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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2023 4:01 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED] Cllr Alexandra Worrell
<alexandra.worrell@haringey.gov.uk>; Cllr George Dunstall <george.dunstall@haringey.gov.uk>; Cllr Eldridge Culverwell <Eldridge.Culverwell@Haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to Application for a Premises License for Krankbrother LTD

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the Application for a license to Krankbrothers Ltd for extra capacity and days. I live next to Finsbury Park and am extremely concerned by this and the effect it will have on public safety, crime and disorder and children. This has a hugely negative effect on park users and those that live in the surrounding areas, especially young children. The park gets over run which makes using the parts of the park that are left open extremely unpleasant and unsafe. Large groups use Nitrous Oxide outside the event walls in the park as well as alcohol and other recreational drugs. Drug dealers come to the park and surrounding streets to prey on young and vulnerable festival goers. This is not an environment that children should be exposed to and so I can not take my children to the the park on these events days. Fights and public urination also make the park unsafe and causes a huge public nuisance. Loud music all day for two weekends in a public park is not what parks are for. Children can not play care and noise free in the play areas and young teenagers can not attend the park unaccompanied which is so important to help build independence because of the risks involved. Noise levels and vibrations levels are also a public nuisance, we can not leave our window open or sit in our back garden and forget trying to get a decent nights sleep. This is a very densely populated area and many do not have back gardens so it's not suitable for large music events. We know from public meetings the sound monitoring company Vanguardia spoke of crying and distressed children at homes he visited to check sound levels. Many locals spoke of the vibrations in their homes being so bad their children were terrified. Local public opinion is against these events and they should not be allowed anymore days or to get any larger in size. Ultimately local children pay the price for these events by having their park/back garden taken over by noise, antisocial behaviour and large fenced off areas.

Please say no to this application.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2024 8:52 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Application for increased festivals in Finsbury Park

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the application for a licence to Krankbrother Ltd for extra capacity and an extra day for the events in Finsbury Park in August 2024.

I am a local resident and my concerns are:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

INCLUDE THINGS LIKE – anti-social behaviour, drug taking and dealing, thefts, footpath turned into a dark, unsafe and unsanitary passage, etc

Public Safety

INCLUDE THINGS LIKE – footpath turned into a dark, unsafe and unsanitary passage, mud causing falls, increased crowds, etc

Prevention of public nuisance

INCLUDE THINGS LIKE – crowds, very high noise levels for extended periods of time, intense vibration levels, people urinating, vehicles blocking paths, idling engines, enforced detour and restricted access, especially for

those with mobility issues, and creating a muddy, dark, dangerous and unsanitary passage, imposing high fences, etc

Protection of children from harm

INCLUDE THINGS LIKE - increase in anti-social behaviour, high and prolonged noise preventing sleep, pollution from vehicle fumes, moving vehicles on pathways endangering children and restricting their activities, etc

Damage to infrastructure INCLUDE THINGS LIKE. The north west section carriage drive wasn't upgraded to take heavy vehicles during the HLF restoration (because Haringey had no plan to have concerts in this area) and is being badly damaged by successive concerts.

Degradation of green environment. A large area around the avenue of trees had to be air jetted last year due to root compaction. Also there's a large variety of nesting birds in this area including long tailed tits, woodpeckers and tree creepers, which will be disturbed and might abandon their nests

I do NOT want this application to go ahead for increased capacity and duration, as it will lead to an increase in all these negative impacts.

Yours

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, January 5, 2024 2:22 PM

To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>

Subject: Krankbrother Concerns

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the application for a licence to Krankbrother Ltd for extra capacity and an extra day for the events in Finsbury Park in August 2024.

I am a local resident on Lothair Road South, and my concerns are:

- The main road/path around the park is blocked by the event. If the weather conditions are wet as they were last year, the temporary paths installed end up covered in mud, making it very slippery and unsafe.
- In my opinion, the steepness of the route around the festival site is also not suitable for those with mobility issues
- As the blocked path is a main thoroughfare to Manor House Station, this is an issue
- Last year, I saw firsthand a significant amount of public drinking and drug-taking outside of the festival site during the afternoon when there are often a high number of families and children in the park
- There was also a significant amount of rubbish & broken glass every morning between the site and main stations - this is a safety risk for children and dogs in the park
- I also saw a significant amount of public urination
- Finally, last year I saw that many of the vehicles supporting the event often leave their vehicle idling, causing a lot of fumes. I also often saw vehicles going at speeds well in excess of the stated speed limit.

Although all of these concerns will still exist for the festival as planned, I believe extending and increasing the capacity will only exacerbate the issues.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, January 5, 2024 8:34 AM

To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to granting a licence to Krank Brothers use of Finsbury Park this summer for a large event.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the application for a licence to Krankbrother Ltd for extra capacity and an extra day for the events in Finsbury Park in August 2024.

I am a local resident and my concerns are:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

These events always attract an unnecessary and unwanted increase in the levels of crime and antisocial behaviour with the illegal sale and consumption of drugs, theft, robbery with the area around the site used as an outside toilet.

Public Safety

The holding of these events pose a significant threat to public safety attracting muggers, mud causing the risk of falls/injury, increased crowd numbers causing significant risk of crush injuries. You should be aware that victims would have a case to take legal action against individual members of your committee for allowing these events to take place - particularly as this is being pointed out to you by myself and I expect other objectors to this licence.

Prevention of public nuisance

We know that the large crowds, high noise levels and increased vibrations damaging buildings, vehicle pollution and vehicles blocking access for people with disabilities a cause a significant public nuisance.

Protection of children from harm

The significant increase in anti-social behaviour, high noise levels of noise and pollution from vehicles pose a risk to young people's health as well as removing access to the most bio-diverse part of the park.

Other concerns

These events have already caused damage to the Parks infrastructure The north west section carriage drive wasn't upgraded to take heavy vehicles during the HLF restoration (because at the time Haringey Council had no plan to have concerts in this area) and is being badly damaged by successive concerts.

A large area around the avenue of trees had to be air jetted last year due to root compaction. Also there's a large variety of nesting birds in this area including long tailed tits, woodpeckers and tree creepers, which will be disturbed and might abandon their nests

A final point

Given the Licensing Committee is formed from the same body corporate that benefits from the rental paid for these events I believe that it should not be granting a licence for an activity where the body corporate has a pecuniary interest.

In these circumstances an external body (perhaps the Justices) should be deciding such matters. If this was successfully challenged any of the usual indemnities may no longer apply.

I believe I have provided sufficient reasons for you to refuse this application as it will lead to an increase in all these negative impacts.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2024 9:59:08 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to application for licence to Krankbrother Ltd

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the application for a licence to Krankbrother Ltd for extra capacity and an extra day for the events in Finsbury Park in August 2024.

I am a local resident and my concerns are:

Public Safety - I do not wish to see the footpath turned into a dark, unsafe and unsanitary passage. Extra capacity and an extra day will also increase the chance of mud on the path, causing falls.

Prevention of public nuisance - the festival last year led to very high noise levels for extended periods of time, intense vibration levels, people urinating, vehicles blocking paths, idling engines, enforced detour and restricted access, especially for those with mobility issues, and creating a muddy, dark, dangerous and unsanitary passage. Increasing the capacity and an extra day will exacerbate these issues further.

Please say no to this application for increased capacity and duration, as it will lead to an increase in these negative impacts.

Best regards

[Redacted signature]

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted] >
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2024 10:18 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Fwd: Application for increased festivals in Finsbury Park

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> [Redacted signature]
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> Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, January 6, 2024 10:57:09 AM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to Krankbrother license for extension

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the application for a licence to Krankbrother Ltd for extra capacity and an extra day for the events in Finsbury Park in August 2024.

I am a local resident and my concerns are:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder – there is a noticeable increase in anti-social behaviour over the course of the days when the events happen. The park feels like a less safe place to be because of this.

Prevention of public nuisance. - the amount of crowds in the park and around finsbury park make it an unpleasant place to be as a local resident and I don't feel I can use the park which is my local green outdoor space. The intense and vibration levels are also disruptive and can be heard from my flat around 700m away. Also the restricted access whilst they are setting up the park means that parts of the park cannot be accessed which limits my use of them as a local resident.

Whilst you are not considering environmental damage and degradation as part of this objection (which you should be given this is a significant impact of such events which creates long-term damage to the park). Because of the krankbrother events a large area around the avenue of trees had to be air jetted last year due to root compaction. Also there's a large variety of nesting birds in this area including long tailed tits, woodpeckers and tree creepers, which will be disturbed and might abandon their nests. Also the use of the trees to place lights and other heavy equipment (there were heavy brackets put around big branches to hold up such infrastructure) may damage or weaken the tree in an area of the park where many of these trees are very old and should be protected.

As such, as a local resident, I do not want this application for increased capacity and duration to be approved as it will lead to an increase in all these negative impacts.

Yours

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 6, 2024 6:45 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: application for a licence by Krankbrother Ltd

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to regarding the application for a licence by Krankbrother Ltd for extra capacity and an additional day for their events in Finsbury Park in August 2024. I wish to reject on both.

I am a resident of Woodstock Road and I also work as a freelance horticultural therapist in the Park.

I have the following concerns :

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

We already struggle with anti-social behaviour, drug taking / dealing, theft living close to the Park. We have seen how festivals with a strong culture of drug and alcohol use supports and increases issues faced by residents living in a tri borough area.

Public Safety

In the set up, during and after their festivals the park feels unsafe and unsanitary. I work with special educational needs groups and we find pathways are a slip hazard and the park feels ominous.

Prevention of public nuisance

In addition to very high noise levels for extended periods of time, we have found the enforced detour,

sizeable restricted access, especially for those with mobility issues and imposing high fences very menacing.

Protection of children from harm

Of concern is our experience of increased crowds - curtailing our passage in and around the area we live, visible anti-social behaviour, high and prolonged noise affecting sleep, pollution from vehicles, moving vehicles on pathways endangering children and restricting their activities, etc and causing damage to the infrastructure of the park.

Damage to infrastructure and eco system

I have been reliably informed that the north west section of the carriage drive was not upgraded to take heavy vehicles because Haringey had no plan to have concerts in this area and this is now being badly damaged by successive concerts. At a time when there are increased costs and heightened concerns regarding the environment we find this damage to our parks and the need to repair this on annual basis unacceptable.

- a) A large area around the avenue of trees had to be air jetted last year due to root compaction.
- b) A large variety of nesting birds in this area including woodpeckers, long tailed tits, and tree creepers, will be disturbed and might abandon their nests

We say no to this application for increased capacity and duration on the basis that it will lead to an increase in all these negative impacts.

We look forward to your response



From: [Redacted] >
Sent: Sunday, January 7, 2024 1:37 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Application from Krankbrother

We are writing to object to the license application from Krankbrother to add an additional day to an already crowded timetable, and for a considerable increase in the number of attendees. We are local residents living one street away from the north side of Finsbury Park, so this event already has a significant, detrimental impact on our local community which we hope will not be increased further.

In terms of context:

- before two years ago the audience capacity was 6000. It was increased by 33% to 8000 last year, which led to a noticeable and significantly greater noise nuisance and numbers of people in the area than before (we have lived here for 16 years). If the increase to 9999 is approved this will mean an increase of 67% attendance in just two years. Surely this can't be acceptable.
- the number of large and major events alone (two Wireless and two Krankbrother) in Finsbury Park for 2024 mean that, allowing for set up time, time in between the weekends and clear up, the impact is felt by local residents over around 35 days (5 weeks) during July and August, which is excessive.
- Krankbrother do not appear to manage the site well – they did not distribute leaflets two weeks ahead of the event (at least we did not receive one), as they are required to, and the website is difficult to navigate in order to flag noise in real time. When issues were raised by email they blamed the numbers on 'other events in Finsbury Park that day' but did not know what they were – surely they should in order to properly manage the site and movement of people. We weren't aware of any and they just told us to contact the council (not easy). Stewards were also hostile when approached by local residents with concerns about the management of the site, especially when we wanted to take photos. This lack of approachability and hostility creates an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty.
- While we appreciate councils are under increasing financial pressure, it's not clear from the evidence available what the cost and benefit trade-off is over a whole summer, and whether this is in fact a zero sum gain. It would be helpful if this could be more transparent and so better understood.

Our concerns, in relation to your criteria, are:

Crime and disorder – previous events have seen drug dealing in the park and around and add to the recent increased in ASB in the area. For example, in 2023, there were large numbers of people in Green Lanes around the junction with our road, carrying plastic pint glasses with beer in and generally making a noise. This is on

top of a significant increase in ASB, street crime and drug dealing in the ladder area in the past couple of years, evidenced by an increase in the provision of local police numbers. The council have told us they have no evidence of an increase in ASB related to the festival, it is likely that a substantial increase in the number of people over a longer period at an event where alcohol and drug use are part of the experience will lead to more problems.

Public safety – our access to the park is through the Endymion Road gate, which is close to the festival site and so the impact of thousands of visitors in the area is immediate. Blocking off the (major) path up to Manor House tube makes it difficult to navigate the area even on foot (the slope up to the race track is muddy at the best of times, and can be very wet), and this will be even worse for those with mobility problems, older people, wheelchair users and those with buggies. Krankbrothers' management of the site and handling or relationships with local residents leaves much to be desired and can actually make us feel less safe (see third bullet point above)

Prevention of public nuisance – we hope the points in the previous section should give a feel of the increased pressures of living in this area. We have been here for 16 years and the increase in the number of festivals in the park make living in a residential area with access to the park increasingly difficult, with sound levels and footfall increasing year on year. Sometimes the ground vibrates (Wireless and Krankbrothers). Being in the summer, which is when people are more inclined to use the park, makes the impact worse. It's also a time when we often need to have our windows open making it even more difficult to block the sound out. The increased numbers means incidents such as using the park as a toilet is also more prevalent.

We note that environmental impact is not explicitly something you can take into account. You will know that this even takes place in one of the more environmentally rich areas of the park, with large old trees, proximity to the river and further up an area with a number of unusual trees which were part of the original Victorian planning. There are ongoing differences of experience and opinion about how this was handled in 2023 and we hope the ecological report, which we understand has been commissioned, will be made public.

Protection of children from harm – the value of nature for wellbeing is well documented and particularly important for children. Our residential area includes families and some foster children, who are negatively impacted by this festival. The issues outlined above, particularly in relation to the proximity of the festival site to the park entrance, make women nervous about using the park with very small children. Older children, who have been allowed to visit the park alone, either need to be accompanied or will be at risk. Air pollution, already a problem in London, and especially affecting children and those with respiratory complaints, is increased by fumes from large vehicles; their movement around the area is also risky.

