

Roye Chanel

From: Barrett Daliah
Sent: 21 May 2019 08:27
To: Licensing
Subject: FW: Oktoberfest in Down Lane Park

From:
Sent: 20 May 2019 19:01
To: Cllr Gordon Ruth <Ruth.Gordon@haringey.gov.uk>; Cllr Rice Reg <Reg.Rice@haringey.gov.uk>; Cllr Carroll Vincent <Vincent.Carroll@haringey.gov.uk>
Cc: Barrett Daliah <Daliah.Barrett@haringey.gov.uk>; mark.l.greaves@met.pnn.police.uk
Subject: Oktoberfest in Down Lane Park

Dear Councillors,

Can I count on your support in opposing the application for a premises licence in Down Lane Park by World Wide Festival UK Ltd. (aka Oktoberfest)?

As you know, the park is an important amenity for families. It is sadly neglected by comparison with many others in Haringey. I hope, as I'm sure you do, that the large-scale residential development will be accompanied by some much-needed investment.

My concerns about Oktoberfest, which I hope you share, are as follows:

- It is an event centred on drinking, and drinking culture; the idea that it is some sort of celebration of Bavarian tradition is preposterous. Alcohol-related violence is a common theme (see, for instance, the widely-reported mass brawl at the Finsbury Park event last year): <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/7552106/oktoberfest-london-fight-chaos-as-mass-brawl-breaks-out-with-drinkers-throwing-benches-at-boozy-event/>
- If there were any doubt about the atmosphere, children are not even admitted. It's an event that debars families from use of a park that their council taxes pay to maintain.
- Similar applications have been rejected elsewhere as a result of concerns about public nuisance and disorder, e.g. in Glasgow
- This is already an area with huge pre-existing problems of anti-social behaviour, crime, public disorder etc. It is extremely likely that there will be trouble; and if this is suppressed by security inside the event, it will simply spill out into the rest of the park and the street.
- It's a small park, certainly compared with Finsbury. It will no doubt take up all the playing fields.
- Huge potential for disturbance to large numbers of residents, who already suffer from the growth of nightlife along Ashley Road, in terms of litter and anti-social behaviour
- Setting up and taking down will add to the loss of use of the amenity.
- The thin end of the wedge: if this is approved, it will provide a precedent for (i) the same event in future years, and (ii) other similar drinking events

There *really* aren't any mitigations to this. The simple fact is that Down Lane park is a fundamentally unsuitable venue for an enormous piss-up.

When they use their local park, my children have to put up with a lot of litter, a lot of drunkenness, and a lot of anti-social behaviour already. I really feel this is too much, and I would be grateful to know if you support my planned objection.

Roye Chanel

From:
Sent: 31 May 2019 13:33
To: Licensing
Subject: RE: Down Lane N17

Categories: Purple Category

It's the Octoberfest event in Down Lane park N17: http://london-oktoberfest.co.uk/tickets_tottenham.html
Many thanks

From: Roye Chanel [mailto:Chanel.Roye@haringey.gov.uk] **On Behalf Of** Licensing
Sent: 31 May 2019 13:31
To:
Subject: RE: Down Lane N17

Afternoon

Thank you for your email.

Please can you provide the name of the event you are referring to.

Kind regards

Chanel Roye
Licensing Administrator



Licensing Authority I

From:
Sent: 31 May 2019 13:19
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Down Lane N17

Hello
I was disappointed to see you can already purchase tickets to the event in the park that include various options for different amounts of alcohol included in the ticket package.
Please can you confirm if the license has been approved and if it hasn't are promoters permitted to sell tickets regardless?
Many thanks

From:
Sent: 30 May 2019 08:12
To: 'Licensing' <Licensing.Licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Down Lane N17

Thank you for your response. Please see below.

Roye Chanel

From:
Sent: 03 June 2019 19:27
To: Licensing
Subject: Representation Against a License.

To: Haringey Licensing Team

I would like to make a representation against the following licence application:

Oktoberfest, 24 to 27 October 2019 at Down Lane Recreation Ground, Park View Road, Tottenham, London N17 (Tottenham Hale Ward).

I am a Tottenham Hale resident and a medical doctor, who often works with young people in a health promotion context. I frequently use Down Lane Recreation Ground. I grew up in Tottenham just around the corner from this park and my brother and I both played there when we were children. I have serious concerns about the impact of the proposed event on the local community, from both a professional and a personal point of view.

Prevention of crime and disorder

I am concerned about the possible increase in crime and disorder if an alcohol license is granted for this event. This event has been promoted as focusing on heavy alcohol drinking. The promotional content on the website states, 'This year we will have a **crazy** Halloween Oktoberfest Weekend. We serve delicious **giant** Bavarian beer... and it is certain that you will not sit for long before you want to **sing along** and maybe **stand on the benches**.'

(<http://www.london-oktoberfest.co.uk/about.html>, accessed online on 03.06.2019, emphasis mine)

I am concerned about the potential for anti-social behaviour and other offences that may follow on from this, such as vandalism and disorderly behaviour. Potential customers are clearly being encouraged in heavy alcohol use and rowdy behaviour in the heart of a residential area.

The prevention of public nuisance

I have already stated concerns about alcohol use and the potential this has to encourage anti-social behaviour and noise. Additionally, the license is asking for permission to play music, including live music up until 10pm on three of the event days. This seems to further invite noise and disruptive behaviour. The park is overlooked by a residential street on the West side and by a school on the East side and as such, is unsuitable as a venue for this type of event without it inconveniencing nearby households.

I note that there are several alcohol control zones in force, very close to Down Lane Recreational Ground. This includes on Chestnuts Road, which extends almost to the border of the park. It has clearly been recognised that heavy drinking in and around this public space is problematic and has the potential to have a detrimental effect on public order. I believe that if granted an alcohol and music licence, this event is likely to encourage and cause public nuisance.

The protection of children from harm

There are two nurseries at Down Lane Recreation Ground – one on the East side of the park (Bright Gems) which many people access via the park and one within the grounds itself (The Pavillion Preschool). The licence covers two week days, where alcohol will be served from 4pm. Both of the nurseries will be open during some of this time. London Oktoberfest is extremely likely to bring loud and drunken behaviour close to both where young children are playing and to their routes home when being collected by their families.

In addition to this, the event is likely to close a significant amount of public space to families. Promotional information for Oktoberfest says that under-18s will not be allowed at the event for all but one of the event days. Down Lane Park is located in one of the most socio-economically deprived parts of Haringey. It is currently incredibly well-used by people of all ages, but particularly by children and young people. Safe outdoors spaces to play are essential for children's healthy development and wellbeing. It is unclear from the licence application exactly how much of the park will be closed. However, Oktoberfest shows use of large 'Bavarian Beer Hall' style tents, which would take up a significant amount of the open space available in Down Lane Park. Closing large amounts of space to the public and encouraging heavy drinking and noise will render it unsuitable for children to play safely in. It will deprive them of suitable outdoor spaces to play in and will consequently introduce them to harm.

