

Appendix 2:

Finsbury Park stakeholders' full responses to Oktoberfest park hire application

Received: Thursday 7 December 2017
From: Jan Hart
Service Director, Public Protection, Islington Council

We would like to lodge our objection to this application. Oktoberfest is effectively a drinking event and there have been management issues with many of them across London over the past years. We believe it will have an adverse effect on our residents and local resources such as transport, council and police services. None of the costs either we or the police incur dealing with issues are recoverable from income that's received by Haringey. It is also planned to take place at a time when it is highly likely that there will be football games at Emirates, both Premiership and European, should Arsenal qualify for Europa or Champions League. We place strict controls on venues in Islington on match days to ensure that ASB and disorder is not exacerbated by access to alcohol and that home and away fans are separated for high risk games.

If this event is to take place, we would want to be closely involved in setting hours and controls. We would expect to see the event tightly controlled, with limited hours, and on a match days, extra controls to prevent it being used for pre or post drinking.

Received: Tuesday 19 December 2017
From: Stroud Green Residents' Association

On behalf of residents please accept this as our formal response to the stakeholder consultation regarding the above application to use Finsbury Park in October 2018.

The Detailed Consultation for Application circulated to Stakeholders by email on Dec 6 is very confusing and extremely skimpy in its explanation.

Although the dates for the event are given in Event Detail as being from 14/10/2018 to 30/10/2018 with event days on 18-21 and 25-28 October, the dates given in the Event Description do not correspond with these and frankly the description does not really make any sense, viz

Pls not event days 11-14th October and 18-21st Octoberfest. Setup/brake days 7-10/10 and 15-17/10 and 22-23/10 London Oktoberfest want to expand into North London. Oktoberfest with German music...

Event Activities include both recorded and live music as well as live entertainment but there is no real clarification as to what will be provided except "German" music.

Event Safety Information is also rather vague.

Q. Will you have means of preventing and fighting fires during the event?

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A. Yes we have fire equipment like distinguishers and fire carpets.

Q. Will you have a method of looking after lost children or searching for missing children?

A. Yes our first aid to gether with one securitz will take care of any lost child.

Q. Will you have facilities for those with disabilities attending your event?

A. Yes we have flat entrance and disable toilets to mention a few.

None of the above inspires great confidence in an organisation which apparently has “been runing the same event in London since 2011”, is providing all food vendors, no stall only our own huts and we will apply for our own premisses license but is registid in Blackburn!