

For: Applicant
Witness: Robin Ganguly
1st Witness statement
Made: 22 June 2018

**IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW
OF A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003**

BETWEEN:

THE FRIENDS OF FINSBURY PARK

Applicant

-and-

HARINGEY LONDON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Licensing Authority

-and-

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WITNESS STATEMENT OF ROBIN GANGULY

I, **ROBIN GANGULY**, of 39 Oxford Road, London N4 3EY, say as follows:

1. I make this witness statement in support of the Friends' application for a review under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 of premises licence number LN/000012182 held by Live Nation (Music) UK Ltd for the premises of Finsbury Park, Seven Sisters Road, London N4 2AB.
2. I live in my property with my wife and toddler. I have lived there for approximately 2 ½ years . It is a house which is very close to Finsbury Park; we can see the Park from the back of our house.
3. As to my experience of Wireless 2017, I can recall that we had dinner in our garden on the evening of Saturday 8 July, the evening of the Skepta performance. The noise was loud at the time of eating dinner and really quite distracting and unpleasant. It then got even louder as the evening wore on. By

the time of the Skepta performance it was very loud indeed. The bass was very noticeable (to the extent that I believe we could feel the vibrations) and we could hear the words clearly – it was as if we were at the concert. It was so bad that I called the dedicated Haringey Council noise complaints line and they said they would send a noise monitor to check. I do not know if they did that and I was not contacted by them again. Even if they did send a monitor, they would not have got the true measure as any noise measurement would not have been taken at the back of our house where the noise was much louder than in the street. Our child's room is at the back of the house.

4. I also pointed out in my telephone conversation with Haringey Council that helicopters had hovered over the area following the finish of Wireless the previous night (Friday 7 July) at 10 pm and that this was very loud, had gone on for about an hour and had been very disruptive for us and our young child . I believe that the helicopters did the same thing on Saturday night.
5. Although the noise seemed worst on Saturday evening, it was loud and disturbing all weekend while Wireless was on. That level of noise compromises our enjoyment of being at home, and makes us reluctant to open windows (as we would often wish to do in July), especially at the back of our house.
6. I would also like to add that we could not get mobile telephone reception for parts of the weekend of Wireless. This has only happened during Wireless. The implications of this are obvious. We undertake almost all of our communication using our mobile telephones.
7. I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true, or in context, true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.


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ROBIN GANGULY

22 June 2018

For: Applicant
Witness: Matthew
Kiladis
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WITNESS STATEMENT OF MATTHEW KILADIS

I, **MATTHEW KILADIS**, of 5 Ambler Road, Finsbury Park, London N4 2QT, say as follows:

1. I make this witness statement in support of the Friends' application for a review under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 of premises licence number LN/000012182 held by Live Nation (Music) UK Ltd for the premises of Finsbury Park, Seven Sisters Road, London N4 2AB.
2. I live with my family in Ambler Road off the Blackstock Road near Finsbury Park.
3. The level of anti-social behaviour at Wireless 2017 was intolerable. Once again my children and I were subjected to rampant drug use, alcohol consumption,

and obnoxious, aggressive behaviour. This was very stressful on my family. I did not feel safe to walk the street.

4. To recount two incidents:

1) On Friday 6 July 2017, I tried to call the Islington Noise Control/Anti-social line at 2:00 a.m. because of a gang of youths and a car playing loud music outside my flat. I know they attended the concert because they were at the same car when the concert ended. There was no answer on the line despite repeated attempts. In the end my wife called the police who arrived 15 minutes later.

2) On Saturday 7 July 2017 at 12:30 p.m., I was on Ambler Road going with two small children to the Gillespie School Fete. I had to pass by a group of 7 youths who were sitting on a garden wall, smoking cannabis, and drinking. I told them they should not be doing this on the street, as there were children there, and they needed to move on. As soon as I passed I was subjected to verbal abuse. I did not feel safe documenting the incident because they may have seen where I lived. There were no police on the street and I felt like there was no one to protect us and felt very vulnerable.

5. I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true, or in context, true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



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MATTHEW KILADIS

26 June 2018

For: Applicant
Witness: Alexis Skeates
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WITNESS STATEMENT OF ALEXIS SKEATES

I, **ALEXIS SKEATES**, of Flat 14, 384-386 Seven Sisters Road London N4 2PQ, say as follows:

1. I make this witness statement in support of the Friends' application for a review under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 of premises licence number LN/000012182 held by Live Nation (Music) UK Ltd for the premises of Finsbury Park, Seven Sisters Road, London N4 2AB.
2. I have lived in my property for about 3 years on a shared ownership basis. I live there with my partner. It is a 2 bed flat on the 3rd floor; we have a direct view over Finsbury Park ("the Park") from our kitchen, living room, balcony and our bedroom.