I hope that you will consider these views fairly and adequately when deciding on whether or not to grant licenses for the Oktoberfest event. Down Lane Park has hosted several enjoyable events in past years – none has been of the exclusionary and family unfriendly nature of Oktoberfest.

Yours faithfully,

Roye Chanel

From: Cllr Gordon Ruth
Sent: 04 June 2019 22:39
To: Licensing
Subject: Objection to licence application for Oktoberfest Halloween Event in Down Lane Park HGYEVE000170
Attachments: Oktoberfest licence objection.docx

Dear Licensing team,

Please see attached letter raising my concerns and objections to the granting of a licence for the Oktoberfest Halloween event in Down Lane Park in Tottenham Hale ward. Application number HGYEVE000170.

Regards

Ruth
Cllr Ruth Gordon
Labour Member for Tottenham Hale Ward

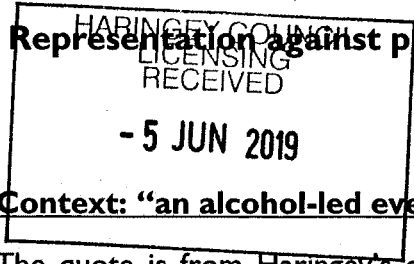
Call Mobile: 07976974532 for appointments or
Email Ruth.Gordon@haringey.gov.uk

Surgeries: Every 4th Saturday in the month at Marcus Garvey Centre, 1 Philip Lane, Tottenham. N15; and every 3rd Saturday in the month (rota basis) The Engine Room, Unit A, Eagle Heights, Lebus Street, Tottenham N17.

I will treat as confidential any personal information that you have given me. I will share the information with agencies or council officers where necessary to help with your case. I will keep information about your case for four years after the case is resolved (in case of follow-up queries) or until I stop being your ward Councillor, whichever is sooner.

You have the right to access the information that I hold about you, have inaccurate information corrected and to withdraw your consent to me holding information about you. Please contact me at [Councillor\[first-name\].\[surname\]@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:Councillor[first-name].[surname]@haringey.gov.uk) if you have any queries or concerns about how I use your personal information. I would like to use your contact details to keep you informed of local issues that you may find of interest. If you are happy for me to add you to my mailing list, please reply to indicate you agree to that.

**Representation against premises licence application for “Oktoberfest” in
Down Lane Park**



4.6.2018

Context: “an alcohol-led event”

The quote is from Haringey’s own Licensing Officer, Daliah Barrett, describing last year’s event – by the same organisers – at Finsbury Park.¹

She’s right. The connection between Oktoberfest and beer-drinking is inextricable. It would not be Oktoberfest without the beer; and if there were any doubt, every single promotional picture of people on the organisers’ website and social media has them holding very large glasses of beer! This emphasis on alcohol distinguishes Oktoberfest from other events, including festivals, where the principal “draw” is the opportunity to see live music and performance: alcohol is, of course, consumed on these occasions; but it is not the “main event”, and many attendees do not drink at all.

Point 1: binge-drinking is “hardwired” into the event through irresponsible drinks promotions

It is important for the Committee to keep in mind the quantities of alcohol that organisers anticipate will be consumed at this event.

- Purchasers of the “Oktoberfest package” are given, as part of their ticket, 3 pints of beer (5%abv) and a shot of Underberg (44%abv): around 10 units of alcohol.
- Purchasers of the “VIP package” are given the same, plus a glass of sparkling wine: around 12-13 units of alcohol.²

Figure 1: seating allocation by ticket type (adapted from organisers’ website)



The NHS defines binge-drinking as 8 units in a single session for men, and 6 units for women. After 10-12 units, it states that “your co-ordination will be highly impaired, placing you at

¹ “This is for a 3,000 capacity event, albeit alcohol-led”. (Email from Daliah Barrett to Jan Hart – Service Director, Public Protection, Environment and Regeneration, Islington Council – 29 January 2018: reproduced in agenda reports pack for the meeting of the Haringey Special Licensing Sub-Committee, 19 February 2018)
² London Oktoberfest website: http://www.london-oktoberfest.co.uk/tickets_tottenham.html

serious risk of having an accident". Above 12 units, it states, "you're at considerable risk of developing alcohol poisoning".³

Of course, effects vary by individual. But whatever the differences, it is certainly reasonable to conclude that if the ticket-holders above merely consume *the alcohol that comes with their ticket*, they will be drunk.

With that point in mind, I turn now to Haringey's Statement of Licensing Policy (SoLP). The foreword to that document states that:

*Applications shall only be granted where the licensing authority is satisfied the grant of the licence would not harm the Licensing Objectives following a hearing... [A] particular concern will be irresponsible drink promotions that do not follow best practice, would appeal to underage drinkers or street drinkers, **or encourage excessive consumption.***

Under the first licensing objective (prevention of crime and disorder), the document states that:

The Authority expects licensees to operate to the highest standards of management, and co-operate with responsible authorities to prevent:

- [...]
- *Drunkenness on premises*
- *Irresponsible drinks promotions*
- *Public drunkenness*

Far from operating to the standards expected by the licensing policy, the applicant has **designed the event in such a way as to contravene them**. Short of drastically altering the ticketing arrangements, there is no mitigation to this. And tickets are already on sale!

The third objective (public safety) is also of relevance in this context. The policy states:

*Licence holders have a responsibility to ensure the safety of those using their premises as a part of their duties under the Licensing Act 2003. This concerns the safety of people using the relevant premises, **including the prevention of accidents and injuries and other immediate harms that can result from excessive alcohol consumption such as unconsciousness or alcohol poisoning.***

Again, by their design of their event – and in particular, a business model whereby punters pay for tickets that include excessive amounts of alcohol – the applicant has disregarded their responsibilities to ensure the safety of attendees, and avoid alcohol-related harms.

Finally, the Committee should keep in mind the statutory duty placed on Haringey by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998:

Without prejudice to any other obligation imposed on it, it shall be the duty of each authority to which this section applies to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent,

- a. *crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment); and*

³ NHS, Alcohol misuse – risks: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/alcohol-misuse/risks/>

- b. **the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area**
- c. *re-offending in its area*

Point 2: the very high risk of alcohol-related problems has crystallised into violence and anti-social behaviour at a number of previous events by the same organisers

Unsurprisingly, given Point 1, these events have brought trouble in the past. The examples below – all by the same organiser – give a flavour.⁴

Perhaps the applicant will argue that “It’s ok because we eject patrons who are violent/anti-social”. This simply begs the question: where do they go? Into the park. With two nurseries. At half-term. On this, see point 3!