In summary, the position has become increasingly intolerable over the years and we hope the committee will not agree the request. We would also suggest ensuring that conditions are clear and monitored.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 7, 2024 1:46 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to Krankbrother licence application

Dear Sir/Madam,

[Re: application for a licence to Krankbrother Ltd for extra capacity and an extra day for the events in Finsbury Park in August 2024.](#)

I strongly object to this event anyway, and I am extremely concerned therefore that it could be made bigger. As I local resident and regular park user, I have witnessed many problems arising from the event:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The construction of the arena removed the usual pathway and, with the high fences, created a dark, unsanitary and unsafe passage, in which I personally felt threatened, and stopped using that route; and I heard from others that they did not go along it for fear of theft or molestation. I witnessed drug dealing around the festival site. I witnessed large crowds around the festival site - loud groups, with drink and drugs being taken, and while I have nothing whatsoever against festival attendees, it is just that they are a different crowd to those using the park for usual recreational purposes, and I was made wary, and know from talking to other

park users that they were too, and we were kept away from that part of the park during the festival. The petrol vehicles crowding the park, and idling engines, are to me an environmental crime, as are the damage to the trees, grass and wildlife, which was evident and appalling. It has really saddened me to see the detrimental effect of the festival on the birds, and I am very worried about the effect on the trees.

Public Safety

I struggled to get along the passage created by the arena construction, and fell over due to the mud. Those with mobility issues had their safety impeded even more. The increased crowds caused the threats as outlined above: I felt unsafe due to these combined elements.

Prevention of public nuisance

Normal life was disrupted by extremely high noise levels for extended periods of time, and intense vibration levels. Our home life was intruded upon by this noise pollution, and our sleep was impaired. This cannot be acceptable. I witnessed festival goers urinating in the surrounding area. A large part of the park was blocked off for usual use, and normal healthy activities prevented, which is extremely unfair - it is a public park.

Protection of children from harm

I know from talking to local people with children that their sleep and activities were disrupted due to the noise levels. The increase in anti-social behaviour due to the crowds was clearly threatening to children, as was the pollution from vehicle fumes, and I witnessed how the moving vehicles on pathways endangered them. It was shocking to see this curtailment of childrens' use of the park, which goes against everything that a park should be.

I call upon Haringey Council to say no to this application, as it will worsen these already negative impacts.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, January 7, 2024 3:41 PM

To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@haringey.gov.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: objection to Krankbrother licence application in Finsbury Park

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the application for a licence to Krankbrother Ltd for extra capacity and an extra day for the events in Finsbury Park in August 2024.

I am a local resident and feel that it's outrageous that such an unpopular and damaging event is considering expanding (outrageous that it's given a licence to take place in Finsbury Park at all). In 2019 this event lasted for just 2 days, and had a capacity of 3500, and the negative impacts were much less. It has insidiously increased in size and duration since then.

My main concerns are:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

When these events take place there is a huge influx of people to the area, many of whom are under the influence of alcohol and there is an increase in anti-social behaviour locally – I have seen several attendees urinating both in the park and in nearby streets. There is an increase in drug taking, particularly nitrous oxide – in 2023 I noticed around 5 of the large canisters in our street (Tancred Road, very close to the event site) during one of the festival weekends, and this was the first time I've ever noticed these canisters in our street.

Public Safety

The area feels unsafe during the event days, with the increased crowds and the increase in anti-social behaviour. In addition, last year there was so much mud on the pavements, which was not cleared up properly for weeks afterwards, and one of my neighbours slipped and fell over on the mud. This area of the

park is totally unsuitable for such events, as it is often water-logged, and in recent times we've had excessive rain in August, which has led to this site being excessively muddy.

Prevention of public nuisance

The Public Nuisance caused by this event is huge and will only become worse if the event grows in size and duration. We, the public, should be able to enjoy the park as a park, but this is not possible when these events are taking place. The **restricted access** to the park is a great inconvenience, particularly the walk from Endymion Road up to Manor House station. I take this route almost every day and enjoy walking or jogging underneath the splendid Plane trees. I find it a public nuisance to have this route obstructed. The detour that is sometimes put in place is not appropriate for people with limited mobility and/or in wheelchairs.

The **noise levels** are totally unreasonable for local residents – the levels are too high and go on for too long. 5 days of noise is already way too much, and adding a 6th day is totally unreasonable. In 2023, after complaining about excessive noise levels in previous years, noise levels were yet again excessive, especially the bass, which thudded right through my house (I noticed on our neighbourhood WhatsApp group that several residents were similarly inconvenienced, some even complaining of rattling windows). Consider for one moment how it feels for people who are house-bound to have to put up with such noise and thudding for hours on end, over several days!

Pollution – as well as the added pollution from the generators, there is still a problem of event vehicles leaving their **engines idling**, despite this being raised as a concern several years ago. I noticed that in 2023 there were signs asking vehicles not to leave their engines idling, however several of the vehicle drivers ignored this, and left their engines running (even whilst parked right next to the signs!). Basically most of the event staff don't appear to care the slightest bit about our park, and the Public nuisance caused by holding such a large event here.

Also I, and many others, consider the imposing high fences to be a public nuisance – they are unsightly and give a depressing feel to the area.

Protection of children from harm

The increase in numbers of vehicles, some of which obstruct sight lines, and travel along a usually quiet vehicle-free area of the park where children can walk and ride their bikes creates a greater risk of harm for children. Also, the prolonged exposure to excessive noise preventing sleep is also harmful to young children.

Environmental Damage

And finally, 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 and trees are often damaged during set up, take down, and during these events, and the noise disrupts birds and small mammals in the park. The Woodland Trust's guidance for protecting trees from harm during large events was largely ignored last year, which is absolutely shocking. It can take a few years for the damage caused to become apparent, and the loss of even one of our spectacular Plane trees would be a tragedy, and a loss for generations of people.

Please say no to this application for increased capacity and duration, as it will lead to an increase in all these negative impacts.

Yours

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From: [Redacted] >
Sent: Sunday, January 7, 2024 4:49 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Krankbrothers 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing to object to the application for a licence to Krankbrother Ltd for extra capacity and an extra day in Finsbury Park, August 2024.

I'm a local resident living a few roads away from the park and my concerns are:
Prevention of Crime and Disorder:

This attracts drug dealers and leads to antisocial behaviour in the general area. Thefts and a general feeling of being unsafe especially if one uses the dark unsavoury footpath provided by Krankbrother Ltd.

Public Safety:

Hoads of people already in various states coming out of the tube, walking along the pathway to the entrance. That whole area being out of bounds to local people especially the dark pathway and entrance to the park and Krankbrother. It feel very unsafe for women and young girls. This path also gets very muddy if it rains, people fall and get injured.

Prevention of Public Nuisance:

This includes the following:

Crowds of people

Very high noise levels for a long time

People being sick and urinating

Vehicles blocking paths during set up and down Idling engines with fumes Restricted access to the park and having a long detour to get round, particularly bad for those with mobility issues and people with prams The huge fences are particularly off putting Protection of Children from Harm:

An increase in anti social behaviour including drink and drugs Sleep being prevented by prolonged and very noisy music with vibrations Pollution from vehicles fumes and danger from vehicles moving too fast especially on pavements this stops children playing safely.

I do not agree with this application for increased capacity and duration as it will make all the above even worse! What started as a small gathering has become huge on what is basically a pathway in the normally peaceful green space. The mess we are left with is unacceptable, ruined grass and terrible harm to trees and wildlife.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] >

Sent: Sunday, January 7, 2024 7:35 PM

To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>

Subject: Resident Objection - Krankbrother LDT

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the application for a licence to Krankbrother Ltd for extra capacity and an extra day for the events in Finsbury Park in August 2024.

I am a local resident and my concerns are:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

- anti-social behaviour, I saw people drug taking and dealing outside and in the park
- lots of alcohol bottles, junk and trash left around the park
- drunk and rowdy behaviour, people shouting and screaming
- very loud music, we live two streets away from the park and our house was vibrating

Public Safety

- footpath turned into a dark, unsafe and unsanitary passage, mud causing falls, increased crowds
- antisocial behaviour, we have to walk through the park to get to my sons nursery and I'm nervous to go by myself to take him.. My husband has to join me (I am a female)

Prevention of public nuisance

- crowds, very high noise levels for extended periods of time, intense vibration levels, people urinating, vehicles blocking paths, idling engines, enforced detour and restricted access,

Protection of children from harm

- increase in anti-social behaviour, high and prolonged noise preventing sleep, pollution from vehicle fumes, moving vehicles on pathways endangering children and restricting their activities, etc

Please say no to this application for increased capacity and duration, as it will lead to an increase in all these negative impacts.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, January 7, 2024 8:52 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Representation against variation to LN/000023717

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to make a representation against the proposed variation to LN/000023717, regarding the Krankbrother events.

As a local resident I am already very aware of the impact that the various summer events held in Finsbury Park have on the local community. The removal of significant areas of the park from public use during the school summer holidays, when children and families most need the space and facilities, is already very problematic, and to extend the Krankbrother event by a further weekend would exacerbate this. It is my belief that in denying local children access to green space, and exercise facilities, for an extended duration could be harmful to them - thus I object on the grounds of protecting children from harm.

I further raise an objection on the grounds of the prevention of public nuisance. I believe that the removal of community facilities for an extended period over the summer months, when they are likely to be most in use, constitutes a public nuisance and as such this license variation should not be allowed on this grounds. I would further add that, having experienced the events this year, while they were well organised, there were a significant number of people gathering in the park, consuming alcohol and smoking cannabis while the event was going on. These may or may not have been ticket holders to the event, but either way, the events certainly attracted a significant number of people who made the area feel unsafe while the event was going on. I felt that I had to leave the immediate facility with my young child early in the evening due to cannabis smoke and general inebriated behaviour from other members of the park during the event. I suspect that these issues increased as the evening went on.

I trust that you will take my objections, and those of other local residents who use the park, into consideration.

I am aware that there is no grounds to object on the basis of environmental impact, but would also note that this is significant and that as a protected forest area and habitat for many animals, the impact of an additional weekend of events, in an already packed summer for the park, would have significant detriment to the environment.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2024 1:38 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Krankbrothers Ltd

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the application for a licence to Krankbrother Ltd for extra capacity and an extra day for the events in Finsbury Park in August 2024.

I am a local resident, and I am concerned about the effects on the Park and surrounding area.

The damage to the park during the festival is significant, the grass barely recovering each year. The mud on the paths is hazardous to runners and the less mobile or disabled.

Damage to nature in the park has occurred in the past. Including root compaction and risks to the variety of nesting birds and other wildlife.

Much of the damage cannot be , and is not, repaired as Krankbrother Ltd. Claim they will do.

The increase in (often idling) vehicles increases pollution as well as noise and often obstructions.

The Park becomes almost unusable not only during the festival but during set up and break down. The area available to residents, many who rely on the Park for access to green space, is significantly

reduced and normal routes through the park are not possible. The atmosphere due to the high barriers, presence of security and heavy machinery is horrible and peaceful relaxation is not possible as soon as the set up starts. This "time out" in a calm green space is important for the mental health of many residents.

The Park is an important space for dog owners, and many rely on the space to stay fit. Although areas remain open, they are not pleasant to be in and often do not feel safe, so become unsuitable for these activities as a result.

The children's areas remain open but no longer feel safe during the festival. Again, the park is necessary for many local children living in flats.

The festival is a strain on police resources and even required officers to be drafted in from surrounding areas. Even with this increased police presence there are still incidents relating to public safety, public nuisance, drug use and other criminal acts.

Increased capacity and duration will only increase the above problems.

Please say no to this application for increased capacity and duration, as it will lead to an increase in all these negative impacts.

Yours Faithfully

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 9:56 AM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Krankbrother Events

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the application for a licence to Krankbrother Ltd for extra capacity and an extra day for the events in Finsbury Park in August 2024.

I am a local resident and my concerns are:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder – there is a noticeable increase in anti-social behaviour over the course of the days when the events happen. The park feels like a less safe place to be because of this.

Prevention of public nuisance. - the amount of crowds in the park and around finsbury park make it an unpleasant place to be as a local resident and I don't feel I can use the park which is my local green outdoor space. Also the restricted access whilst they are setting up the park means that parts of the park cannot be accessed which limits my use of them as a local resident. Also it makes the public transport overcrowded and I can hear the noise/music from my flat.

Whilst you are not considering environmental damage and degradation as part of this objection (which you should be given this is a significant impact of such events which creates long-term damage to the park). Because of the krankbrother events a large area around the avenue of trees had to be air jetted last year due to root compaction. Also there's a large variety of nesting birds in this area including long tailed tits, woodpeckers and tree creepers, which will be disturbed and might abandon their nests. Also the use of the trees to place lights and other heavy equipment (there were heavy brackets put around big branches to hold up such infrastructure) may damage or weaken the tree in an area of the park where many of these trees are very old and should be protected.

As such, as a local resident, I do not want this application for increased capacity and duration to be approved as it will lead to an increase in all these negative impacts.

Yours

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] >

Sent: Saturday, January 6, 2024 11:23:39 AM

To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>

Subject: KRANKBROTHERS EVENTS

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the application for a licence to Krankbrother Ltd for extra capacity and an extra day for the events in Finsbury Park in August 2024.

I am a local resident and my concerns are:

Noise disruption - last year the incessant bass sounds were incredibly annoying. Vibrations shook my windows. I complained about this to Haringey Council but received no reply

Disruption to the park environment. The park was left in a terrible state last year. Trees appeared to be damaged and the grass churned up over a large area.

Health and safety. As the event will mean physical disruption to the park for close to 3 weeks residents are obliged to walk around the perimeter fence. The path is therefore secluded and potentially unsafe. The path there is also muddy and rat infested and do is unfit for walking. I am concerned about access for those with mobility issues and would like to see Haringey Councils equality impact assessment for this event.

Please say no to this application for increased capacity and duration, as it will lead to an increase in all these negative impacts.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] >

Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 1:10 PM

To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>

Subject: Krankbrother Ltd

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the application for a licence to Krankbrother Ltd for extra capacity and an extra day for the events in Finsbury Park in August 2024.

I have been a local resident since 2019, and I have two children (ages 2 and 4) who use the park as their much-needed outside space. They cross it everyday to go to nursery, and they're very familiar with it.

Every summer, however, precisely when we need it the most, the park turns into a hostile place, with high walls preventing access to parts of it, litter and dangerous objects lying around (bottles, cigarette butts), etc. There is incredibly loud noise that prevents us not only using the park, but even enjoying our open windows. When we have gone out in the evening, my children have seen erratic behaviour from drunken people, and men urinating in public. The park is left with enormous muddy areas where grass had finally started growing, and their activities are thus restricted.

I was hoping these festivals would be moved to a more isolated area, without so many families around it. Instead, I see there's the risk now that they will see their capacity and duration increased, which is really upsetting. I sincerely hope you stop this project and help us reclaim, as neighbours, our much beloved park.

