

On 24 Jun 2022, at 11:34, Barrett Daliah <Daliah.Barrett@haringey.gov.uk> wrote:

Hello Konrad,

Please see response below from the applicants.

Let me know if the matters you have raised have been addressed satisfactorily.

Regards

Daliah

Dear Mr Borowski,

In response to your representation to our application I would like to thank you for your comments and would like to reassure you that we are a responsible organisation that care very much about the safety of the event and the care of Finsbury Park and all its users.

To your specific concerns under the licence conditions, we respond as follows:

General:

As we are still in the planning phase of the event, we have not announced on our website some of the elements that will be happening over the weekend. The Football has been a key element of the event in the past and will be so again this year. We also have just agreed with a Brazilian parade group to open the event. Both of these activities will be announced in the coming weeks. The council has not been misled, they take an active part and have supervised every aspect of the previous two events. Whenever they felt new practices needed to be implemented, they were

1. The Prevention of Crime and Disorder –

As a community event we are restricted from fencing in the area of the park that we use. However, we can control the number of people entering the park from the closest gates to our area, should we see the event is becoming over crowded. These gates will be monitored by SIA security guards who will direct people entrances on the other side of the park. We have applied for a larger licence this year, not because we are increasing any of the activity, but because we want to ensure that we have enough infrastructure in place should we get increased numbers.

Any day in Finsbury Park you have many thousands of people walking in, they don't get searched, or supervised. We are providing SIA licensed personnel above and beyond the minimum number required.

Being under the influence of alcohol or drugs is not a crime in itself, behaving badly is a potential offence/crime, being drunk is not. By having bars on site we can control who we are serving alcohol and if someone seems inebriated we can refuse them service. The SIA security are there to manage any bad behaviour.

I am unclear as to how can the fact that event has had no problem in the past is irrelevant? We get funds and license based on the management and behaviour of our staff crew and attendees.

We have been described by the Friends of Finsbury Park as "A good community example is La Clave Festival, which is practically a model event.

With regards to your comment about the age of our attendees represented on the website this is because we do not believe it responsible to post pictures of children without their parents permission.

With reference to your point about us being excused from the requirement to put fences up, we are not excused from it, we are a different type of event. The whole ethos of our festival is to bring culture and revenue to the local community for free. A "VIP" pass is £50 which helps cover the cost of running this event, which has never made any profits.

2. Public Safety –

I apologise for any confusion here. We have always and will be using two-way radios for the event. These radios are issued to all key staff including security, first aid, stages and all senior management.

3. The Prevention of Public Nuisance -

1: Noise -

We must stick to very strict noise stipulations enforced on us by the council, which will be monitored throughout the event in order to ensure that we do not breach the agreed limits. We have also restricted the event build to one day only in order to reduce the impact on our neighbours, so as not to inconvenience them.

2: Sale of Alcohol –

All our bars are managed by personal licence holders and will be operating a Challenge 25 protocol. Owing to costs of bringing bars into events of this nature, the price of the drinks will be similar to that of permanent High Street bars. This will discourage the casual attendee buying drinks from our bars when they can buy them from some of the discounted supermarkets in the area and drink in the park as they can at any other point in the year.

3: Toilets -

We have booked 85 Portable toilets, 3 disabled portable toilets and 12 x 4 urinals

1. The Protection of Children from Harm -

We are very much a family event with our Football tournament entirely being aimed at an under 18 audience.

As part of our funding from the Arts Council we also undertake outreach programmes in the local schools encouraging those taking part to get involved with Latino culture and to come along to the event with their families.

As previously stated, we will be operating a Challenge 25 protocol at all the bars. This means that if someone looks under 25 they will be challenged to show ID before they are served a drink. We also have very clear child safeguarding protocols in place in and qualified personnel to manage them.

We would be happy to meet with you should you wish to discuss this further.

Kind regards,

Latino Life

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