Glasgow

The event was refused a licence in 2016 after the Chief Constable of Police Scotland made a report to the licensing board (as it is called in Scotland) about trouble at the 2015 event. This report stated that:⁵

- “the majority of the 2,200 people in attendance were heavily under the influence of alcohol by 4.30pm”
- police warned staff about serving alcohol to intoxicated customers, after which “the event continued, however the atmosphere soon changed and a number of fights broke out, approximately 25 persons were ejected by stewards for being too drunk”

It is telling that in response to the licensing board’s decision, a spokesman for the organisers is quoted as saying they had faced “a long fight for a licence which **got rejected at several potential venues**”.

Haringey: Finsbury Park

The national press reported what was described as a “mass brawl” at the 2018 Finsbury Park event.⁶

It’s worth looking at the video of this fight,⁷ and bearing in mind how tightly-packed the tent in Down Lane Park would be: 3,000 people in less than 2,500m², with *lots* of furniture. The risk of collateral damage in such an enclosed space is very high indeed.

Lambeth: Kennington Park

Kennington Park stopped hosting Oktoberfest after a number of years in 2015 because, according to the organiser himself, Lambeth Council had “lost confidence” in the management.⁸ That is likely to have something to do with what the Friends of Kennington

⁴ Some of these events took place under a now liquidated company, London Oktoberfest Ltd., of which Carsten Raun was also the Director.

⁵ Reported in The Scotsman, 20 September 2016 and 4 October 2016: <https://www.scotsman.com/news-2-15012/police-block-alcohol-licence-for-glasgow-oktoberfest-1-4234963>
<https://www.scotsman.com/news-2-15012/glasgow-oktoberfest-beer-festival-cancelled-1-4248219>

⁶ E.g. The Sun, 20 October 2018: <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/7552106/oktoberfest-london-fight-chaos-as-mass-brawl-breaks-out-with-drinkers-throwing-benches-at-boozy-event/>

⁷ Available here: https://www.reddit.com/r/PublicFreakout/comments/9q4ykv/oktoberfest_london/

⁸ Islington Council, Minutes of Licensing Sub Committee A, 27 August 2015: <https://democracy.islington.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=6221>

Park described as “broken glass left behind, toilets overflowing and residents being able to hear noise from the event when their homes were 600m from the stage”.⁹

Point 3: children will be put at risk of harm

If there were any doubt about the nature of the event, it should be clear from the fact that children are not admitted, except on “Sundays, for the Sunday lunch”.¹⁰ In short, the risk to children cannot be managed except by excluding them from being inside the event. But what about the risk to children outside?

This is a licensing representation, and I will make no comments extraneous to the statutory objectives, except to observe that I – and everyone else I have spoken to – think that this would be a shameful misuse of a public park in what is a diverse, multicultural community, made worse by the fact that the event is occurring during half-term. Directly or indirectly, it runs counter to virtually every strategy, plan and policy published by Haringey, including its Equality Principles,¹¹ its Open Spaces Strategy¹² and its Health and Wellbeing Strategy.¹³ The idea that it is of any cultural value, or that it will benefit ordinary park users or the wider community, is preposterous.

Turning to matters of direct salience to the Licensing Committee, by way of background:

- There is a nursery inside the park (Pavilion pre-school), 50m from the site boundary and 100m from the site entrance. It opens until 6pm on Thursdays and Fridays. Children are usually picked up at a steady rate from 4.30pm onwards. Roughly half take a route down the path alongside the tennis courts, and out through the southern exit on Ashley Road (i.e. the single point of entrance/egress for the event) to go home.
- There is another nursery fronting the park, on the Ashley Road side (Bright Gems Nursery), with the same opening hours.
- There is a Harris primary and secondary academy fronting the park, again on the Ashley Road side
- The event this year runs through half-term week, during which park use by children is at its highest.

And by way of reminder:

- The event opens at 4.00pm on Thursdays and Fridays
- There are two sessions on Saturday afternoon, running 11am-4.30pm and 5.30pm-11pm
- The event on Sunday opens at 12.30pm

⁹ Ibid.

¹⁰ Organisers’ website: terms and conditions page

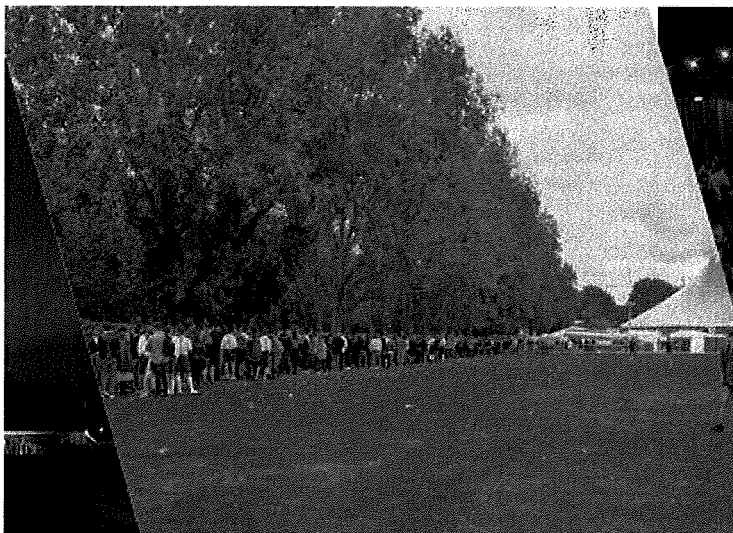
¹¹ The overwhelmingly alcohol-driven nature of the event excludes those who do not drink for religious reasons.

¹² Strategic objectives include: “To manage and develop parks and open spaces in order to promote social inclusion and usage by all of Haringey’s diverse communities” and “To develop and promote an increased range of opportunities for people to enjoy cultural experiences and activities”.

¹³ Among the nine ambitions, in this strategy is that “Haringey is a healthy place to live”. The strategy goes on (p.17): “we want a borough that enables people to make the healthy choice the easy choice – being more active, eating well, not smoking and not drinking to excess”.

The risks to Pavilion pre-school infants

Notwithstanding the copious volumes of alcohol supplied to many ticket-holders, it is common for attendees at such events to “pre-load”. The applicant has – I expect – put forward in their event management plan that one mitigation to the risk of drunkenness is the high price of beer. Naturally, high prices inside the event raise the risk of pre-loading outside it.