Yours,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 1:16 PM

To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>

Subject: Application by Krankbrother Ltd

Importance: High

Dear Planning Officer

I am writing to object to the application for a licence by Krankbrother Ltd for extra capacity and an extra day for the events in Finsbury Park in August 2024.

I am a local resident and my concerns are:

Further damage and loss of access to parkland in Haringey at a time of year when local people of all ages most need access to fresh air and peaceful green spaces.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

INCLUDE THINGS LIKE – anti-social behaviour, drug taking and dealing, thefts, footpath turned into a dark, unsafe and unsanitary passage, etc

Public Safety

INCLUDE THINGS LIKE – footpath turned into a dark, unsafe and unsanitary passage, mud causing falls, increased crowds, etc

Prevention of public nuisance

INCLUDE THINGS LIKE – crowds, very high noise levels for extended periods of time, intense vibration levels, people urinating, vehicles blocking paths, idling engines, enforced detour and restricted access, especially for those with mobility issues, and creating a muddy, dark, dangerous and unsanitary passage, imposing high fences, etc

Protection of children from harm

INCLUDE THINGS LIKE - increase in anti-social behaviour, high and prolonged noise preventing sleep, pollution from vehicle fumes, moving vehicles on pathways endangering children and restricting their activities, etc

Please say no to this application for increased capacity and duration, as it will lead to an increase in all these negative impacts.

Yours sincerely



From: [REDACTED] >

Date: Tue, 9 Jan 2024 at 16:29

Subject: Objection to the application for a licence to Krankbrother Ltd for extra capacity and an extra day for events in Finsbury Park in August 2024

To: <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to object to the application for a licence by Krankbrother Ltd for extra capacity and an extra day for the events in Finsbury Park in August 2024.

In my view the current licence for the existing numbers should be revoked. Finsbury Park, particularly this area of the park, is not suitable for this type of large scale event or this type of concert. It is completely the wrong site and not fair on those living nearby. The crowd size is already far too big.

The event means the footpath is turned into a dark, unsafe and unsanitary passage. Vastly increased footfall results in mud causing falls. Our son is disabled and the alternative route is dangerous for him. Locals many of whom are elderly or have young children are forced to make a long, extremely inconvenient detour to the station along a hazardous path that would normally be avoided. It disrupts our lives for weeks on end and is bad for our mental health.

We understand concerts want to locate here because of the transport links but that's one of the reasons we moved here and the concert blocks those links, it restricts our access to our local park and sporting amenities, stops the extremely popular health and mental wellbeing promoting events like Parkrun for weeks (set up, event and dismantling, not just the duration of the event itself).

It is a public nuisance. It disrupts our way of life for weeks on end over the summer as part of a series of unwanted, unsuitable events. It attracts criminals from other areas to the nicest, quiet end of the park and neighbourhood and results in litter and disruption.

The sound that reaches us is just terrible incessant noise, just a din, not music at all - very high noise levels for extended periods of time, intense vibration levels which you can feel in your chest in your own house, forced to keep your doors and windows closed in summer (it is bad for our physical and mental health). We should be able to enjoy our garden space in summer and our local green area. We should not have people from other areas urinating in our park, streets and gardens, vehicles blocking paths, idling engines and late night noise and pollution as concert goers disperse.

I object to the application for a licence by Krankbrother Ltd for extra capacity and an extra day for the events in Finsbury Park in August 2024.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted signature]

Personal details

[Redacted personal details]

Application by Krankbrother for commercial events in Finsbury Park in 2024 Reference Number: LN/0000023717 event.

Objection from local residents in Connaught Road, N4

[Redacted objection text]

Prevention of crime and disorder

The application for the Krankbrother event's audience is now being proposed to increase. In 2022 the audience was restricted to 6,000; last year it increased to 8,000 and now we are looking at 10,000 people. At what point will the council support local residents objections and curb this increase? There are no site drawings provided on the Licensing website but presumably this will require an even larger site than last year.

In the last two years trampling of the grass in the area from the athletics track to the Manor House and Green Lanes exits has caused about 8 acres of park grassland to be reduced to either a mud bath or wearing away most of the grass. Compounded mud or compacted earth due to 6 days of people trampling on it has a serious impact on tree growth and obviously the grass was nearly all destroyed.

We regard this as a crime against the environment of the park and for people and wildlife who use it. Past years have required this area of grass to have a new layer of topsoil laid on it and then reseeded, meaning that it never reaches a state of good maintenance but is in a continual state of repair. This is the most eco diverse area of the park with beautiful plane trees over 150 years old.

We have seen an alarming rise in crime in our local area, including two murders within a few roads of Connaught Road in the space of 3 months. We are concerned that the drugs and amount of people associated with the various events in Finsbury Park do nothing to minimise crime, rather increase it – Finsbury Park is already rife with drug dealers even during broad daylight with little commitment from the police to stop the sale of drugs.

Women are particularly vulnerable to assault at these times and we have anecdotal evidence to show that local women and girls are worried about walking the streets around Finsbury Park during these large-scale events.

Prevention of public nuisance

A main area of public nuisance is the existence of a walled-off area of our park during the busiest summer month of the year which blocks access to large areas of it. It takes up this area for 20 days during August when set-up and take-down time are included, with large diesel lorries devastating the grass and polluting the air. This park is now in the London Low Emission Zone, which these diesel lorries clearly flout. Haringey Council has been keen to support Cop26 policies and reduce diesel pollution within the borough but this seems to contradict these.

A further public nuisance is noise pollution. It is extremely difficult to enjoy the park for its main use due to the noise from the speakers. The issue of noise levels and the prevalence of tinnitus resulting from loud music is never addressed despite the level of noise being well over the regulated levels required at private events held in the area.

Given that the use of the park for large events was prohibited in the summer months by the council's own Events Policy in 2014 it is hard to understand why such public nuisance is still happening in 2024, when this policy has not been changed.

Local residents do not understand why we have these huge events imposed on us when they are such a public nuisance and cause such problems locally: noise, rattling windows, disorderly behaviour, peeing in front gardens etc. How can it be justified when the amount received by the Council is a paltry £5.12p per ticket sold. (2024 ticket price not yet available but estimated at £80)

Public safety

Finsbury Park is the largest park in the area used by Haringey, Hackney and Islington residents and is very busy particularly in the summer months.

The loss of so much of the park in parts of June and July during Wireless and two 3-day weekends in August (plus set-up and take-down) is unfair when these are key times for use by families and hundreds of people relaxing or playing sports. The noise from Krankbrother and Wireless mean that all other activities in the park are negatively affected. This contradicts Council policy of attracting people to parks for their health and well-being.

Protection of children from harm

Children in our street use the children's play areas and parents have complained that they have no escape from the loud noise, crowds and drunken revellers making their way to and from the Krankbrother enclosure.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2024 10:10 AM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Fwd: No to Krank Expansion



Dear Licencing team,

I want to express my strong opposition to Krankbrother's application for an expansion to their festival in Finsbury Park.

I am a local resident and my concerns are:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

- The application for the expansion and elongation of the Krankbrother festival is totally undemocratic as the festival has shown itself to create a big range of anti-social behaviour - drug taking and dealing, thefts, footpath turned into a muddy, dark, unsafe and unsanitary passage for people and and unacceptably damaging effects on local wildlife in the most nature-rich part of the park.
- We already have our park taken over for most of the summer - with crime and safety levels soaring, locals need a breather.
- Parents don't want to go to the park when the disruptive and destructive festival is on, children feel threatened and pollution the from vehicle fumes, moving vehicles on pathways and generators creates a perfect storm of high pollutants, endangering children and restricting their activities in what should be fresh air away from roads. The Krankbrothers who describe themselves as family men, do not live near the park or suffer the consequences of their festival, they would not want their kids anywhere near this spot.
- Last year, my friends had to accompany two girls who were on drugs and frightened by men hanging outside and preying on them back to the station last year in summer 2023. It creates a perfect storm of vulnerability of especially young women on drugs and drink from the event - Finsbury Park has suffered a number of rapes and sexual assaults and a murder in recent years. These events make it feel even more unsafe as they're chaotic with many thousands of people inebriated and on drugs. There is a distinct lack of respect from thousands of people flooding into our park.
- The krank zone becomes a private space in a public park, essentially undemocratic.

Public Safety

- distinct lack of proper security management from both council and Krank, young guys on gates and inside as well as set up. The people at the top, the Krankbrothers themselves and Haringey Events managers should be on site and answerable everyday.
- Community safety line during festival is inadequate - during festival you can't get through and they say they can't answer at busy times.
- Krank's event makes the area unsafe and excludes local residents who like to use the park with their families - this is the most nature-rich part of our park, the quietest and the most bird rich. Families and walkers have to stay away for their own safety.
- Security guards at the entrances have been known to be rude and intimidating when spoken to.
- The path along the Endymion road side is dangerous to walk along as it's turned into a slippery mud route when it rains and could cause injuries.It stops more vulnerable people, the elderly, disabled, using the path. Increased crowds are intimidating for all.
- our park is not a cash cow but a park. None of the events people at Haringey live in the borough - they don't care. But there will be a death from events at some point - crushing crowds, intense climate crisis heat, drug and alcohol abuse. It's just really unsafe.

Prevention of public nuisance

- The sound levels are as bad as Wireless or worse. The reverb turns my house into a speaker - the windows shake, I have to close my windows in high heat, I have to leave the area as it's too noisy to work - I am a writer and work from home, it's unbearable.
- Our area turns from a lovely quiet place into an area you want to escape from with very high noise levels for extended periods of time. Intense vibration levels are scary.

- People urinating and vomiting on the road and in front gardens
- Vehicles blocking paths, idling engines raise the pollution levels in the area.
Local drivers are forced to detour and there is restricted access all round the park, especially for those with mobility issues
- Its high fences creating a muddy, dark, dangerous and unsanitary passage
There is a massive increase in anti-social behaviour as I've detailed
-high and prolonged noise prevents sleep and scares people.
-This is testimony from one local woman called Inaya Choudhury who wrote to me on twitter in August 2023:
'My grandparents are housebound due to their illnesses and they live directly opposite the park, so they can't escape the noise... The 'shouting/aggressive' music affects my grandmother the most. She has dementia and thinks people are being attacked outside and are yelling for help. My grandad doesn't wear his hearing aid and doesn't communicate much. Neither can advocate for themselves, they can't speak English or use technology. I've been looking after them overnight, so to know they've been suffering for years.'


Ecology!

NB The exclusion of ecology as a consideration/risk is not unacceptable especially in light of the recent SINC Review surveys which found some red listed birds: **'A stronghold for Mistle Thrush, Song Thrush, Dunnock, Nuthatch, Swifts, Starlings, Coal Tit, Chiffchaff, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Blackcap, Goldcrest, House Sparrow, Chaffinch'**

The great trees on this side are suffering with compaction of soil. Boss, Kieron Clancy, says he chose the site because it looked good, it was instagrammable. This is not a good enough reason to take the park away from us after weeks of Wireless.

The MKA Ecology report (commissioned by HC) cites this festival as causing **'high physical damage'** to the grassland especially at the base of trees. With this in mind, they should be moving this festival to a more suitable site, not expanding it.

Please say no to this application for increased capacity and duration, as it will lead to an increase in all these negative impacts. ***This dance fest needs to be moved into an urban setting - like many of their other events.***

Best wishes,




The Friends of Finsbury Park
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Seven Sisters Road
London, N4 2DE

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By Email: licensing@haringey.gov.uk

RE: Krankbrother - LN/000023717 & LN/000025053

Dear Licensing Team,

1. We are writing to object to the applications by Krankbrother: i) to vary Premises Licence **LN/000023717** to increase the capacity from 8,000 to 9,999 persons on event days; and ii) to vary Premises Licence **LN/000025053** to increase the capacity from 8,000 to 9,999 persons and to add an additional event day on a Friday (together, "**the Applications**").

Background

2. Haringey Council first permitted Krankbrother to stage events in Finsbury Park in 2018. This was a two-day LGBTQ+ focused event (15-16 September 2018) with a capacity of 3,000 persons a day. In 2019, Krankbrother held events on two days (16-17 August 2019, one of which was LGBTQ+ focused) with a capacity of up to 3,500 persons a day.
3. In 2021, Haringey Council permitted Krankbrother to stage four days of events over two consecutive weekends (7-8 and 14-15th August 2021) with a capacity of 6,000 persons a day. In 2022, Haringey Council approved an increase in capacity from 6,000 to 8,000 persons a day, including an increase in all staffing and infrastructure to match the increased capacity. This allowed Krankbrother to hold four days of events over two consecutive weekends (6-7 and 13-14 August 2022) with a capacity of 8,000 persons a day.
4. In 2022, Haringey Council also approved Krankbrother's application to add an additional event day and to provide Live Music and Films as well as Recorded Music and Performance of Dance. As a result, in 2023, Krankbrother held five days of events (5-6 and 11-13 August 2023), with a capacity of 8,000 persons a day. Due to the time spent building up and de-rigging the event space, Krankbrother occupied the park for a total of 22 days in 2023.
5. In late 2023, Krankbrother made the current Applications to further increase capacity to 9,999 persons a day and add an additional event day. If granted, Krankbrother would occupy the park for an estimated total of **23 days**, with up to **59,994 persons** attending

six event days. This would represent an increase of just under 54,000 attendees (899% increase) and three times the number of event days since 2018.

6. This history demonstrates the gross encroachment of Krankbrother events in Finsbury Park. It is submitted that the cumulative impact to the community in permitting these events to take place year on year, at a larger scale, over more days, is not consistent with the objectives in the Licensing Act 2003.

Our objections

7. Our objections are set out under the four statutory licensing objectives in the Licensing Act 2003 (“**the Objectives**”):

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

8. Krankbrother events cause major public nuisance, including noise nuisance, air pollution, light pollution, and litter. The noise levels and vibrations from the events cause significant distress to residents, severely impacting individual and community wellbeing. As well as distress during the events, many residents are now reporting to The Friends of Finsbury Park that they feel anxious all year round in contemplation of the summer events period.
9. During the event period, dramatically increased vehicle traffic in the park and surrounding roads pollutes the air, negatively impacting residents’ health. Event attendees leave litter in the park and surrounding areas, despite Krankbrother’s assurances that they have procedures in place to clean the park. Following the 2023 events, The Friends of Finsbury Park found debris and litter, including dangerous items such as metal rods that were left embedded in the ground after the de-rig.
10. The Friends of Finsbury Park receive numerous complaints during the Krankbrother event periods. The below complaints were received during August 2023 and represent contemporaneous reports of public nuisance caused by these events:

Complaint - 5 August 2023, 8:22pm

“The noise levels have been terrible even as far as away as the Newington Green end of Green Lanes. I logged a complaint but given the phone number is going through to the festival organisers themselves, I thought I would pass on the complaint number (which callers have to ask for and is not automatically given): 2023/10.”

