at a Q&A with Cllr Earl, asking "why the council are allowing a violent abuser to perform at their venue."

A spokesperson for No Stage For Abusers said: "The BCP Council-owned Bournemouth International Centre shamelessly promotes the abuser Marilyn Manson as an 'icon' and a 'legend'.

"We want to know why they have booked...Marilyn Manson/Brian Warner for their venue, what message they think this sends."

Cllr Earl has urged BH Live to reconsider hosting the singer's scheduled performance on Friday, October 31.



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In November 2024, BCP Council received its White Ribbon accreditation.

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BH Live has been contacted for comment but did not respond at the time of publication.

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