So we have the prospect of nursery-age children walking home past queues of drinkers (the picture above, taken from the website of the event organisers, illustrates just long attendees might be waiting in that queue). In so doing, these children will be exposed to the atmosphere and behaviours usually associated with the night-time economy; and Home Office guidance is clear that that “harm” in the context of this licensing objective includes “moral and psychological harm”.¹⁴ I do not think this has been taken into account in the applicant’s event management plan. Nor do I expect that they have assessed the risks associated with infants coming into contact with event attendees, or how these will be managed and mitigated. Certainly, **the Pavilion nursery has not even been approached or consulted by either Haringey or the applicant.** But the manager and staff – many of them highly-experienced practitioners – are seriously concerned.

The risks to Brightgem nursery infants

A similar set of risks arise in respect of this second nursery: for many parents, the route home will be along Ashley Road, which is the single entrance point for attendees.

The risks to children using the park

At the risk of labouring the point, the event this year is taking place in half-term week, when hundreds of children use the park to play sport and enjoy the playground. This is a small park, and so the co-mingling of children and drunk adults coming in and leaving the event, is extremely high.

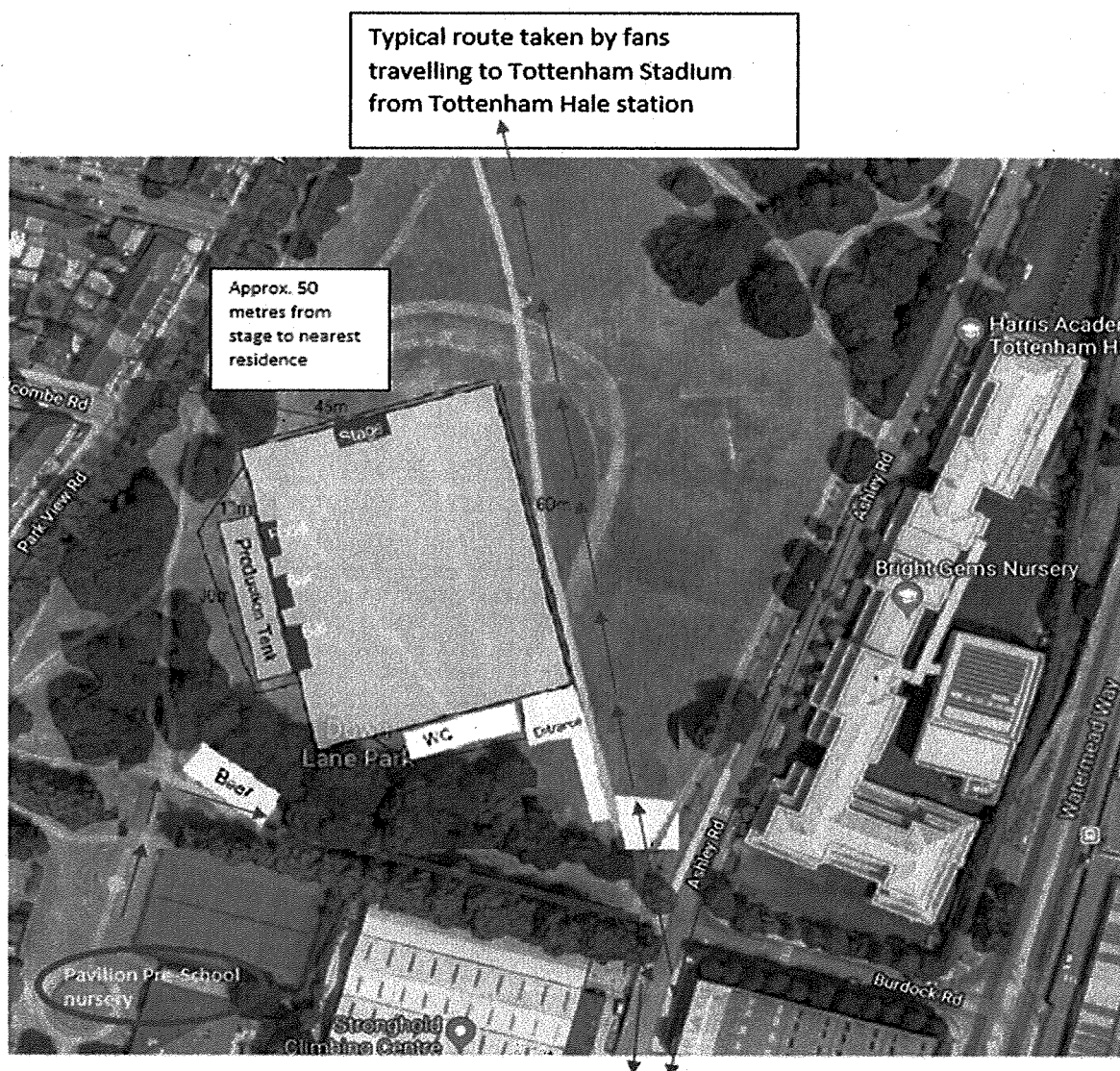
¹⁴ Para 2.22

The point of greatest risk of exposure to anti-social behaviour and violent conduct comes at 4.30pm on Saturday, when 3,000 attendees will spill out after five-and-a-half hours' drinking. For the reasons cited above, most of these people will be drunk.

The risk to pupils in the Harris Academy

This may be less relevant to this year's event, but more pertinent to subsequent years. The park is used by many children to get home after school. Again, the timings on the Thursday and Friday lead to a high risk of co-mingling between pupils and drunken attendees.

In conclusion on this point, I urge the Committee to look at the map below with the location of the two nurseries (one inside the park and right next to the event!) and the Harris Academy, and ask yourselves: is this something you think should be taking place so close to children? And is the real risk of harm worth taking?



Typical routes taken by parents taking infants home from Pavilion Pre-School and Bright Gems nursery.

Point 4: the proximity of residential dwellings to the park means the risk of public nuisance is intolerably high

The straight-line distance from the stage to the nearest house (50 metres) is shorter than the distance from the stage to the back of the tent (65 metres). This is much closer than the Millwall Park event (approximately 120m to nearest house; the third event being organised by the applicant this year is being held indoors). It is also closer than events held by the organisers elsewhere in previous years, including Kennington Park (120m) and Reading (over 200m).¹⁵ The Committee will be aware that the event takes place in a tent – there is therefore no sound isolation - and the direction of the stage/speakers will make no difference to low-frequency noise.

For the reasons cited above the risk of public nuisance is hugely increased by irresponsible drinks promotions.

Point 5: fixtures at Tottenham stadium have not yet been announced. But a match on any of the Oktoberfest event days will raise the risks to the licensing objectives set out above

Thousands of fans use Down Lane Park as a thoroughfare to get to and from matches at Tottenham Stadium. On their way there, they enter at the southern entrance on Ashley Road (i.e. the main point of entrance and egress for attendees to the event), and leave through the northern entrance on Park View Road.