Complaint - 6 August 2023, 9:47am

“I am writing to complain about several issues related to the current Krankbrothers event in Finsbury Park:

1. *yesterday (Saturday) from around 6pm the music was unreasonably loud, so much so that we could hear it throughout our house, even with windows and doors closed. It is not fair to expect local residents to tolerate such invasive noise. We*

have decided to go away for the day/evening today to escape this disturbance, however I resent being put in this position.

- 2. at around 8.30am this morning a black van (number plate starting with DV19) drove up to the Krankbrothers site, parked next to one of the 'no idling' signs, and the driver got out of the vehicle and entered the site on foot, leaving his engine running! Unbelievable that he did this right next to the sign, and that none of the staff nearby requested that he turned off his engine. I conclude from this that you really don't care about the damage you do to our park and our environment.*
- 3. yesterday afternoon there were around 14 vehicles parked on the carriageway in Finsbury Park near the site, however Finsbury Park is now a no-parking area. You should insist that festival staff travel to the site by public transport.*
- 4. This year you have taken up a larger area than previously, and blocked the route from Endymion Road to Manor House tube, without providing a clear route for pedestrians and cyclists to follow. This is unfair on residents and park users many of whom use this route daily.*
- 5. This year the set up seemed to start earlier than previously, and we were deprived of this area of the park for the whole of the weekend prior to the events. In former years I am pretty sure that the set up started after the weekend prior to the events, why did the set up start so early this year?*
- 6. I have already expressed that I consider this area totally unsuitable for such events, particularly because it is the most nature rich area of Finsbury Park, and the 150 year old Plane Trees should be treasured and protected, rather than subjected to the inevitable damage caused by the set up/take down/and extreme footfall of so many attendees over so many days. Haringey Council should not allow you to use this area, and you should take the lead and be more environmentally considerate and request a different site.*
- 7. I did not receive the Information for Residents leaflet for these events, even though I live in one of the streets nearest to your event.*
- 8. To reiterate, you are unable to mitigate the negative impact of this event - year on year the noise levels are unbearable for local residents, and the damage to the park both visible and invisible intensifies."*

Complaint - 6 August 2023. 10:03pm

"My family and I live opposite Clissold Park (still Green Lanes road) and growing up, we'd always hear music from Finsbury Park - late into the night, even with all the windows shut.

My grandparents are housebound due to their illnesses and they live directly opposite the park, so they can't escape the noise... The 'shouting/aggressive' music affects my grandmother the most. She has dementia and thinks people are being attacked outside

and are yelling for help. My grandad doesn't wear his hearing aid and doesn't communicate much. Neither can advocate for themselves, they can't speak English or use technology. I've been looking after them overnight, so know they've been suffering for years."

Complaint - 11 August 2023, 8:42pm

"[...] I am writing to complain about the unreasonable level of noise from the Krankbrothers event this evening. I came home from a demanding and stressful day at work, to be un-welcomed back by the loud, persistent, repetitive thudding music, which I can hear over and above the radio and tv which I have put on to try and drown it out. I imagine you will say it is within the permitted levels, but I would argue that the permitted levels are too high, as they invade my home life, thudding on for hours on end, and no doubt it will be as bad tomorrow and Sunday.

Also, I have also seen photographs of more heavy equipment (toilets, food stands, lorries etc) next to the lovely old plane trees, which will undoubtedly negatively affect the trees' health, and, scandalously, a large branch appears to have been chopped off to accommodate the event.

It is shocking that you expect local residents to put up with such unreasonable levels of noise and thudding so often and for so long, and shocking that you have no regard for the beautiful plane trees."

Complaint - 13 August 2023, 10:06pm

"I am writing to complain about the noise levels this evening (Sunday), from just after 7pm – the music was unreasonably loud, and yet again invaded my home life with the thudding base for hours on end. I know you will say that it was within the permitted levels, but [...] the permitted levels are way too high, and Krankbrothers should take responsibility for this and lower the sound levels, and Haringey Council should lower the permitted levels. I passed a neighbour in the street earlier and she mentioned how awful she found the excessive noise levels and when I told her she should complain she said there was no point, as she'd complained in previous years and neither the council or the event organisers did anything about it.

I want you to log my complaints, and to pause for a minute to consider the negative impact on one's well-being of loud thudding music for several hours for 3 consecutive days, for 2 weekends. I am sure you would also find it disturbing and stressful. I am also dreading seeing the state the park is left in once the set has been dismantled, and am particularly concerned about the health of the trees in this area, especially as most of the advice from the Woodland Trust is being ignored."

Public Safety

11. Krankbrother events cause several serious public safety issues, both within the park and in surrounding areas. These issues are caused throughout the event period,

including the build-up and de-rigging, and for the months following. Some of the issues are as follows:

12. Street safety: Event attendees congregate en masse on the streets surrounding the park before, during, and after events, causing safety and access issues for residents. A Committee Member of The Friends of Finsbury Park reported that on each of the Krankbrother event days in 2023, they were unable to safely enter and exit their home due to large crowds of event attendees gathered on the street, most of whom were drinking alcohol. The large crowds caused crowding and safety issues by blocking the footpath and forcing pedestrians, including families with prams and young children, onto the road into incoming traffic to pass.
13. Overcrowding: The application to increase capacity from 8,000 to 9,999 states that “*all other elements of the Premises License to remain unchanged*”, indicating that Krankbrother has not asked for an increase in footprint or an increase in the numbers of security and other staff to accommodate the proposed near 2,000 additional attendees per day. Clearly, an increase in capacity without an increase to footprint and security would raise the risk of overcrowding within the events and at the entry/exit points. Overcrowding within events and in surrounding areas also creates an increased risk of violence.
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Conclusion

25. The Friends of Finsbury Park strongly object to the Applications.
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Yours faithfully

The Friends of Finsbury Park



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By Email: licensing@haringey.gov.uk

RE: Krankbrother - LN/000023717 & LN/000025053

Dear Licensing Team,

1. I am writing to object to the applications by Krankbrother: i) to vary Premises Licence **LN/000023717** to increase the capacity from 8,000 to 9,999 persons on event days; and ii) to vary Premises Licence **LN/000025053** to increase the capacity from 8,000 to 9,999 persons and to add an additional event day on a Friday (together, “**the Applications**”).

Background

2. Haringey Council first permitted Krankbrother to stage events in Finsbury Park in 2018. This was a two-day LGBTQ+ focused event (15-16 September 2018) with a capacity of 3,000 persons a day. In 2019, Krankbrother held events on two days (16-17 August 2019, one of which was LGBTQ+ focused) with a capacity of up to 3,500 persons a day.
3. In 2021, Haringey Council permitted Krankbrother to stage four days of events over two consecutive weekends (7-8 and 14-15th August 2021) with a capacity of 6,000 persons a day. In 2022, Haringey Council approved an increase in capacity from 6,000 to 8,000 persons a day, including an increase in all staffing and infrastructure to match the increased capacity. This allowed Krankbrother to hold four days of events over two consecutive weekends (6-7 and 13-14 August 2022) with a capacity of 8,000 persons a day.
4. In 2022, Haringey Council also approved Krankbrother’s application to add an additional event day and to provide Live Music and Films as well as Recorded Music and Performance of Dance. As a result, in 2023, Krankbrother held five days of events (5-6 and 11-13 August 2023), with a capacity of 8,000 persons a day. Due to the time spent building up and de-rigging the event space, Krankbrother occupied the park for a total of 22 days in 2023.
5. In late 2023, Krankbrother made the current Applications to further increase capacity to 9,999 persons a day and add an additional event day. If granted, Krankbrother would occupy the park for an estimated total of **23 days**, with up to **59,994 persons** attending **six event days**. This would represent an increase of just under 54,000 attendees (899% increase) and three times the number of event days since 2018.

6. This history demonstrates the gross encroachment of Krankbrother events in Finsbury Park. It is submitted that the cumulative impact to the community in permitting these events to take place year on year, at a larger scale, over more days, is not consistent with the objectives in the Licensing Act 2003.

Our objections

7. Our objections are set out under the four statutory licensing objectives in the Licensing Act 2003 (“the Objectives”):

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

8. Krankbrother events cause major public nuisance, including noise nuisance, air pollution, light pollution, and litter. The noise levels and vibrations from the events cause significant distress to residents, severely impacting individual and community wellbeing. As well as distress during the events, many residents are now reporting to The Friends of Finsbury Park that they feel anxious all year round in contemplation of the summer events period.
9. During the event period, dramatically increased vehicle traffic in the park and surrounding roads pollutes the air, negatively impacting residents’ health. Event attendees leave litter in the park and surrounding areas, despite Krankbrother’s assurances that they have procedures in place to clean the park. Following the 2023 events, The Friends of Finsbury Park found debris and litter, including dangerous items such as metal rods that were left embedded in the ground after the de-rig.
10. The Friends of Finsbury Park receive numerous complaints during the Krankbrother event periods. The below complaints were received during August 2023 and represent contemporaneous reports of public nuisance caused by these events:

Complaint - 5 August 2023, 8:22pm

“The noise levels have been terrible even as far as away as the Newington Green end of Green Lanes. I logged a complaint but given the phone number is going through to the festival organisers themselves, I thought I would pass on the complaint number (which callers have to ask for and is not automatically given): 2023/10.”

Complaint - 6 August 2023, 9:47am

“I am writing to complain about several issues related to the current Krankbrothers event in Finsbury Park:

1. *yesterday (Saturday) from around 6pm the music was unreasonably loud, so much so that we could hear it throughout our house, even with windows and doors closed. It is not fair to expect local residents to tolerate such invasive noise. We have decided to go away for the day/evening today to escape this disturbance, however I resent being put in this position.*

2. *at around 8.30am this morning a black van (number plate starting with DV19) drove up to the Krankbrothers site, parked next to one of the 'no idling' signs, and the driver got out of the vehicle and entered the site on foot, leaving his engine running! Unbelievable that he did this right next to the sign, and that none of the staff nearby requested that he turned off his engine. I conclude from this that you really don't care about the damage you do to our park and our environment.*
3. *yesterday afternoon there were around 14 vehicles parked on the carriageway in Finsbury Park near the site, however Finsbury Park is now a no-parking area. You should insist that festival staff travel to the site by public transport.*
4. *This year you have taken up a larger area than previously, and blocked the route from Endymion Road to Manor House tube, without providing a clear route for pedestrians and cyclists to follow. This is unfair on residents and park users many of whom use this route daily.*
5. *This year the set up seemed to start earlier than previously, and we were deprived of this area of the park for the whole of the weekend prior to the events. In former years I am pretty sure that the set up started after the weekend prior to the events, why did the set up start so early this year?*
6. *I have already expressed that I consider this area totally unsuitable for such events, particularly because it is the most nature rich area of Finsbury Park, and the 150 year old Plane Trees should be treasured and protected, rather than subjected to the inevitable damage caused by the set up/take down/and extreme footfall of so many attendees over so many days. Haringey Council should not allow you to use this area, and you should take the lead and be more environmentally considerate and request a different site.*
7. *I did not receive the Information for Residents leaflet for these events, even though I live in one of the streets nearest to your event.*
8. *To reiterate, you are unable to mitigate the negative impact of this event - year on year the noise levels are unbearable for local residents, and the damage to the park both visible and invisible intensifies."*

Complaint - 6 August 2023, 10:03pm

"My family and I live opposite Clissold Park (still Green Lanes road) and growing up, we'd always hear music from Finsbury Park - late into the night, even with all the windows shut.

My grandparents are housebound due to their illnesses and they live directly opposite the park, so they can't escape the noise... The 'shouting/aggressive' music affects my grandmother the most. She has dementia and thinks people are being attacked outside and are yelling for help. My grandad doesn't wear his hearing aid and doesn't communicate much. Neither can advocate for themselves, they can't speak English or

use technology. I've been looking after them overnight, so know they've been suffering for years."

Complaint - 11 August 2023, 8:42pm

"[...] I am writing to complain about the unreasonable level of noise from the Krankbrothers event this evening. I came home from a demanding and stressful day at work, to be un-welcomed back by the loud, persistent, repetitive thudding music, which I can hear over and above the radio and tv which I have put on to try and drown it out. I imagine you will say it is within the permitted levels, but I would argue that the permitted levels are too high, as they invade my home life, thudding on for hours on end, and no doubt it will be as bad tomorrow and Sunday.

Also, I have also seen photographs of more heavy equipment (toilets, food stands, lorries etc) next to the lovely old plane trees, which will undoubtedly negatively affect the trees' health, and, scandalously, a large branch appears to have been chopped off to accommodate the event.

It is shocking that you expect local residents to put up with such unreasonable levels of noise and thudding so often and for so long, and shocking that you have no regard for the beautiful plane trees."

Complaint - 13 August 2023, 10:06pm

"I am writing to complain about the noise levels this evening (Sunday), from just after 7pm – the music was unreasonably loud, and yet again invaded my home life with the thudding base for hours on end. I know you will say that it was within the permitted levels, but [...] the permitted levels are way too high, and Krankbrothers should take responsibility for this and lower the sound levels, and Haringey Council should lower the permitted levels. I passed a neighbour in the street earlier and she mentioned how awful she found the excessive noise levels and when I told her she should complain she said there was no point, as she'd complained in previous years and neither the council or the event organisers did anything about it.

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Yours Faithfully

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14 January 2024

Krankbrother Ltd. – Finsbury Park – Licence Application variation - Objection

Krankbrother - LN/000025053 and LN/000023717

Dear Sir / Madam,

Before I give my reasons for objecting to the application I would like to remind the committee members and Council officers of what the Council's policy document "Parks and Greenspaces Policy Pack" – August 2022 says

Policy on amplified music and speech in parks ref. PGSS12

"People visit parks for lots of reasons, but one is for peace, tranquillity and relaxation. They do not want to be subjected to continuous sounds – especially continuous, loud sounds – that they would not expect to hear when they set out on their journey to the park. This includes amplified music arising from other park users."

I am opposing the above application on the following grounds:

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

a. increase the capacity from 8000 to 9999 persons

b. additional event day

In 2022 the Licensing Sub Committee allowed the capacity to increase from 6000 to 8000, two years later Krankbrother, with the wholehearted support of the Council, are seeking to increase from 8000 to 9999. If this is allowed it would seem that the noise levels would have to increase – this is not acceptable. Event noise is a public nuisance.

The area of the park where the event will be held is very near to homes on Green Lanes (the Hackney flats on the other side of Green Lanes) and stands on the hill which overlooks the “Ladder” houses between Wightman Road and Green Lanes.

From the experience of previous events, these homes will hear the sound quite clearly, other streets in the area e.g. Oakfield Road, Stapleton Hall Road, will also be affected. The noise means that local residents will have to keep their windows shut, this isn't acceptable during the summer.

