

# Appendix 3 – Representations from Residents

### LICENSING ACT 2003 - REPRESENTATION FORM

To make a representation in respect of an application for a Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate please complete the following form. For representations to be considered relevant they must relate to one or more of the four "Licensing Objectives" (listed below).

Please note all representations will be made available for applicants to view. If you make a representation objecting to the application it is likely that you will be called upon to attend a hearing and present your objection before a Licensing Committee.

<b>Personal Details</b>
Name.. GORDON HUTCHINSON.....
Address..... ..... .....
Postcode

<b>Licence application you wish to make a representation on</b>
<i>You do not need to answer all of the questions in this section, but please give as much information as you can:</i>
Application Number.....
Name of Licensee.. ALEXANDRA PALACE TRADING LIMITED
Name of Premises (if applicable).. ALEXANDRA PARK
Premises Address (where the Licence will take effect)..... ..... ALEXANDRA PALACE ..... ALEXANDRA PALACE WAY
Postcode.. N22 7AY

<b>Reason/s for representation</b>
<i>Under the Licensing Act 2003, for a representation to be relevant it must be one that is about the likely effect of the application on the promotion of the four licensing objectives. Any representations that are considered to be vexatious or frivolous will not be considered (please see Haringey Council's leaflet <b>Variations, Representations and Appeals for Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates</b>).</i>
<i>Fill in reason/s for your representation in the space provided under each Licensing Objective it relates to.</i>

**The Prevention of Crime and Disorder**

**Public Safety**

Frequent use of vehicles across open grassland in the park, which would be required for setting up and taking down event facilities, presents a significant risk to park users, particularly children. See the attachment for further explanation.

**The Prevention of Public Nuisance**

The holding of unlimited numbers of events with up to 600 attendees would lead to 1) park users being deprived of their customary activities in the park, and 2) the creation of noise, litter, light and air pollution in the park and surrounding areas which in its frequency and cumulative effect would comprise a public nuisance. The requested increase in allowable noise levels for large events would cause a serious nuisance to local residents and is not justified. See the attachment for further explanation.

**The Protection of Children from Harm**

I, GORDON HUTCHINSON, hereby declare that all information I have submitted is true and correct.

Signed:

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Date: 16 May 2021

Please email the completed form to [licensing@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@haringey.gov.uk).

## **Application for variation to Premises Licence by Alexandra Palace Trading Limited**

### **Representation by the Friends of Alexandra Park**

This representation is made on behalf of the Friends of Alexandra Park, a member organisation established in 2006 with aims to promote and protect Alexandra Park, the grounds around Alexandra Palace. The Friends group has a membership of 330 households, including local residents and supporters of the park living in other parts of London.

The application by Alexandra Palace Trading Limited (APTL) seeks 3 variations to the existing premises licence for Alexandra Park. We support the first variation viz to bring the Pavilion and East car parks under the Park licence. However we object to the second variation viz. the absence of a limit on the number of small events which can be held in the park on the grounds of the public nuisance a large number of such events could cause. We also object to the third variation viz an increase in the number of days when high noise levels are allowed. The application gives no justification of the need for these noise levels which cause substantial nuisance to residents living near to the park. There are other concerns about environmental impact, but these are not relevant to the licence application.

Alexandra Park is a large park which is noted for its areas of woodland, open grassland, wildlife, views and history, and which usually receives 3 million visits per year, though this rose to 5 million visits in 2020. It is used for picnics, running, walking and cycling, sports, nature observation and the relaxation which an open green space can provide. Much of this activity is regular: a vital part of local people's daily or weekly routines. At a time when the council expects to construct thousands of new homes in Wood Green, without any large open spaces, it is vital that Alexandra Park remains a green open space to support the well-being of those additional residents.

As a primarily natural, green open space, the park has no permanent facilities or infrastructure to support events, so even relatively small events require the erection of stages or screens, catering facilities, fencing and toilets, which in turn means days of vehicles and equipment traversing the park. As the application seeks to be allowed to use the park for an unlimited number of events each year, there is the prospect at least in the summer months of this sort of disturbance and reduced access to the open space occurring on an almost continual basis. This turns what might be regarded as an inconvenience to park users when occasional into a **nuisance for substantial numbers** of people: a disruption of normal life as significant as sleep disturbance due to excessive noise.

We do not believe that the applicant's current management has the intention of holding such a large number of events, but managements and circumstances change and if the current application is approved, such a nuisance to the public who visit and use the park is perfectly possible. We suggest imposing a limit, of say, 250 event days per year for small events, which would enable the management to run the number of small events which the

park could accommodate without undue disruption to the usual level of park visitors: for example a drive-in cinema for the 150 days of the summer period, plus another event somewhere in the park on a majority of the days in the summer period. This limit would at the same time prevent the introduction of the number of events which would cause serious disruption to the majority of other park users.