When the organiser proposed controls to address this problem in respect of the Arsenal matches at the 2018 Finsbury Park Oktoberfest event, these were described as “wholly inadequate” by Islington’s Director of Public Protection, Environment and Regeneration.¹⁶

Point 6: the applicant does not appear to take their responsibilities under the Licensing Act seriously

I have reproduced an extract of the licensing application submitted to Haringey. I’m sure the residents of Leicester will be greatly reassured by the applicant’s diligence. The Committee, meanwhile, may be concerned what other parts of this application and the event management plan are a ‘copy and paste’ job.

Section 18 of 21
LICENSING OBJECTIVES
Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:
a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)
List here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.
London Oktoberfest aims to fulfill all of the rules of the licensing act of 2003 by staying in close contact with the Leicester City Council and surrounding residents. Our goal is to minimize the event's impact on the everyday activities.

¹⁵ I haven’t been selective, here; these are simply the ones for which I could obtain site maps.

¹⁶ Islington Council, Representation against application for Oktoberfest Finsbury Park event reproduced in the reports pack for the meeting of the Haringey Special Licensing Sub-Committee, 19 February 2018

Roye Chanel

From:
Sent: 06 June 2019 20:02
To: Licensing
Subject: Oktoberfest Tottenham Hale - A GREAT IDEA!
Categories: Purple Category

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to express my strong endorsement of the planned Oktoberfest Festival in Down Lane Park on 24th - 27th October 2019.

As a resident of the local area, I am thrilled that the organisers have chosen Tottenham Hale as one of their host locations. I believe this will do nothing but good for the local community - bringing entertainment for residents whilst continuing to help raise the profile of Tottenham as an attractive place to both visit and live.

If you would like me to provide any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Roye Chanel

From:
Sent: 07 June 2019 14:45
To: Licensing
Subject: OKTOBERFEST in Down Lane Park

Name
27 October 2019 – Down Lane Park – Tottenham. Licence application: Oktoberfest 24 to

I object to the commercial use of the residential local Down Lane Park. The park is too small to hold a large amount of intoxicated people with music till late at night. I do not wish to have a repetition of the Oktoberfest as happened last year at Finsbury Park. This is an area with lots of young children using the park everyday after school. Please do not allow this, these children do not have anywhere to go as it is. This is a crazy idea and will ruin our small park. There are already very loud events on the industrial park next to Stronghold Climbing gym which we can hear from our house. Please do not let this happen.

Many Thanks,

Roye Chanel

From:
Sent: 07 June 2019 14:00
To: Licensing
Subject: Licence application: Oktoberfest 24 to 27 October 2019 – Down Lane Park

Re: Licence application: Oktoberfest 24 to 27 October 2019 – Down Lane Park

This park is not big enough to hold an event which will attract 2500 people, many of whom will become drunk and liable to cause anti-social behaviour.

It is used by all sections and ages of the local community. Shutting the park for 4 days to anyone apart from paying guests will disrupt people's enjoyment of the open space.

Regards,

Roye Chanel

From:
Sent: 09 June 2019 09:33
To: Licensing
Subject: Licence : Oktoberfest, 24 to 27 October 2019

To: Haringey Licensing Team

I would like to make a representation against the following licence application:

Oktoberfest, 24 to 27 October 2019 at Down Lane Recreation Ground, Park View Road, Tottenham, London N17 (Tottenham Hale Ward).

I live very close to Down Lane Recreation Ground () and use the park frequently. I object to the proposed license to use the park for the Oktoberfest event for the following reasons:-

The prevention of crime and disorder

I think a 'crazy Oktoberfest weekend' (billed as such by the promoters) will lead to an increase in crime and disorder. At such an event there is great potential for anti-social behaviour, disorderly behaviour and vandalism as large groups of people are encouraged to binge drink and are confined in a very small space. I think this could lead to rowdy and violent behaviour in a quiet residential street very to local schools and under – 5's provision.

The prevention of public nuisance

Heavy alcohol consumption and loud music surely must make a public nuisance to those of us who live nearby. The homes in Park View Road that border the park will obviously suffer from noise pollution and disruptive behaviour – as will those of us who live close by. It is also likely that people leaving the event late at night will make a lot of noise.

During the opening hours of the 'crazy Oktoberfest weekend' on Thursday and Friday there will be children attending Pavillion Under 5's Centre (situated in the park) & Bright Gems Nursery(Ashleigh Road) who I am sure will be affected by noise nuisance and rowdy behaviour.

The protection of children from harm

As a recently retired teacher from a local school(Mulberry Primary) I see many children with their families using the park for play and sports most days as I walk my dog there at least twice a day.

It is unclear how much public space will be used for this event but it must mean a valuable outdoor space will be severely restricted for families and sports groups who enjoy using the park. We must all be aware that many of our local children do not have their own outdoor spaces to play in and depriving them of this resource I feel will harm their health and well being. Families could be forced to remain in often cramped living spaces rather than visiting the park. This could become stressful for both adult carers and children which could cause unnecessary harm. As adults we have a duty not to intentionally expose children to aggressive, rowdy and anti-social behaviour which puts them at risk when they witness such behaviours. Allowing the park for this purpose surely puts children and vulnerable people at risk.

In conclusion, I ask you to consider whether such a small park is suitable for this event? It has previously been held at Finsbury Park which has the capacity to run large events and still leave large areas open to the public and is mainly bordered by businesses and services.

I feel that using Down Lane Recreational Ground for this event would be detrimental to all local residents and schools for the reasons outlined above and urge you not to grant the licence for Oktoberfest 2019.

However I am not opposed to the Council promoting the use of the park by allowing suitable events to be held in there – ones that encourage family and community attendance, are suitable for the space available and do not encourage rowdy, drunken behaviour. For example events such as the Mauritian Open Air Festival held several years ago, enjoyed by many locals with very little disruption to residents (tickets £6.50 per adult & children under 10 free) and welcomed family participation.

Roye Chanel

From: >
Sent: 09 June 2019 09:04
To: Licensing
Cc:
Subject: Licence Application Oktoberfest 24-27 October 2019 Down Lane Park Tottenham

London.

I object to the commercial use of the residential local Down Lane Park. The park is too small to hold a large amount of intoxicated people with music till late at night. I do not wish to have a repetition of the Oktoberfest as happened last year at Finsbury Park.

Sent from my iPhone

Roye Chanel

From:
Sent: 09 June 2019 09:31
To: Licensing
Subject: Licence Application Oktoberfest 24-27 October 2019 Down Lane Park Tottenham
Categories: Purple Category

I am writing to strongly object to the license application for Oktoberfest 24-27.

I am a paediatrician with a family of 3 young children (all below 4) living in Mafeking Road close to the Park.