Park users will also experience a lot of noise and as the “Parks and Greenspaces Policy Pack” states “They do not want to be subjected to continuous sounds...”

It is bad enough that increased attendance numbers / noise levels are being considered, we will also be forced to listen to this noise for an additional day making a three day event weekend, this is not acceptable – two three day weekends - six days in all in August.

Why is Haringey Council, as park landlord, conniving in this noise pollution? Why for money of course.

In my case, though I live ¼ mile from the Park I can hear event noise quite clearly because the house I live in is on a hill to the north west of the Park, a top floor flat with a flat roof. One of the problems is that being on a hill there are houses further up the hill which means that sound is reflected back so even going into a back room doesn't provide relief from the noise.

The flat roof and location means that if we have hot weather my flat heats up so that I naturally have to open the windows, however I won't be keen to do this if this means that I then have to listen to the noise. So I am faced with the choice - risk heat exhaustion / heat stroke or madness through having to listen to “music” for nine hours. NB – I am aged 77 and it is a fact that elderly people are more vulnerable to heat exhaustion / heat stroke.

There are also a considerable number of people in the area who work from home who will be affected by the noise on a third day – a Friday - a working day.

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From: ██████████
Sent: Sunday, January 14, 2024 5:25 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to License application: LN/000023717

Ref LN/000023717

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the Krankbrother Ltd licence application for extra capacity and extra day for Finsbury Park events in August 2024. For the following reasons:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Associated with the Krankbrother events I have noticed increases in anti-social and intimidating behaviour, drug use and drug dealing. I have seen this happening in the immediate vicinity of the event, and also in the areas surrounding the park.

Public Safety

The footpath around the event makes for dark and unsafe walkways, which when closed (often due to the ground being churned up) forcing people to take a longer way through the park at night which is also unsafe. I have seen people slip and fall on the path which runs between the fences and the river. This also creates a huge problem at this side of the park for the disabled and those with mobility issues.

Prevention of public nuisance

I have been forced away from my home by the very high noise levels for extended periods of time. This has meant staying outside of London during the summer at great expense to me. Undoubtedly this will be a problem for many locals with physical and mental health issues who cannot escape the noise. Being asked to endure it for this many days is unfair. Other issues are: street fouling, intense vibration levels, people urinating, vehicles blocking paths, idling engines, enforced detour and restricted access.

Protection of children from harm

It is not safe for children to be ANYWHERE in or around the park during Krankbrother events. From the event attendees I have seen unlawful nudity, open use of illegal drugs, and violence between attendees. The lorries and generators used during the event also cause a dangerous rise in noxious gasses which is not safe for children (or adults) to breathe.

I strongly object to this application for increased capacity and duration, as it will lead to an increase in all these negative impacts.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, January 14, 2024 5:42 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to Krankbrother LN/000023717

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the application for a licence to Krankbrother Ltd for extra capacity and an extra day for the events in Finsbury Park in August 2024.

I am a local resident and my concerns are:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder:

- The detour footpath made available on the north-east side of the event is dark and unsafe for all, but particularly for women
- Anti-social behaviour, including people loitering on pavements and in cars on our streets (Conningsby and Lothair Road South) and drug solicitation around the park becomes explicit and said characters never seem to be removed

Public Safety:

- the detour footpath made available on the north-east side of the event is dark, often muddy and unusable and the ground is uneven, making it unsafe for many with mobility challenges
- the detour footpath along the northwest side of the event facing is often too slippery and muddy to use and is also at too steep an angle to be usable for those with mobility challenges. A person with a wheelchair would find extreme difficulty in using it
- mobile phone use becomes impossible with increased numbers in concentrated areas, causing a breach of the Communications Act, as well as large safety concerns to those wishing to dial the emergency services
- Manor House station is small and not equipped to receive thousands of attendees leaving the venue at a similar time. There is a large concern over crushing.

Prevention of public nuisance

- an increase in crowd size requires an increase in noise amplification/vibration levels for extended periods, creating noise pollution that makes staying in our home untenable for the duration of the festival. Furthermore, it prevents us from renting out our Airbnb annex during this period, as the noise environment is so toxic that we can't risk the likely complaints that would come with staying with us for this period
- there is a filthy increase in street fouling whenever this event occurs on Conningsby and Lothair Road South which is not monitored or collected by event organisers
- the duration of the event setup and fencing on the north side of the park is of extreme inconvenience to local residents, as it takes up weeks of our summer preventing access to a huge portion of our park which provides a

shaded avenue of trees during hot periods, and destroys the grass surrounding the event for the remainder of the summer which makes such areas unpalatable for use once access is restored.

Sincerely,



From: [Redacted]
Sent: Sunday, January 14, 2024 9:41 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to Planning /license Applications by Krankbrother – LN/000025053; (LN/000023717); (LN/000023717)

Krankbrother – LN/000025053
Finsbury Park, Green Lanes, London
Ward – Hornsey

Kindly note my objections to the following planning application - see below for reasons:

- Increase the capacity for the Premises Licence from 8000 to 9999 persons.
- Add 1 x additional event day to the Premises Licence for an additional Friday adjacent to the main Premises Licence (LN/000023717). This would mean the new PL would allow 2 x Friday events per calendar year, to take place adjacent to the Sat/Sun events in the other existing PL (LN/000023717)

Type of premises: Other
Type of application: Variation
End date: 15 January 2024

REASONS FOR OBJECTING:

- **Disturbance:** increased scale would entail increasing noise levels from sound systems and would impact on the park; on surrounding neighbourhoods, and on the park environment.
- **Disturbance:** noise nuisance due to how the distorted sound carried across the park into people's homes would force people to keep their windows closed during the hot months of summer, and more so now that there are climate predictions of even hotter summers in the UK: we had 40C summer 2023.
- **Disturbance:** noise nuisance caused by the existing event scale is already unacceptable; I object to increasing the scale which would inevitably mean 'cranking-up' of the electronic sound systems impacting on the surrounding communities including families with young children; those who are incapacitated; the sick and disabled
- **Disturbance:** would be caused by the electronic sound equipment which penetrates local homes and most especially in the hot summer when windows need to be opened.
- **Disturbance:** would be caused to local communities and park users due to the additional crowds many of whom consume alcohol in the park but outside the event space prior to entry
- **Disturbance:** potentially would be caused by noise nuisance and inebriated event-goers particularly as summers attract additional leisure use from families those who have no outdoor space
- **Disturbance** - would be present in the form of noise nuisance from volume as well as sound vibrations across the park and surrounding neighbourhoods impacting on the people and wider environment including local wildlife
- **Disturbance** would be caused by heavy vehicles adding to the already heavily congested roads of Seven Sisters and Green Lanes both during set up and striking of the event

- **Disturbance:** would potentially be caused by offensive and antisocial behaviour from an increase in inebriated ticketholders during ingress and egress including public urinating and vomiting in the park grounds in the bushes near the children's playground areas as well as in local streets (which I have witnessed)
- **Disturbance:** would potentially be caused to local park users and local inhabitants as the additional crowds would necessitate increased crowd control measures including security staff and police attendance at the event.
- **Disturbance:** there would be considerable disturbance for shift workers and who would be badly impacted
- **Overbearing:** increased scale of Krankbrother event capacity would require an inappropriate allocation of park area for the event
- **Overbearing:** increased scale of Krankbrother event would result in increasing noise and sonic vibrations within the park itself and across the local communities; this would lead to self-exclusion by those who most need access to outdoor space, especially during summer months, and even more especially since Covid lockdowns.
- **Overbearing:** it would be extremely oppressive to have two unacceptable choices: i.e. suffer noise disturbance through open windows, or keep windows closed over *4 days up to 11pm in high summer* and particularly at night when we are all desperate to allow cooler air into our homes.
- **Overbearing:** because the tri-borough communities surrounding Finsbury Park are known to be disadvantaged
- **Out-of-character** - increasing the scale of this event and use of park land would be out of character with the natural environment of the park
 - **Road Safety** - increasing the scale of the event with its' need for additional heavy vehicle access, additional barricades, crowds and extra crowd control personnel could potentially lead to a significant impact upon road safety within the park and across the surrounding areas.

Regards,

[Redacted signature]

From: [Redacted] >

Sent: Sunday, January 14, 2024 10:32 PM

To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>

Cc: Cllr Mike Hakata <mike.hakata@haringey.gov.uk>; Cllr Anna Lawton <anna.lawton@haringey.gov.uk>

Subject: re: application to vary PL LN/000025053 Finsbury Park "Krankenbrothers event" site

Dear Licensing Team,

re: application to vary PL LN/000025053 Finsbury Park "Krankenbrothers event" site

I object to the application as it will have a significant adverse effect on the promotion of the following licensing objectives:

1. the prevention of public nuisance
2. the prevention of crime and disorder
3. public safety
4. the protection of children from harm

The event already has an adverse effect on these objectives:

It is in an area without appropriate infrastructure. When the park underwent major refurbishment the western carriage drive was upgraded for large vehicles. The eastern drive, which this event is sited on was not, it had a fabric/gravel overlay only suitable for pedestrians and very light traffic. The event usage has caused extensive damage to the surface and sub-surfaces that remain a nuisance for all users all year round with potholes and flooding now common everyday problems. This is a particular problem to parents with buggies and people with disabilities.

The event already causes considerable nuisance by blocking:

- 1) the Capital Ring route
- 2) the New River Walk
- 3) the well used cycling and walking route from the Endymion Road gate to Manor House
- 4) The main access gate to Finsbury Park for residents of Hermitage and Gardens ward

At no time during any iterations of the event has there been safe, signposted alternative routes for all these uses put in place, which leaves people to struggle along narrow, muddy, dark leftover tracks with poor sight lines. As the event has increased in size this has become increasingly difficult and unsafe, particularly for those with disabilities or buggies to push. In an area notorious for antisocial activity, where the Council has recently had to erect fencing and board up seating to discourage crime, this is unacceptable and entirely contrary to licensing objectives. The lack of care for residents safety is appalling. Residents of Hermitage Road are not even informed of the event or given an emergency contact.

The event is causing a long term nuisance by degrading the park environment, slowly turning the area from an attractive place to walk and cycle into a scruffy corner with dying trees, rutted mud and grass and no wildlife. Benches have been removed for events and not replaced. Last year trees around the event were cut back for no other reason than to provide for the increased event size and the ground around the avenue of plane trees had to be air jetted after the event to prevent the tree roots dying. The trees support a wide range of nesting songbirds, including nut hatches and woodpeckers. It is a crime to disturb nesting birds. This is not a sustainable management approach nor is it in line with your licensing objectives.

The event has been allowed to increase in size incrementally from 3500 to 6000, to 8000 and in duration (including set up/break down times) from a few days to nearly a month. With each increase the adverse effect on licensing objectives has increased. No further increases should be allowed. This is not an appropriate location for a large event.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 14, 2024 11:25 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Objection to the application for a licence to Krankbrother Ltd to extend capacity and days 2024

Dear Haringey Council

I am writing to object to the application for a premises licence by Krankbrother Ltd for extra capacity and an extra day for their event in Finsbury Park in August 2024. I am a local resident who uses the park on a regular basis year round and the concerns I have with regard to the application are these:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Events like these bring anti-social behaviour including open drug taking and dealing in the park because they attract the demographic that engages in these activities. We already have inherent problems with drug dealing in the park that are difficult to combat and the festivals only serve to exacerbate these problems. The opportunity for an increase in minor theft is enhanced and then concentrated into the park putting non festival goers at more risk of having phones, wallets etc stolen.

The entrances and exits to the park are already well used and the increased numbers around these gates make it even more threatening in particular to older people and youngsters as they attempt to negotiate their way in/out and around the park.

Public Safety

The high hoardings reduce sight lines across the park restricting options for escape from threatening people and give a feeling of being hemmed in and therefore more unsafe.

The footpath that is left along the north side is turned into a dimly lit passage that gathers rubbish and where people urinate as they think they are out of sight. people then walk through this sewage without knowing it is there.

The surface is over used and becomes unusable for anyone with mobility difficulties. The road way they would use is cut off.

Prevention of public nuisance *(A public nuisance is conduct, behaviour, (or lack thereof), where injury, loss or damage is suffered by the local community as a result. It cover environmental damage I believe)*

The festival is a public nuisance as it removes the right of people to enjoy their park as intended without the interference of excessive crowds, very high and intrusive noise levels and intense vibrations felt inside and outside the park.

Festival goers leave rubbish, urinate and defecate in the park after leaving the festival site which affects park users enjoyment of the park.

Vehicles block paths and engines are left idling causing air pollution in the one place you expect to be free of it as much as possible.

The high imposing and prison like hoarding is a visual nuisance as well as forcing detours and restricts access, especially for those with mobility issues.

The vistas across the park which make it an attractive place for people to go for recreation and for well being, is massively diminished by the intrusive hoardings which also serve to deny local people access to their park for quiet enjoyment.

The ground is badly damaged by heavy vehicles and temporary structures compacting the earth causing long term problems for important trees and damaging the road way which is not able to withstand the heavy vehicles used.

After the 2023 festival the ground around the trees had to be aerated to combat the damage and even this may not have remedied the damage done by failing to keep the areas below the tree canopies free of materials etc.

The compaction of the ground by so many people only serves to increase the problems with surface water flooding in the area making the grass unusable to walk on for much of the winter.

The north side of the park is where many birds nest and allowing the festival to go ahead at all will impact these birds and indeed other insects habitats in a detrimental way that is not in keeping with the boroughs duty to increase biodiversity in their green spaces and care for what they already have.

Protection of children from harm

Children and young peoples capacity to use the park safely on their own is massively impacted by the presence of so many people in the park arriving and leaving they are simply not as safe as they would be if the festoval did not take place.

They are also impacted by the increase in anti-social behaviour, high and prolonged noise, pollution from vehicle fumes, and moving vehicles on pathways endangering children. and

Their use of the park is restricting as this has an impact on their well being.

We want you to say no to this application for increased capacity and duration, as it will lead to an increase in all these negative impacts which is detrimental to us and other local people and uisers of our park.

Yours

[Redacted signature]

From: [Redacted] >

Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 9:47 AM

To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to Krankbrother's application for variation to events licence

To whom it may concern

I would like to object to the variation of the license for the following reasons:

1) PUBLIC SAFETY:

- The proposed increased capacity would have a negative impact on the effectiveness of public safety measures.