3. I took a time lapse of the set up and take down of Wireless Festival in July 2016; essentially we can see the entire south end of the Park where Wireless is set up (and all the other events).
4. As to my experience of Wireless 2017, I was in my flat on Friday 7 July 2017 from about 5 pm onwards. There was a lot of noise. The music was very loud. The level of noise seemed to vary depending on the music playing and the direction of the wind; it would often have a lot of bass and you couldn't get away from it. I could hear the vocals very clearly and there was a lot of profanity.
5. The windows in my flat are double glazed. If you closed the windows during Wireless, however, it had little effect – you could still hear the music clearly. In any event, it was hot the weekend of Wireless 2017 and we had no choice but to keep some windows open.
6. There was no way of masking the noise. If I tried to listen to the radio or my own music, I had to crank the noise up so far to try to overcome the noise from Wireless that it all just merged into one noise.
7. My partner came back late on Friday 7 July and on Saturday 8 July 2017 left early to go to stay with friends for the weekend. My partner just can't stand Wireless and has to leave. In previous years I used to go away too but now we have a cat and can't find a cat sitter who will put up with the noise.
8. On the Saturday, I left the flat to do some work out of town and got back around 5 pm and was home for the rest of the evening. I let Tom Palin and the noise consultant in to my flat to carry out noise monitoring.
9. Sunday 9 July I was home the whole day (my partner was still away) and it was a repeat of Friday and Saturday in terms of noise and anti-social behaviour. In the evening I had to go to collect my partner and we stayed with her friends until late on Sunday night and got home past midnight to avoid the crowds

exiting and the aftermath; most of the people had left by then; we were just left with the mess in the streets.

10. Every night there were helicopters hovering over us and a lot of screaming and shouting as people exited Wireless 2017.
11. I had parked my car in a side street and had to check it regularly for damage throughout the Wireless Festival. When I did so, I saw nitrous oxide balloons strewn across the streets; there were gangs of people around; there was a lot of noise in the streets; it was all quite intimidating.
12. We also had anti-social behaviour around our flats. There is a walkway up to our flat; a metal trellis separates the walkway from the road; over Wireless 2017, non-residents were present in that walkway and I witnessed people urinating there; there are disabled people in lower ground floor flats with front gardens and I have seen people urinating into those during Wireless.
13. The whole Wireless experience is very frustrating and annoying and makes me very anxious. It is all very unnerving and unsettling.
14. I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true, or in context, true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.


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ALEXIS SKEATES

3 July 2018

For: Applicant
Witness: David Webster
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WITNESS STATEMENT OF DAVID WEBSTER

I, **DAVID WEBSTER**, of 17a Wilberforce Road, London N4 2SN, say as follows:

1. I make this witness statement in support of the Friends' application for a review under section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 of premises licence number LN/000012182 held by Live Nation (Music) UK Ltd for the premises of Finsbury Park, Seven Sisters Road, London N4 2AB.
2. I and my partner have lived at our property for about 2 years. It is a 1 bed flat on the ground floor; I don't have view of Finsbury Park but it is close – it is about 100 yards from the entrance and about 50 yards from the fence of the Park.
3. My experience of Wireless 2017 was as follows.

4. I was in and out of my flat with my partner over the 3 days, Friday 7 July to Sunday 9 July 2017. Our street was where people overspilled from the Festival and came to hang out and do drugs the entire length of the street.
5. I am quite an easy going person, but this got out of hand. We had 3 days of constant groups of kids hanging out, ballooning constantly and generally being a pain. There were cars parked along the street; making a street party; and pumping out music. This lasted all day and up to a late hour.
6. There was a police van parked up at the top of our road but we never saw any police on our road – no police presence at all.
7. We did see people wearing hi viz vests, but they seemed to be friendly with the people who were causing the problems and did not get involved.
8. In terms of drug use, I witnessed smoking weed and ballooning – this last was constant and blatant. In public. The street was littered with the balloons then cleared up at the beginning of each day.
9. I was very nervous the whole time as we live on the ground floor.
10. I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true, or in context, true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



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DAVID WEBSTER

26 June 2018