The idea of granting licensing to a festival which will foster drunken behaviour and extreme littering potentially for the foreseeable future is one that I intent to oppose in the strongest manner. There are multiple other ways for the council to generate money than this affront to all the families who live in the neighbourhood.

This opinion is reinforced by the footage of what happened during Oktoberfest in Finsbury Park last year.. Down Lane Park should not become the dumping ground for this festival and I hope you will take my request into consideration with all the seriousness it deserves.

Roye Chanel

From:
Sent: 08 June 2019 19:02
To: Licensing
Subject: Down lane park. 'crazy Oktoberfest Halloween weekend

I would like to put forward my objection to the above event. I live in Parkview Road and I use the park everyday as do my grandchildren when they visit. As pointed out in the leaflet posted through my door it has the potential for noise, rubbish and rowdy behaviour which is very unfair to the residents of the area.

You're faithfully

Roye Chanel

From:
Sent: 09 June 2019 20:00
To: Licensing
Subject: Oktoberfest

To whom it may concern,

I, _____ of _____ am writing to object to the granting of a license to World Wide Festival UK Ltd to run Oktoberfest in Down Lane Park.

This event is totally unsuitable for a small park in a residential area. It will lead to large numbers of people drinking for several hours, over several days leading to an increase in drunkenness, noise, and unruly behaviour.

The music licence applied for will mean that loud music be played until nearly 11 o'clock at night, disturbing the peace of many people in their own homes.

The park is an amenity for local people, and should be used as such, not for commercial events which exclude local residents.

I do not support this application, and request that the council serves the interests of local residents rather than a commercial enterprise.

Yours,

Roye Chanel

From:
Sent: 29 May 2019 20:11
To: Licensing
Subject: Binge drinking festival - safeguarding concerns

Dear sir, madam

I am writing to oppose the proposal of an annual binge drinking festival on Down Lane Park.

I have a number of objections, namely:

Safeguarding risks and concerns

- the park is close to a school: many young people visit this park during weekdays and weekend.
- the park hosts weekly football practices for young people
- the park has a small play area for young children. A drinking festival is not appropriate. I will go further and say it will create a real safeguarding risk.
- the park also has tennis courts - used over the weekend by young people. Again, having a drinking festival would be a safeguarding risk

Education

- having this festival would be terrible education for the young people who use the park or any of the activities listed above. Binge drinking should not be encouraged. How is it responsible to promote such behaviour in our communities - have we ever seen a binge eating festival? Why would this one be any different?

Criminal risk

- the area around the park is very residential. One risks more criminality in the area. Binge drinking is not associated with civil and law-abiding behaviour.
- binge drinking is often associated with drug taking. Criminal, and a safeguarding risk.

Environmental risk

- when a caravan party stayed on the park last year, the lawn was very badly damaged and a part of the metal fence broken. One can only imagine the damages caused by a full drinking festival.

I would be highly disappointed if this festival was to go ahead. It is unhealthy, risky, and frankly unethical to be promoting binge drinking in an area already blighted by anti-social behaviour largely caused by addiction.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you deem it necessary to discuss any of the above.

Best regards,

Roye Chanel

From:
Sent: 11 June 2019 08:38
To: Licensing
Subject: Representation - Octoberfest in Down Lane Park 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing with regards to the **Octoberfest in Down Lane Park Tottenham 2019**.

I object to this application because the event is based on heavy drinking. It is taking place near the playground , and during half term. I believe this risks harm to children and public nuisance.

It is a small park, and the event will occupy a large proportion of the space: the organisers are describing it as "the biggest halloween Octoberfest event in London ever", featuring "giant tents".

The nursery my son is attending is in the park. The event opens at 4pm on Thursday and Friday: just at the time when kids area starting to be picked up.

Kind regards,

Roye Chanel

From:
Sent: 11 June 2019 11:04
To: Licensing
Subject: Crazy Oktoberfest Halloween weekend

To whom it may concern

I am writing to with great concern with an event "Oktoberfest Halloween Weekend" being held in Down Lane Park Tottenham . On the website this has been described as 'crazy' the last thing we need is anything described as crazy in our community. Our Park is a community Park, daily people of all ages exercise, walk their dogs, take their children to play, there are various football clubs that train, local schools use the Park for their PE, the Tennis courts are used by all and families meet together to have picnics. It is in the middle of homes, a Secondary School, two nursery's one being in our park. We are dealing with knife and gun crime, gangs, drugs, murders and attacks on a daily basis. And you want to grant a license for a alcohol fueled event over 3 days in our Small Community Park until 10.30pm!! We are being prevented from using our Park because it is being closed off to us.

There is a bigger issue here and that is our safety!! We will not be safe in our own community as drunken people do become violent, it will raise the risk of violence within the event through drunkenness. And what about the litter left behind??

Wisdom has not been applied in taking this event from Finsbury Park (a very big park) to our small community Park. Please do not grant this Licence it will open a door to disaster that will carry consequences that we have to deal with long after the organisers have gone.

My name is

My address is

Yours Faithfully

Pavillion Pre-School Limited

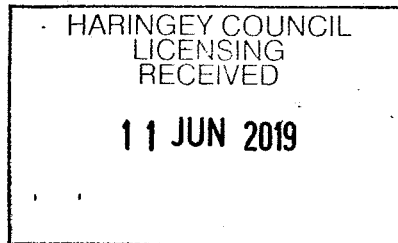
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Haringey Council
Licensing Team



5th June 2019

Dear Sirs,

We are writing to make a formal representation against a licence application for Oktoberfest In Down Lane Park.

We are a well established business having run a childcare provision for the local community from a purpose built property within the park for the last 30 years. Our objections to the application are based on several issues

1. Unsuitability of the consumption of alcohol within the vicinity of children. Many of the parents are local residents who walk through the park when bringing and collecting their children.
2. An alcohol led event is contrary to all the values we are trying to impart to the children and their families.
3. The dangers of drunkenness and violence arising from the quantity of alcohol being consumed by attendees within very close proximity to the nursery and residents.

We are concerned not just for our users but for

- (1) the local community generally, Living under One Sun community hub which is also located within the park and specifically resident who use the park as a right of way, which many people use to the transport hub at Tottenham Hale
- (2) the residents who live directly opposite the venue who cannot fail to be disturbed by noise and violence arising from public drunkenness, which the drinking led event is likely to cause.,
- (3) The school which faces directly onto the park and who use the park for play and leisure and access to their homes etc.. and whose children are at a very vulnerable and impressionable age.
- (4) Sports and Leisure activities take place regularly within the park, and many children locally do not have access to a garden or open space at home.