2) PUBLIC NUISANCE:

- The loss of such a large portion of the park for an extended period when residents really need it for recreation

- Extended periods of high noise levels that cause distress and disturbance to local residents

- Impact on the local community associated with large crowds arriving at and leaving the site - including antisocial behaviour as well as issues with traffic and parking

- Damage to the park environment including paths and areas of grass being reduced to quagmire/mud/dust

Yours

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 9:40 AM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to Krankbrother

Hi,

I would like to lodge my objection to the increase in size and duration of the Krankbrother organised festival. The park is already out of action for the majority of the summer months between the many festivals organised and this would be further encroachment of space and time for active park users.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 10:52 AM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Representation re. Major variation to PL LN/000025053

The proposed increase from 8,000 to 9,999 and the additional day would result in up to 50% more people in attendance (5 x 8,000 vs 6 x 9,999) throughout the Festival.

In its current form, the event is already a public nuisance and is already harming children, by blasting loud music way past children's bedtime and by preventing them access to Finsbury Park's coolest area during the hottest days of summer (the footprint of the Festival should be judged not just on area covered by Krankbrother's fence, but including the vehicle traffic it induces across the park).

I submit that the Licensing Authority of the London Borough of Haringey should reject Krankbrother Limited's request for an additional day and additional capacity, as this fails to prevent public nuisance and prevent harm to children.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 1:59 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Extending attendees limit for Finsbury Park

Dear Licensing Committee,
It has already been shown beyond a shadow of a doubt that large scale events destroy environmental habitats. Raising the attendee numbers by 1999 can only make this worse.
We are predicted to have very high temperatures this summer. This will cause additional problem.
As a Haringey resident who uses Finsbury Park, I am completely opposed to this proposal.
In fact I think that the park is totally unsuitable as a venue for such events.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 2:03 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Objections to Krankbrother – LN/000023717 and Krankbrother – LN/000025053 - public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder

Dear Haringey Licencing Dept,

I would like to object to applications Krankbrother – LN/000023717 and Krankbrother – LN/000025053.

1. The prevention of public nuisance

I live in Highgate, more than 2 miles from the stage for these events, and I can hear the music. So can my neighbours.

I can hear it on my allotment on the Highgate Allotment site, Yeatman Road, N6. That is further away still - almost 2 1/2 miles from the stage area in Finsbury Park.

You can also hear it very clearly from the junction of North Hill and View Road/Church Road, near Highgate Group Practice, around 2 1/4 miles from the stage area.

Presumably the variable noise level/clarity from KrankBrother events in Finsbury Park at different points around Highgate results from the buildings and topography.

One thing is certain though - it is a public nuisance - 2+ miles away! How awful must it be for people who live much closer? I have seen videos of drinks jolting about in time with the music in homes much nearer the site. This is unacceptable. No one should have to put up with that.

(I gather many of these people live in Hackney, not Haringey. I hope they are nonetheless listened to.)

I also happen to think the massive metal barriers, security guards and general chaos for anyone walking along that end of Parkland Walk into Finsbury Park and across the Park (as I have now and again) is a public nuisance. It's a horrible environment and very threatening and oppressive, even during the day and for days before and after events. The litter and barriers and having to go out of your way to get somewhere is a nuisance.

Even larger events will, presumably, mean the barriers will take up an even larger part of Finsbury Park. Where exactly will they be placed? The barriers already come all the way up to the end of Parkland Walk. Isn't that meant to be some sort of public thoroughfare, even if only for walking? It should not be further impeded, or impeded for even more days of the year, as envisaged in these licencing variations.

2. Public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder

I am sure you have been sent videos of people trying to break into the concerts or crowds running along Seven Sisters Road at earlier concerts and similar. I've certainly seen plenty on Twitter (X).

The videos and photos give a very strong impression that these events are already completely out of control. They should not be increased in size or number as envisaged in these two variations.

2. Failure to comply with other laws and regulations

I am not sure whether this falls under the four headings considered by the licencing authorities (prevention of crime maybe?), but I have seen endless photos of huge lorries parked right next to trees etc during these

events, which is apparently against certain laws, regulations or agreements, as parking right next to large trees damages them, and Haringey is supposed to be a borough that cares about the tree canopy, sustainability, climate change etc.

When I have walked past the barriers for these events it is obvious that the barriers, lorries, huge amounts of equipment, litter, people etc are doing enormous damage to the environment.

Presumably the huge crowds and enormous noise level, lighting etc are incredibly bad for a wide range of birds, bats and other animals.

I don't know whether any of this is relevant to anything the licencing authority has a legal capacity to say something about, but none of it is desirable. Personally, I regard the damage to nature as a public nuisance.

4. Summary

I should say that in the past I have been to - better organised, less damaging - events in Finsbury Park and elsewhere, so I'm not just being a humourless old git.

It seems to me that government cuts mean Haringey Council are now so short of money that councillors are turning a blind eye to the damage these concerts are causing to local people and the environment.

Krank Brothers should not have a licence for these events at all, much less for larger events or more events, as envisaged by the above two applications.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

(I would rather you did not pass on my details to Krank Brothers or post them in a public forum.)

From: [Redacted] >
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 1:55 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to variation of Krankbrother Ltd's licences for Finsbury Park LN/000025053 and LN/000023717

PL LN/000025053 and LN/000023717

I am a Haringey resident and am writing to object to the application to vary the above Krankbrother Ltd's licences in order to expand capacity and event days in Finsbury Park. My objections are on the following grounds:

1) Public safety:

- An extra two thousand attendees cannot fit safely in the space set aside
- Previous occupation has turned paths into a quagmire

2) Public nuisance:

- The loss of such a large portion of the park for three days
- The noise levels are too high already for people living near the park.

There is also significant damage to the grass and to trees which don't recover in-between events. This is supposed to be a public amenity and the public aren't able to use it while these events are on and for some time before and afterwards.

Thank you

[Redacted signature]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 2:40 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to Krankbrothers application

I wish to object to the major variation to the Krankbrothers licence PL LN/000025053 requesting to increase the capacity for the Premises Licence from 8000 to 9999 persons and to add 1 x additional event day to the Premises Licence for an additional Friday adjacent to PL LN/000023717 on the following grounds:

1. PUBLIC SAFETY: It is clear that an extra two thousand attendees cannot fit safely in the space set aside. Previous occupation of that space has turned paths into a quagmire and caused a major hazard.
2. PUBLIC NUISANCE: The loss of such a large portion of the park for three days is a clear public nuisance. The noise levels that residents have to endure are also a public nuisance and cause considerable distress to residents.

I am a resident of Harringay and live near the park. I ask that the licensing department turn down this application.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 3:00 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: PL LN/000025053 and PL LN/000023717, my objection to major variation (larger crowd at Finsbury Park; extra day)

Dear Haringey Licensing,

This is my objection to an increased crowd at Finsbury Park concerts and to an extra day of activities (Major variation to PL LN/000025053 to i) increase the capacity for the Premises Licence from 8000 to 9999 persons ii) add 1 x additional event day to the Premises Licence for an additional Friday adjacent to PL LN/000023717, for the premises Krankbrother Event Site - Finsbury Park Situated at Finsbury Park, London N4 1EE) on the following grounds:

there is plenty of crime already in the area (Finsbury Park), and allowing more people to invade the park and the streets around it would add to it;

it is not safe to allow such a large gathering in Finsbury Park, both the park itself and the local area, especially for children and young people;

an extra day of activities would bring even more crime.

Please let me know your decision on this matter,

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 3:23 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Finsbury Park Major Variation Application PL LN/000025053 and PL LN/000023717

Dear Haringey Licensing,

I am concerned to learn that there is a proposal for even larger crowds than previously in Finsbury Park for organised events. Previously these have made the open space unusable by the local community for significant periods and left the park in a very damaged state. Accordingly I believe that any proposals for further such use should be rejected.

I am therefore writing to object to the proposal for an extra day of activities (Major variation to PL LN/000025053 to increase the capacity for the Premises Licence from 8000 to 9999 persons and add 1 additional event day to the Premises Licence for an additional Friday adjacent to PL LN/000023717, for the premises Krankbrother Event Site.

While I appreciate that Councils are struggling to find funds, I believe that the above are contrary to all four of the licensing objectives:

- The prevention of crime and disorder - the increased crowds will promote more crime and disorder in an area which is already not the safest.
- Public safety - increasing the numbers in the area will self-evidently have an impact on public safety, particularly when the number officially detailed would be just short of 10,000 so inevitably rise above that.
- The prevention of public nuisance - the above two problems would obviously increase public nuisance.
- The protection of children from harm - as part of the population using this busy area they would be affected and in a large crowd would be much more at risk than usual.

Accordingly I hope that the committee will see fit to refuse the applications.



Application by Krankbrother for commercial events in Finsbury Park in 2024
Reference Number: LN/000023717 event.

Prevention of crime and disorder

I am writing to object to the increase of the number of tickets to be increased from 8k to 10k for this festival. Also to the extension of the festival by one more day.

This festival is wrongly situated in an area of the park that has historic and numerous mature trees. It currently runs counter to the council's own guidance on protecting tree root plates with industrial level equipment and structures being placed on top of roots that extend beyond the tree's canopy. No protection is put in place for these trees and although the organisers are now laying flooring to reduce the grassland being turned into mud the erosion is great once this flooring is taken up. The volume of people and equipment on fragile tree roots will cause long term damage to Plane trees that are some of the oldest in London and Oak trees that predate Finsbury Park opening. The council also crown lift trees to let in HGVs and tractors.

This is a crime against the environment of the park and for people and wildlife who use it. It is saddening and shocking to see the park being damaged in this way - it affects the mental health of people that use the park to get some contact with nature and find peace. Crime is increasing in our area and especially during festivals we have helicopters above our houses each night. During the festivals people openly use NOS canisters in front of the police with no comeuppance.

Young women leaving the festival area also preyed upon by men lurking - last year we had to help a young woman who was very drunk walk to the station as she was approached by three separate men trying to take advantage of her.

Prevention of public nuisance

The walls of the festival in a park are a barrier to public access and create a sense of exclusion. They block off a big section of the park. During this time we are told by their staff that that part of the 'park belongs to them'. Set-up and take-down time take 20 days and this involves huge diesel lorries devastating the grass and polluting the air. The park is in the London Low Emission Zone so this intrusion of highly polluting vehicles and equipment/generators is a public nuisance. This contradicts the council's plans for net zero. The air quality is much poorer in this period for asthmatics.

The noise pollution is also a public nuisance. The volumes are too high in a densely populated area and also for nesting birds which are on their final brood in the month of August and prefer nesting in the north side of the park. Local residents do not understand why we have these huge events imposed on us when they are such a public nuisance and cause such problems locally: noise, rattling windows, disorderly behaviour, peeing in front gardens etc.

Littering is rife in all the streets surrounding the park creating other public safety risks.

Public safety

Huge crowds arriving and leaving Finsbury Park creates chances for muggings and sexual assaults. How much does it cost to put helicopters to monitor them leaving the park and who pays for this? Is it Haringey Council, the MET or does this come out of Krankbrothers profit? Finsbury Park has a safety issue at the best of times and this hugely exacerbates the problem.

Protection of children from harm

Many children in this area do not have a garden. The park is their garden. They should not lose this clean air space for play in the best months of the year. It is an infringement on their rights to access green space.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 7, 2024 7:48 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Krankbrother

Dear Licensing Committee,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed variation of conditions to the Krankbrother licence.

They were originally granted a licence to hold an event in the wooded area of Finsbury Park for 6,000 capacity. Last year they applied for a variation of licence and this increased the capacity to 8,000 a night. This year they are applying for a variation that increases the capacity to 9,999 a night. If this is granted, the size of the events will have increased by 50 per cent in the space of a couple of years. There is also an application to add an extra day to the schedule.

The site used for the event blocks the carriageway and last year the informal paths that sprung up around the venue hoardings were reduced to a quagmire before the event even opened. This caused inconvenience and danger to other park users and those in wheelchairs, on bikes and with buggies found the area completely impassable.

The music at the venue was particularly loud and could be heard all the way down New River to Seven Sisters Road. For local residents who use the park and the local pathways for relaxation and who do not have access to a garden, this is a substantial disturbance.

The location of the venue, in the woodland area of the park, means there has been damage to the trees and associated woodland plants at the site. Last year, a number of branches were cut to make room for the hoardings and there was no regard given to the trees' root systems when erecting the perimeter hoardings. Repeating this year after year is likely to cause significant damage to trees that are over 100 years old. This will negatively impact on the variety of amenity space in Finsbury Park. At a time when we should be nurturing and caring for our green spaces, this is an unsuitable use of this area of the park.

If Krankbrother are to be granted a licence, let them use the field area where other major events are located.

As a local resident, I wish to object to the application to increase the size and length of the Krankbrother event in Finsbury Park on the grounds of preventing public nuisance and ensuring public safety.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 2:00 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: LN/000025053

I strongly object to the expansion of this licence.

I live over 2 miles away and the noise disturbs me and my neighbours at these events. I can only imagine what people living close to it go through.

The park is meant to be an amenity for residents, not a money making tool.

Last year the park was destroyed by the events there.

Policing and security was considerably insufficient and this will make things even worse.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 4:13 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Krankbrother application

Dear Sirs

I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the application by Krankbrother for an increase in days by one, and an increase of some 20% to their maximum permitted number of attendees at their Finsbury Park event this summer.

The application should be refused on the grounds of public safety and public nuisance.

With regards to public safety, it is patently clear that the area Krankbrother occupy, each summer, to operate their dance event is wholly unsuitable for the holding of a dance event with thousands of people in attendance.

The ground is rough, and commonly covered in leaves and broken branches, with exposed tree roots a feature. In the event of an emergency, egress from the site in a safe manner would be extremely challenging.

Furthermore, the closure of the path from Green Lanes to the playground, and of the road which runs from the Endymion Road end of the park to the Manor House gate, means that pedestrians are forced to use narrow temporary paths, unsuitable for use pushchairs, wheelchair users, and all those with difficulties in relation to mobility. This clearly constitutes a risk to public safety.

In addition, cyclists are unable to use the temporary path because it's surface is incapable of permitting bikes to travel over it; this forces cyclists to use Green Lanes itself as their method of accessing places south and south west of the park, thus constituting a further risk to public safety.

To the extent that cyclists are able to use the temporary path installed, this inevitably brings those cyclists into close proximity of pedestrians, which, in itself, raises a risk of injury to the pedestrians and also to the cyclists.

The further ground on which objections may readily be founded is that of public nuisance.

Public nuisance is defined in law as an act causing obstruction of the public or a section of the public in the exercise or enjoyment of a right that may be exercised or enjoyed by the public at large.

It is patently obvious that the existing license, and the takeover of a significant part of the park often used for picnics and the like by local residents for a private dance event, with the attendant closure of essential paths for pedestrians, wheelchair users and cyclists through the park constitutes such an act. The suggested increase in both the number of days for which Krankbrother is permitted to occupy the park, and in the number of attendees, which will, one presumes, lead to an even greater portion of the park being taken over, and thus closed to local residents, constitutes an even greater public nuisance.

