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Subject: objection to application for licence for Krankbrother Ltd for 2022

Hello

I wish to object to the application by Krankbrother Ltd to hold events in Finsbury Park this year for the reasons set out below, which I consider to fall under **The Prevention of Public Nuisance** and **Public Safety**, and request that the council does not grant a licence for these events in the intended location. I feel that local residents, park users and wildlife and nature should be prioritised over commercial events, especially given that the park is more heavily used than before the pandemic.

Noise levels

I live in Tancred Road, one of the roads off Endymion Road, and have found that in previous years the noise from your events is way too loud to allow peaceful family life to continue. I am very concerned about this year's events, as the number of attendees is anticipated to be 2000 higher than last year (and more than double that of previous years) so the noise levels are likely to be even louder. I have not had a satisfactory response to my concerns in previous years, and consider the permitted noise levels to be way too high, as the bass sound is really intrusive. The events are likely to cause a disturbance to a great number of local residents and park users as, since the pandemic, Finsbury Park is being by more people as somewhere to relax and spend time.

Access

In addition to this, given the park is used more than ever now since the pandemic started, the events will cause great inconvenience to the park users by hampering access to the park and walking, cycling and jogging routes around the park.

Environmental damage

Last year there was considerable damage to the ground from the high footfall of attendees, particularly as the weather was wet, and meant that huge areas became a quagmire and took months to recover. In addition there was a really unpleasant smell from the sewage from the portaloos for a few days, and I noticed seepage of some of the liquids used by the event creeping beneath the barriers onto the land outside the event, causing an iridescent oily sheen, and could be toxic to some of the organisms in the soil. This area of the park is totally unsuitable for such events, as it is often water-logged.

Another matter of great concern is the compaction caused to the ground by such high numbers of attendees over so many days, which could cause long-term damage to the splendid plain trees that grace Finsbury Park, and the loss of even one of these trees would be a tragedy. This area of the park is totally unsuitable for such events as there are so many trees which will suffer from the increased footfall for sustained periods. The Woodland Trust states *"Tree roots and soils can be readily damaged by compaction especially by large numbers of pedestrians in a concentrated area, car parking and construction traffic.*

Unexpected turns of events or weather conditions may lead to emergencies such as overflow

parking or access being managed by people without the background to be aware of potential damage. As damage leads to tree decline a spiral of tree surgery and further irretrievable decline can be triggered. As trees may take several years to decline the impact of events may not be immediately perceived but overtime it can lead to a great loss of trees and the beauty they provide and no amount of new planting can replace."

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/media/1814/ancient-trees-and-events.pdf>

Another consideration, which comes under **Public Safety**, as well as loss of nature and aesthetics, is the increased risk of trees being blown over during stormy weather as a result of the compaction caused by increased footfall over so many days. Forest Research states *"Soil compaction reduces the pore space within soil, resulting in a poor soil structure that restricts the development of plant roots. It also affects the soil water status, causing waterlogging during wetter periods and drought conditions during drier periods, which in turn limits root development. Poor rooting significantly inhibits plant growth on compacted soils and, in the case of trees, can also increase the risk of trees being blown over during storm events."*

<https://www.forestresearch.gov.uk/tools-and-resources/fthr/urban-regeneration-and-greenspace-partnership/greenspace-in-practice/practical-considerations-and-challenges-to-greenspace/soil-compaction-practical-considerations/>

I consider with increasing awareness of the importance of nature and protecting biodiversity, this should be taken into consideration when granting licences. Events like this are damaging to nature - the ground is compacted causing long-term damage to trees, and trees and plants are often damaged during set up, take down, and during these events, and the noise will disrupt birds and small mammals in the park. This is in addition to the increased risk to **public safety** of a tree falling down during storms, and the **Public Nuisance** of the disruption, noise, and loss of amenity in the park caused by such events.

Yours faithfully

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