Our representation is made for ourselves, who as highly experienced child care professionals are well able to understand the serious impact on young children and families that such an event could cause but also parents and users who also object to this licence being granted and the likely serious concerns arising therefrom. Not only is the threat for the year ahead but for future years to come. The event is not going to provide any improvement or betterment for the immediate local community, whilst likely to bring inappropriate behaviour not only the park but the streets, transport links and surrounding areas.

Yours sincerely

Directors, on behalf of staff and clients

Roye Chanel

From:
Sent: 11 June 2019 16:15
To: Licensing
Cc: Cllr Gordon Ruth; Cllr Carroll Vincent; Cllr Rice Reg; Barrett Daliah; Cllr Amin Kaushika
Subject: opposition to a Haringey Council licence for OktoberFARCE in Down Lane Park N17

FAO Haringey Council licensing.

I oppose Haringey Council granting a licence for the proposed Oktoberfest event in Down Lane Park, Tottenham Hale N17, and ask councillors on the licensing committee to respect the wishes of the community by rejecting the application.

Thankfully we have a public process for consideration of licences as the Council is not obliged to do anything more than a 'tick-box' exercise before permitting the commercial hire of public park space. The licensing committee is the only hope that residents don't suffer a disruptive four day event, with the park space also being out-of-bounds by setting up and taking down activities either side of the event.

There are many reasons for opposing the licence. But I will briefly outline my reasons for believing giving a licence would breach each of the four licensing objectives.

Protection of children from harm: The park is a community park in a residential area and the staging of what is effectively 'a big piss-up in a big tent' is a harmful experience to minors. Children in a public park should not be sharing the green space with large numbers of adults going to and coming from the event. This can be disturbing because it is not the norm for Down Lane Park users. The playground and grass areas are the free garden for many local families, and children should be protected from this event and not be effectively pushed out of the park altogether. There will be a loss of amenity and loss of recreation opportunity. Young people use the green space in the evening, and there will be families visiting the nursery in the park and the cafe located close to the playground area. For toddlers the event's noise and rowdy nature will be a terrifying experience. Especially if attendees worse for their alcohol consumption are staggering about, or vomiting or urinating in the park.

Public safety: The experience of the numerous licensed premises on Ashley Road - the main route for getting to Down Lane Park from Tottenham Hale station - is that attendees will get to Tottenham Hale and have a few warm-up drinks before entering the venue in the park. The discarded broken bottles and other litter in the park/the areas surrounding the venue pose a safety threat to all public. While the park is selected because of the convenient of public transport, the reality is that it is not a purpose built venue and is unsuitable for an event of this scale over the number of days proposed. While crowd safety is managed inside the venue, there is a public free-for-all in accessing the small gates to the park in particular.

Prevention of crime and disorder: While there is no reason to believe that the vast majority of attendees would not be law-abiding and respectful people, there has been disorder at similar events in the past and it is very possible that this event might be a magnet for trouble. The experience of any event of this nature is that it does attract criminality in the surrounding area and the open sale of drugs of various classifications is common. Such an environment could be a person's entry drugs experience. While discarded drugs materials are a public health risk.

Prevention of public nuisance: The size and nature of the event will be a significant nuisance to those living along Park View Road and have a ripple impact on the surrounding residential streets. It will certainly disturb their

peaceful enjoyment of their weekend, and a late night licence affects home life as people make noise on their way maybe to the Tottenham High Road. It is predictable that there will be an influx of cars blocking the streets and private driveways, but also creating vehicular noise at event departure times that will disturb the sleep of nearby residents.

I will make this representation publicly available, and request that the objection is heard at a public meeting so that others and myself can speak on behalf of the community in opposing this event getting a licence.

Sent from my iPad

Roye Chanel

From:
Sent: 11 June 2019 14:07
To: Licensing
Cc: Conn O'Grady
Subject: Objection to commercial use of Down Lane Park for Oktoberfest 2019

Importance: High

Categories: Purple Category

Good Afternoon,

I am contacting you to object to Oktoberfest 2019 being held in Down Lane Park. The event will bring litter, intoxicated and antisocial behaviour to the local residents and my family. Also, we will not be able to use park or path going across the park, which we need to use when travelling to work and school.

Please , stop this event being held in Down Lane Park!

Thank You!

Sent from Windows Mail

Roye Chanel

From: >
Sent: 11 June 2019 23:27
To: Licensing
Subject: Oktoberfest Tottenham Hale

To: Haringey Licensing Team

I would like to make a representation against the following licence application:

Oktoberfest, 24 to 27 October 2019 at Down Lane Recreation Ground, Park View Road, Tottenham, London N17 (Tottenham Hale Ward).

I am a resident living in Park View Road directly opposite the Recreation Ground and object to the proposed license for the Oktoberfest event for the following reasons.

The prevention of crime and disorder

I am concerned about the increase in crime and disorder likely to occur if an alcohol license is granted for this event. My concerns come from the fact that a similar event in Finsbury Park last year led to well documented drunken fights.

This event has been promoted as a 'crazy Oktoberfest weekend', focusing on heavy alcohol drinking.

I am concerned about the potential for anti-social behaviour and other offences that may follow on from this, such as vandalism and disorderly behaviour.

Potential customers are clearly being encouraged in heavy alcohol use and rowdy behaviour in the heart of a residential area.

At the end of the event 2,500 people, many of whom will have been drinking heavily will exit into a quiet residential street, one exit being through a children's playground.

The prevention of public nuisance

I have already stated I am concerned about heavy alcohol use and the potential this has to encourage anti-social behaviour following the event last year.

Additionally, the license is asking for permission to play music, including live music at the events. This seems to further invite noise and disruptive behaviour.

There is an alcohol control zone very close to the Park, on Chestnuts Road. This suggests that heavy drinking in and around the outdoor space here is recognised as problematic.

I believe that if granted an alcohol and music licence, this event is likely to be counterproductive to efforts to reduce public nuisance caused by alcohol.

In terms of space this is a small park and an event for 2,500 people will fill the park completely. So for residents of Park View Road we will have an event where loud amplified music will be played in tents which provide no sound insulation only feet from the front the front of our houses.

The volume being added to by 2,500 party goers being encouraged to drink and be crazy.

The protection of children from harm

The event will close a significant amount of this public space to families.

Down Lane Park is currently incredibly well-used by people of all ages, but particularly by children and young people.

In planning meetings, regarding the housing developments around the Tottenham Hale area, local residents asked for more green space for play. These requests were turned down but we were promised that there would be no erosion of existing public spaces such as Down Lane Park. This event removes public access for the length of the event and so clearly breaks the promises given by Haringey planning department to local residents.

Safe outdoors spaces to play are essential for children's healthy development and wellbeing. Removing access to public play spaces for an event that promotes poor health choices is contrary to the public health promotion duties of Haringey.