Last, but not least, the noise nuisance created yearly by the Krankbrother event is hugely substantial. In our house in Glenwood Road, a little before 9:30 pm on the evening of Saturday 12th August last year, the music from the event could be heard clearly, and was of a nature, pitch, and volume that made quiet enjoyment of one's property wholly impossible. I sent video evidence of this noise disturbance, filmed from the upper floor of our house, to Haringey Council via X (formally Twitter) at the time; this tweet was neither acknowledged, no responded to by the local authority.

Given the noise levels in Glenwood Road are intrusive and intolerable, it follows that those thousands of residents who live closer to the event site than we do will suffer an immense amount of noise disturbance for hours every evening; and, if the application in question is acceded to, that nuisance will be greater than before both in terms of volume, because of the fact (again, one presumes), that the event site itself will have increased in size, and so one can expect an increase in volume in amplified music, and by the fact that the duration of the event will now be not two evenings, but three.

This is, it is submitted, an entirely unacceptable and unreasonable infringement of residents' rights; it quite evidently constitutes, as a matter of law, a public nuisance; and, for this reason, in addition to the other reasons which I've been set out in this email, it would be wholly wrong for the local authority licensing department to grant this application.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any further information of assistance to the authority.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 4:30 PM

To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>

Subject: Krankbrother – LN/000023717 / Krankbrother – LN/000025053

I wish to object to the proposed changes to the Krankbrother licences LN/000023717 and LN/000025053.

Krankbrother claim “we are committed to keeping any inconveniences to residents to a minimum by working closely with Haringey council and local stakeholders and responding to residents’ concerns”. It is hard to identify any tangible actions taken towards this end. Instead the events create a great deal of disruption – both within and outside the park boundaries.

The events have caused significant damage to trees despite your myth-busting statement: Fact: Strict guidance is given on not damaging trees and compacting the ground around them. Repair works are carried out to relieve any compaction that may take place.” All the evidence that I see suggests the council does nothing / the bare minimum to proactively enforce measures undertaken by event organisers (including Krankbrother) to look after the park and instead reacts – if at all – after the damage has been done.

The event set up / take down process creates inconvenience / danger for park users – including cyclists, and school children. Far too many vehicle movements in what should be a largely pedestrian area. The “alternative” routes for cyclists along the edges of the park are simply not sufficiently safe. It is not uncommon to see vehicles travelling too quickly / off road.

The noise created during the events is not appropriate for a park which is one of the few areas of calm in the locality. It is impossible to tell what license conditions are in terms of the level of noise that the council deems acceptable – complaints I have made during events simply disappear into a black hole with no action taken. The location of sound monitoring points (to the extent that this information is available) seems to be designed to give the desired answer and ignores the surrounding topography / orientation of the event loudspeakers – volume of noise up Oakfield Road and onto Mount View Road seems clearly unacceptable, with no measuring location nearby. This is a definite public nuisance, with the council approach seemingly being to make it hard to complain / dodge meaningful change.

How can you consider almost doubling the number of people attending Krankbrother events (50% more nights, 25% more person per night) when residents have not seen any sign of a “detailed” wildlife survey – “which will inform us of any mitigations we need to make to protect wildlife”. The park is always denuded of bird life during / after events and takes some time to recover – this seems like clear evidence of damage to wildlife and any mitigation will again be reactive / after the event, rather than trying to prevent damage in the first place. “To establish if there is an increase in pollution the council is installing five air monitoring stations in the park” – have these been installed?

Repeated road closures on Endymion Road / Alloy Road for utility works (Thames Water / Cadent Gas) seem to indicate that the traffic on this road is too heavy for the road surface / utilities under the road. This creates huge disruption for residents and sends very large volumes of traffic along inappropriate diversion routes. Frustrated drivers can often be seen speeding as they leave the queuing traffic along local residential rat run roads (typically at school opening and closing times). Events that actively attract heavy vehicles along this route, bringing congestion and pollution to the area, do not seem appropriate in the current environment – and this impact is not restricted to the set-up / take-down periods of the events, but seems to at least contribute to disruption through the year.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 4:04 PM

To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Objection letter on behalf of Edible Landscapes London

15/1/24

L.B. Haringey

Licensing Team

By Email: licensing@haringey.gov.uk

RE: Krankbrother - LN/000023717 & LN/000025053

Dear Licensing Team,

I am writing to object to the applications by Krankbrother: i) to vary Premises Licence **LN/000023717** to increase the capacity from 8,000 to 9,999 persons on event days; and ii) to vary Premises Licence **LN/000025053** to increase the capacity from 8,000 to 9,999 persons and to add an additional event day on a Friday (together, “**the Applications**”).

Our objections

Our objections are set out under the four statutory licensing objectives in the Licensing Act 2003 (“**the Objectives**”):

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

1. Krankbrother events cause major public nuisance, including noise nuisance, air pollution, light pollution, litter, damage to park infrastructure and wildlife. The noise levels and vibrations from the events cause significant distress to residents and garden users and severely impact individual and community wellbeing. As well as distress during the events, many of our garden users are now reporting that they feel anxious all year round in contemplation of the summer events period. Many of our garden users report mental health issues such as anxiety, depression and isolation and that during events they can't use the garden due to noise, traffic and pollution as this exacerbates their conditions. We have increased rubbish on and around our site and over several years have had whole bin bags of rubbish thrown into our garden during the clean up.
2. During the event period, dramatically increased vehicle traffic in the park and surrounding roads pollutes the air, negatively impacting residents' health and greatly reduces the numbers of volunteers and visitors who attend our garden. Event attendees leave litter in the park, around our site and surrounding areas, despite Krankbrother's assurances that they have procedures in place to clean the park.
3. Garden users have expressed anxiety and stress at coming to the garden when events are on. Increased noise, traffic, pollution and crowds of people are triggers for many of our service users. Climate anxiety is also reported to us, especially amongst our younger users, during events where pollution from generators, trucks and coaches parked outside our site can be very worrying. The unnecessary pruning of old and heritage trees, during nesting season, soil compaction and the breach of the tree protection zones as stipulated in the Hire contract is also deeply agonising for our users.

Public Safety

4. Krankbrother events cause several serious public safety issues, both within the park and in surrounding areas. These issues are caused throughout the event period, including the build-up and de-rigging, and for the months following. Some of the issues are as follows:
5. Street safety: Event attendees congregate en masse on the streets surrounding the park before, during, and after events, causing safety and access issues for residents. Families have reported that on each of the Krankbrother event days in 2023, they were unable to safely enter and exit their home due to large crowds of event attendees gathered on the street, most of whom were drinking alcohol. The large crowds caused crowding and safety issues by blocking the footpath and forcing pedestrians, including families with prams and young children, onto the road into incoming traffic to pass.
6. Overcrowding: The application to increase capacity from 8,000 to 9,999 states that “*all other elements of the Premises License to remain unchanged*”, indicating that Krankbrother has not asked for an increase in footprint or an increase in the numbers of security and other staff to accommodate the proposed near 2,000 additional attendees per day. Clearly, an increase in capacity without an increase to footprint and security would raise the risk of overcrowding within the events and at the entry/exit points. Overcrowding within events and in surrounding areas also creates an increased risk of violence. With more people crammed into this space the more degradation of soil, trees and wildlife will occur. The tree protection zone will definitely not be able to be abided by.
7. Disability access: Vehicles used to build-up and de-rig the events block footpaths within the park, preventing people with disabilities from accessing the park and our garden. In 2023, the walkway left open along the north-east side of the park during the event period became very muddy and dangerous. Within the first few days of the event period, the walkway was closed completely, leaving no accessible options for people who use wheelchairs

and other mobility aids. We have students with disabilities and special educational needs saying they can't access our site easily during events and find the park intimidating and unwelcoming.

8. Safety within the park: The site becomes very muddy and this mud is traversed throughout the pavements in the park, which creates significant risk of falling/injury to park users, both during the event period and long after.

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

9. Finsbury Park is a hotspot for crime and anti-social behaviour. The park has a long and persistent history of violent crimes, harassment and sexual assault of women and girls, cottaging, sex work, theft, and drug dealing. Large events attract an increase in levels of crime and anti-social behaviour, both within the park and in the surrounding streets. On event days, residents, park users and garden users observe a very noticeable increase in drug dealing and drug taking in the immediate vicinity to the park, around our site and within the park. Levels of urination and defecation around our site increase dramatically.

The Protection of Children from Harm

10. Haringey Council has a duty to protect children from harm. Events in the park cause harm to children by exposing them to consumption of alcohol, drug taking, crime, strong language, and sexual expletives. In addition, the significant increase in anti-social behaviour, high noise levels and pollution from vehicles (as detailed above) pose a serious risk to children's health. Local families have reported distressed children who cannot sleep during events due to the loud music and frightening vibrations and children being collected from local schools have reported scary walks home through crowds of people. The application to add an additional event day on a Friday would further impact children's safety returning home after school.
11. Furthermore, Children represent a majority of park users and events prevent children from accessing the park or using our garden. Haringey Council claims that Krankbrother events only use 5% of the park, with all facilities remaining available to use. In reality, the noise, vehicle traffic and volume of event attendees mean that vast sections of the park are unusable for multiple weeks during summer. Families and children are put off from using the sections of the park that are open due to the disruption and lack of safety.
12. In addition, more dense housing stock is due to be built opposite the event site on Green Lanes which will increase the number of children and families affected by noise, vibration, loss of green space and crime.

Environmental concerns

13. Whilst I note that the protection of the natural environment is not one of the Objectives, I believe the damage to the environment caused by Krankbrotherevents ought to be taken into consideration when considering the Applications. We at Edible Landscapes London are deeply concerned about the impact on our already declining biodiversity levels and the natural environment of the park.
14. The Kranbrother events take place in the most bio-diverse area of Finsbury Park. There are several veteran Plane trees which, during the event period, are surrounded by toilets, food stalls, and lorries. In 2023, a large branch on one of the Plane trees was cut off to make way for event infrastructure. To prevent tree damage from soil impaction during events, the Finsbury Park Events' 'Contract for Hire' contains a requirement of a 3 metre minimum distance for any equipment sited within close proximity to any trees. Kranbrother were clearly in breach of this requirement in 2023, as observed on multiple occasions by Edible Landscapes London, The Friends of Finsbury Park and other residents/park-users. Indeed, following the event period in 2023, a large area around the avenue of trees had to be "air-jetted" due to root compaction caused by the events. Soil compaction is devastating for biodiversity, carbon capture, water retention and drainage and soil temperature regulation.
15. Furthermore, the park is home to a great variety of wildlife, including several species of bat. Haringey Council is aware that all bat species and their roosts are legally protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (2017), having continually cited this as a reason for refusing to install safety lighting in the park. There is much evidence that outdoor events have a negative effect on nearby bat populations. Allowing Krankbrother to hold events which cause significant light pollution and disturbance to bat species is wholly inconsistent with the legislative protections and the Council's position on lighting in the park.

16. The park is also home to a number of nesting birds: mistle thrush (protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and classified as a red species Bird of Conservation Concern), dunnock (classified as an amber species Bird of Conservation Concern), long-tailed tits, woodpeckers, and treecreepers. These birds are disturbed by the noise and lights from the events, which creates a very real danger of causing these birds to abandon their nests.

Conclusion

We at Edible Landscapes London object to the Applications.

It is clear that the current capacity of Krankbrother events and the number of event days is causing serious harm to the community. If an additional event day on a Friday and an increase in capacity on all event days is permitted, the issues detailed under each of the Objectives above would increase significantly.

Haringey Council's Licensing Policy Statement 2021-2016 states that: *"this authority does not consider that it is reasonable for Haringey communities to suffer because of the actions of irresponsible profiteering business operators or the inconsiderate few."* The policy, therefore, seeks to provide a balance between promoting "a vibrant business and night-time economy" while ensuring that the quality of life of those who live and work in the borough is protected.

Edible Landscapes London think urban parks should be playing a vital role in increasing biodiversity, creating green corridors, outdoor nature education and food growing. Haringey Council must protect the quality of life of its residents, particularly the lives of children and vulnerable individuals, who are disproportionately affected by large events in Finsbury Park.

Yours Faithfully

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From: [Redacted] >
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 4:46 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Krank Brothers in Finsbury park

Dear Team Manager

I'm writing to submit my opposition to any increase in Krank Brothers footprint in my local Finsbury Park.

I have not been able to find the full info on the proposal in time to properly respond (when I had the info I was too ill to respond at the time), however please note that having already opposed in principle previous Krank Brothers events, given the shocking ecological damage, I'm am even more opposed now.

a summary:

General ecological damage:

I'm horrified by impact on all aspects of the natural environment in Finsbury park by all major events, but in particular I'm concerned re birds, and the intrusion on their wellbeing. This would be anything from noise, fear and stress to birds from noise, having to fly away and vacate nests, light pollution impacting birds at night, and general disruption to all kinds of wildlife in the park.

Trees and plants:

Physical damage to nature in park, eg trees (tree limbs especially) getting chopped, cut, hacked, or in any way altered for the events. If the council had offered any reassurance to the public, re protecting trees (I think Haringey Council did?) It was not adhered to. I saw instead arrogant posts about events, almost as if my very own council was delighted to trigger upset.

This despite an outpouring of opposition and complaints via Twitter/X. This was a profound shock to us.

Altering a tree whatsoever for an event is intolerable. However perhaps the most serious damage done to trees before and during events is parking heavy equipment or concrete blocks (or any heavy materials) ON the area beneath trees. I've never seen such shocking disregard for protection of our trees. Again and again locals showed you and others in social media what was casually parked or stored at the base of many trees. This practice is more deeply destructive to the health of trees than anything. This practice needs to be stopped completely. And my council needs to demonstrate it's commitment to ending this appalling practice by all events teams.

Soil and grass

Staggering damage to the grass and soil from both machinery and footfall. Where trees have been outrageously damaged in the past, the damage is clear for all to see. However with soil compaction, or dug up or in any way changed from heavy machinery, trucks and footfall, the true long-term damage is below ground, unseen: soil structure is ruined or reduced in quality and resilience. Impacts can be wide ranging eg direct immediate impact on microbial soil life, invertebrates, etc. This should not be discussed as of little importance. It is the life unseen below surface that creates both the healthy soil and it's structure. The state the park was left in after previous music and activity events has been utterly unacceptable.

Soil is the bigger worry here, in terms of ecological damage but grass is horribly ruined and extensive mud patches are unacceptable. The loss of grass for prolonged periods due to events is terribly unsightly. And it creates hell for anyone with wheels, eg buggy users. Overall, once grass and soil is ruined, the park looks dreadful and quite transformed. Unfair to locals.

Noise:

This is just as serious to our environment. I live in Crouch End and I assure you I can hear events from my home. Whatever type of event, the noise factor is a huge issue, but all the more so for those living v near to the park. Noise causes residents profound stress and impacts their lives during events eg disrupted sleep.