Another issue is that, if the main section of the park is used then one of the exits will go through a children's play ground. The drinking will be taking place in afternoon sessions at a time when children will be using the playground thus potentially mixing them with intoxicated event goers (who as previously stated engaged in drunken fighting at last years event). This raises safeguarding issues for children using the playground.

I have been told that the hearing will be on the 25th June and I would like to attend to raise these concerns in person, unfortunately that day will be my Mother's Funeral, so I hope that you will accept this written statement and present it.

Yours faithfully,

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Roye Chanel

From:
Sent: 12 June 2019 10:26
To: Licensing
Subject: Objection to Oktoberfest in Down Lane Park

Dear Licensing,

Please register my objection of the licensing to the Oktoberfest in Down Lane Park.

The park is far too small to hold 2500 intoxicated people in close proximity of residential housing, schools and a nursery.

It prevents public access to the park which is used regularly by children playing and elderly people doing their exercise. Those will now be exposed to drunk and disorderly people.

The event is far too close to residential houses which are forced to endure loud music mixed with loud voices and disorderly behaviour like urinating in the streets and park.

I'm very surprised that Haringey considers even the licensing application and not setting an example to children and residents.

Yours sincerely

Roye Chanel

From:
Sent: 12 June 2019 11:09
To: Licensing
Subject: License for alcohol and music at Down Lane park

My name is I live

I am writing to object to the granting of a licence for the Oktoberfest in Down Lane park.

The park has a secondary school, a full time nursery and residential area surrounding it which makes it a valuable community space, but not a venue for over 2000 people who are encouraged to drink vast amounts of alcohol.

A drinking festival in this small community park will cause considerable noise, disruption and disturbance to residents and the many users of the park.

I am therefore strongly objecting to the granting of a licence for this event.

Regards

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Roye Chanel

From: Cllr Brabazon Zena
Sent: 12 June 2019 11:29
To: Licensing
Cc: Cllr Gordon Ruth; Cllr Rice Reg; Cllr Carroll Vincent; I
Subject: Objection to Oktoberfest

Dear Licensing,

I am writing to object to the proposed Oktoberfest in Down Lane Park. I live in Holcombe Road opposite Down Lane Park.

This is an event our community does not need. Tottenham Hale now has several clubs and bars in the immediate vicinity which have been promoted as part of local 'regeneration'. Five Mile, Ginger Line, the huge site in Ashley Road, Beavertown's successful tap room, The Cause. In addition there is a local pub, The Volunteer opposite the park.

The park is our local green lung and should be available for local people. It now has a local community hub and cafe inside Down Lane Park for the local community, where local people, families and friends can gather and participate in a range of community activities including festivals. These events are about our community, are based on community consultation and support and in a managed and contained space which complements other local park users.

Down Lane Park is almost the only community amenity in Tottenham Hale. It is incredibly well-used by young people and families, many of whom have no other place to go and many of whom I suspect, live in difficult conditions. It is very important for families to bring their children or elderly members at weekends to relax.

I am concerned that this event could cause considerable disruption and disturbance locally, anti-social behaviour with thousands of intoxicated visitors - which will also prevent the local community enjoying the park for its duration.

Cllr Zena Brabazon
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Roye Chanel

From:
Sent: 12 June 2019 08:56
To: Licensing
Cc: Cllr Gordon Ruth; Cllr Carroll
Cllr Rice Reg
Subject: Objection to Oktoberfest in Down Lane Park

Dear Licensing,

LUOS objects to the proposed Oktoberfest in Down Lane Park because, in our experience of working in the area for more than 15 years, it is an event our community does not need. There are already plenty of options in the area for different types of beer and associated 'atmospheres' for targeted groups at different times. There is Beavertown's successful tap room, Five Miles, The Cause and The Volunteer pub, along with numerous other businesses.

LUOS itself provides a community hub and cafe inside Down Lane Park for the local community, including families with events and festivals at weekends, but based on community consultation and support and in a managed and contained space which complements other local park users.

Our Park is surrounded by schools and families and needs to be accessible, safe and clean for all members of the public to enjoy. It is very important for families to bring their children or elderly members at weekends to relax.

Our knowledge of this proposed beer festival is that it is extremely negative and is likely to cause considerable disruption and disturbance locally, anti social behaviour with thousands of intoxicated visitors - which will also prevent the local community enjoying the park for its duration.

We therefore ore strongly objecting, along with many members of the community, to the Council granting a licence for Oktoberfest in Down Lane Park.

Yours sincerely

Roye Chanel

From:
Sent: 12 June 2019 17:48
To: Licensing
Subject: Down Lane Park Oktoberfest Objection

Hello,
I would like to raise a concern about the plans for hosting Oktoberfest in Down Lane Park. I do not believe that a park that is the main playground for 2 nurseries, a school and a large number of local residents is the right place for this. I object to this proposal.

Also, according to online information, with paid toilets and a festival of beer drinking I can only deduct using the park itself as a toilet and severe disruptions to residents as a result. There are far better choices for this, like the location of recent Field Day for example...

Kind regards

Roye Chanel

From:
Sent: 12 June 2019 17:15
To: Licensing
Subject: Down Lane Park Octoberfest Objection.

To whom it may concern.

My family and I want to strongly object to the proposed use of Downlane Park for Octoberfest.

We do not believe that this is the right venue for such an event. Downlane is a quiet, calm, beautiful family Green Flag park. Set in the heart of a residential area, it is very popular amongst locals.

My children and i use the park and playground area on a daily basis. It is free access to the outdoors, which is essential for their wellbeing. Closing the park for this event would be detrimental to our daily routine.

This event is highly exclusive to the vast majority of local residents, with ticket prices far in excess of our means. Its nature is also highly inappropriate to many of our diverse community.

The effects of this event both on the park itself and local community (in terms of noise) are not acceptable. Huge numbers of drinkers on our street before and after actually frighten me. And the damage that WILL come saddens me deeply. Do i need to reference this event in Finsbury Park?

I do not accept this proposal to sell off our green space. Please put it a stop to it immediately.

My son 2yo says. "I like the park, i dont want the park to be closed"

Please listen to us!

With best wishes

--
Cheryl Boruszko
07967 504 517

Roye Chanel

From:
Sent: 12 June 2019 21:42
To: Licensing
Subject: Objection to licensing Octoberfest Downlane Park

Dear,

As a resident of Tottenham Hale (N17 9RA), Downlane Park is our local park. As such I feel compelled to write in regards to granting licensing to the management of Octoberfest.

Downlane park is a family park, which is enjoyed by all the residents throughout the year. It is already in a very shabby state and holding this event is going to make it infinitely worse. We do not wish for noise nuisance, drunk people, and a general decay of our beloved park over the days Octoberfest is held. The park belongs to its residents and it is not the council's task to sell it off to the highest bidder.

Kind regards