Congestion:

General misery for locals when events occur.

At some events last year (?) I know that crowd control was not good and at times many ticket holders were frightened of the crowds, which were not managed in a safe way.

Finally, I feel our council is using and over using our park as a cash cow. Whilst income is important to the council, I feel it's got out of hand, out of balance, or not balanced, with locals often shit out of normal pathways, intruded upon by way of noise, crowds, and other ways which I have not had the chance to set out more thoroughly. I am very shocked that my council is using the park increasingly as a cash source, despite the opposition locally.

I feel that opposition to such events is increasing in tandem with council allowing event organisers to damage park repeatedly and probably without consequences, and with my council allowing or inviting more events. Ultimately I feel as others do. That Haringey council is running over it's residents rough shod where events at Finsbury park are concerned, and that event organisers such as Krank Brothers then ride roughshod over our park.

Apologies for any typos. I am visually impaired so may not have noticed any.

Thank you

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From: Cllr George Dunstall <George.Dunstall@haringey.gov.uk>

Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 5:06 PM

To: Licensing <Licensing@haringey.gov.uk>

Cc: Cllr Alexandra Worrell <Alexandra.Worrell@haringey.gov.uk>

Subject: Licensing Objection - LN/00025053

F.A.O – Licensing Committee

Please see the below objection, submitted on behalf of myself and my ward colleague Cllr Worrell.

I am writing to you in my capacity as Councillor for Stroud Green Ward to lodge my objection to the proposed major variation to LN/00025053 submitted for consideration by Krankbrother Limited. My objections relate specifically to issues of public safety and the prevention of public nuisance.

In 2023 one of the major complaints raised with regard to Krankbrother events in particular was the impact of noise. In 2023, out of a total 62 complaints made to Krankbrother during their 2 weekends of 5 8,000 person capacity events, 57 were noise complaints. This seems a disproportionate amount of public nuisance caused by noise, considering the events' relatively small size. It is also worth noting that not all those affected by noise will have taken the time to complain through the official channel, and the actual number of residents affected is likely to be higher. The noise caused by the festival was cited as a reason why residents could neither enjoy their homes peacefully nor indeed use play facilities nearby the festival site. Events more broadly are often highlighted as reasons why residents feel unable to use the park at all during these periods. In addition to the disruption of noise and tens of thousands more people coming into and out of the park, the high barriers demarcating event areas change the look and feel of the park and contribute to dissuading people from visiting. Given the high number of households living near the park who do not have their own private garden, and all those who rely on Finsbury Park for access to green space, mental and physical wellbeing, and an active travel route, it seems unfair and of significant public nuisance to license activity in addition to that which is already permitted over the existing 5 days, in addition to all the events run by other companies during the summer.

The request to increase the capacity of all the events by 25% is an unnecessary addition which will again adversely affect residents seeking to access the park or peacefully enjoy their homes. Given that Krankbrother events have already caused a significant degree of public nuisance to Haringey residents during their years of taking place, I feel that increasing the capacity and adding an additional event day will tip them over into being so detrimental as to not qualify for a license on the grounds of public nuisance.

Public safety is also a matter of concern with this application. If granted, in what ways will the festival site reflect this increase in capacity? Will the perimeter footprint be made larger and will all the relevant services (toilets, bars, medical facilities, sound equipment etc) be increased to reflect the increase? Both of these considerations have public safety and nuisance considerations to bear in mind. If we increase the footprint of the perimeter we further increase the impact (nuisance) of the event on residents. If the site remains the same size as in previous years we create a public safety issue for the additional 2000 attendees.

It is also worth noting that we received reports last year that, due to a lack of facilities on site, that many attendees were simply urinating against trees near to the toilets. It is not clear whether these issues have been addressed to meet the needs of the existing licensed capacity.

The proposed expansion of the events and the addition of a whole extra day appear to provide significant gains to the licensee whilst creating significant further nuisance to local residents and park users.

Many thanks.

Cllr's Dunstall & Worrell – Stroud Green

George Dunstall

Cllr for Stroud Green Ward

Haringey

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15 January 2024

By Email: licensing@haringey.gov.uk

Haringey Council

Licensing Team

Dear Licensing Team,

RE: Krankbrother – LN/000023717 & LN/000025053

1. I write as a local resident, as a user of Finsbury Park and as one of the Trustees of *the Friends of Finsbury Park*. I wish to object to the applications by Krankbrother:

- i) to vary Premises Licence LN/000023717 to increase the capacity from 8,000 to 9,999 persons on event days; and
- ii) to vary Premises Licence LN/000025053 to increase the capacity from 8,000 to 9,999 persons and to add an additional

event day on a Friday (together, “the Applications”).

Background

2. Haringey Council first permitted Krankbrother to stage events in Finsbury Park in 2018. This was a two-day LGBTQ+ focused event (15–16 September 2018) with a capacity of 3,000 persons a day. In 2019, Krankbrother held events on two days (16–17 August 2019, one of which was LGBTQ+ focused) with a capacity of up to 3,500 persons a day.

3. In 2021, Haringey Council permitted Krankbrother to stage four days of events over two consecutive weekends (7–8 and 14–15th August 2021) with a capacity of 6,000 persons a day. In 2022, Haringey Council approved an increase in capacity from 6,000 to 8,000 persons a day, including an increase in all staffing and infrastructure to match the increased capacity. This

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allowed Krankbrother to hold four days of events over two consecutive weekends (6–7 and 13–14 August 2022) with a capacity of 8,000 persons a day.

4. In 2022, Haringey Council also approved Krankbrother’s application to add an additional event day and to provide Live Music and Films as well as Recorded Music and Performance of Dance. As a result, in 2023, Krankbrother held five days of events (5–6 and 11–13 August 2023), with a capacity of 8,000 persons a day. Due to the time spent building-up and derigging the event space, Krankbrother occupied our park for a total of 22 days in 2023.

5. In late 2023, Krankbrother made the current Applications to further increase capacity to 9,999 persons a day and add an additional event day. If granted, Krankbrother would occupy our park for an estimated total of **23 days**, with up to **59,994 persons** attending **six event days**. This would represent an increase of just under 54,000 attendees (899% increase) and three times the number of event days since 2018.

6. This history demonstrates the gross encroachment of Krankbrother events in Finsbury Park. It is submitted that the cumulative impact to the community in permitting these events to take place year on year, at a larger scale, over more days, is not consistent with the objectives in the Licensing Act 2003.

My objection

7. My objections are set out under the four statutory licensing objectives in the Licensing Act 2003 (“the Objectives”):

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8. Krankbrother events cause major public nuisance, including noise nuisance, air pollution, light pollution, and litter. The noise levels and vibrations from the events cause significant distress to residents, severely impacting individual and community wellbeing. As well as distress during the events, many residents are now reporting to The Friends of Finsbury Park that they feel anxious all year round in contemplation of the summer events period.

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9. During the event period, dramatically increased vehicle traffic in our park and surrounding roads pollutes the air, negatively impacting residents' health. Event attendees leave litter in our park and surrounding areas, despite Krankbrother's assurances that they have procedures in place to clean our park. Following the 2023 events, The Friends of Finsbury Park found debris and litter, including dangerous items such as metal rods that were left embedded in the ground after the de-rig.

10. The Friends of Finsbury Park receive numerous complaints during the Krankbrother event periods. I believe you have received under separate cover a listing of complaints during August 2023 and the public nuisance evidenced. I won't reproduce them here.

Public Safety

11. Krankbrother events cause several serious public safety issues, both within our park and in surrounding areas. These issues are caused throughout the event period, including the build-up and de-rigging, and for the months following. Some of the issues are as follows:

12. ***Street safety:*** Event attendees congregate en masse on the streets surrounding our park before, during, and after events, causing safety and access issues for residents. A Committee Member of The Friends of Finsbury Park reported that on each of the Krankbrother event days in 2023, they were unable to safely enter and exit their home due to large crowds of event attendees gathered on the street, most of whom were drinking alcohol. The large crowds caused crowding and safety issues by blocking the footpath and forcing pedestrians, including families with prams and young children, onto the road into incoming traffic to pass.

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14. ***Disability access:*** Vehicles used to build-up and de-rig the events block footpaths within our park, preventing people with disabilities from accessing our park. In 2023, the walkway left open along the north-east side of our park during the event period became very muddy and dangerous. Within the first few days of the event period, the walkway was closed completely, leaving no accessible options for people who use wheelchairs and other mobility aids.

15. **Safety within our park:** The site becomes very muddy and this mud is traversed throughout the pavements in our park, which creates significant risk of falling/injury to park users, both during the event period and long after.

16. The noise from events disproportionately impacts people with health conditions. As detailed in the complaint in paragraph 10 above (6 August 2023, 10:03pm): *“my grandparents are housebound due to their illnesses and they live directly opposite our park, so they can’t escape the noise.. The ‘shouting/aggressive’ music affects my grandmother the most. She has dementia and thinks people are being attacked outside and are yelling for help.”*

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17. Finsbury Park is a hotspot for crime and anti-social behaviour. Our park has a long and persistent history of violent crimes, harassment and sexual assault of women and girls, theft, and drug dealing. Large events attract an increase in levels of crime and anti-social behaviour, both within our park and in the surrounding streets.

18. On event days, residents and park users observe a very noticeable increase in drug dealing and drug taking in the immediate vicinity to our park and within our park. Residents have routinely reported such incidents to the police and local authorities, as well as incidents where event attendees have trespassed in front gardens to drink alcohol and urinate.

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19. Haringey Council has a duty to protect children from harm. Events in our park cause harm to children by exposing them to consumption of alcohol, drug taking, crime, strong language, and sexual expletives. In addition, the significant increase in anti-social behaviour, high noise levels and pollution from vehicles (as detailed above) pose a serious risk to children’s health.

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22. In addition, more dense housing stock is due to be built opposite the event site on Green Lanes which will increase the number of children and families affected by noise, vibration,

loss of green space and crime.

Environmental concerns

23. Whilst I note that the protection of the natural environment is not one of the Objectives, I believe the damage to the environment caused by Krankbrother events ought to be taken into consideration when considering the Applications.

24. The Kranbrother events take place in the most bio-diverse area of Finsbury Park. There are several veteran Plane trees which, during the event period, are surrounded by toilets, food stalls,

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26. Furthermore, our park is home to a great variety of wildlife, including several species of bat. Haringey Council is aware that all bat species and their roosts are legally protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (2017), having continually cited this as a reason for refusing to install safety lighting in our park. Allowing Krankbrother to hold events which cause significant light pollution and disturbance to bat species is wholly inconsistent with the legislative protections and the Council's position on lighting in our park.

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Conflict of interest

28. Licencing legislation did not envisage a situation where there might be a conflict of interest between the roles of the *Licensing* Authority and the *Local* Authority. And yet, since Haringey Council began hiring out Finsbury Park for major Events each summer since 2014, this has exactly been the case.

29. The Licensing Team and the Committee cannot be unaware of the *direct pecuniary interest* of the council in (a) hiring out the park under the Land Use Agreement; (b) increasing the number

of Events and (c) increasing the numbers permitted.

30. In acting as Landlord by renting out our public park, the council carelessly places the Licensing Team and the Committee in a difficult or compromised position by, casting doubt on the independence and objectivity of both and the perception of bias.

31. On the one hand, officers being employees of the council know their wages and salaries are paid by the park's Landlord; on the other hand, a majority of members of the Licensing Committee are Members of the Council Majority Group, whose long-time policy is to rent out all the parks in the Borough, but especially Finsbury Park, on which far the greatest burden falls.

32. In my view Haringey often—if not normally—has difficulty in recognising conflicts of interest, especially when the council creates conflicts of interest themselves. I do not expect any regard being given to the conflicts of interest for obvious reasons, but I wish to record this in writing as this has been a chronic and unrecognised problem.

Conclusion

33. I object to these Applications.

34. It is clear that the current capacity of Krankbrother events and the number of event days is causing serious harm to the community. If an additional event day on a Friday and an increase in capacity on all event days is permitted, the issues

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Yours faithfully



From: 

Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 5:34 PM

To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@haringey.gov.uk>

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Subject: Re: PLLN/000023717

Hi Daliah

I appreciate the time you've taken getting back to me.

Further to the first, I am making a general point, but one that is linked to Krankbrothers' wish not only to increase the amount of days but also to increase attendance. Each of these things has, I believe, a detrimental effect on local crime. For instance, is the police presence going to be increased to take account of the extra footfall? Also, who is paying for this?

Krankbrothers has submitted a request to increase the number of tickets sold and also to increase the amount of days of the concert and it is for this reason I've taken it upon myself to write to you. The reason I have mentioned urination, defecation, drug-dealing in the park, helicopter noise, the increased traffic/foot-flow round Finsbury Park Tube station is because all these things will be impacted by the increase in the number of days and also the increase in the number of attendees. These directly relate to Krankbrothers' application. I could of course add that the ground will be further impacted by the extra 4000 feet and that the event will jeopardise the natural flora and fauna in that part of the park, but you have deemed that not to be relevant. These things I have mentioned directly relate to this application. I would like to know whether there'll be enough toilet usage for the extra numbers and also whether the police will be upping their numbers to cope.

I am all too aware that Haringey oversees Finsbury Park. I am also aware where the boundaries are; on the other side of Green Lanes, directly by the site of the Krankbrothers, is a very large residential development which is in Hackney. The site used by Krankbrothers is unique among the various lavish lettings of the park in the space it uses. The lives of these people in Hackney will be further impacted by yet another day in full summer of Krankbrothers' activity, along with the additional numbers and the ensuing noise, defecation and urination and litter. I am saying that Haringey Council has an extraordinary lack of regard for the neighbours of the park, not only in their wards abutting the park, but those in Islington and Hackney who are as much, if not more affected by events, and by this one in particular.

In summary, all the problems ensuing from the events in the park relate to this application as Krankbrothers are once again pushing the envelope and trying to buy more of our park, for more people and for longer. I am pointing out that this has a deleterious effect on the life of the park, its neighbourhood, on children and their families during our one holiday month in summer. You should be aiming to decrease the amount of time you pimp the park, not increase it.

Yours faithfully

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From: [REDACTED] >

Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 10:39 AM

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Subject: PLLN/000023717

To whom it may concern.

I am very concerned at Haringey Council's continued onslaught on Finsbury Park. They seem to see this as an endless cash cow, there to fill the coffers of an inept council.

I wish to appeal to the council increasing the days of the licence and having an extra Friday added to the already very full agenda of events in the park, and increasing the amount of people allowed into the event by 2000 each day, on all four grounds.

PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

The events in the park are bringing our neighbourhood down and attracting more lawlessness to the area. Just 10 days ago a young man was stabbed to death down the road from us; someone was knifed to death on Tollington Park a few months ago. There is increased violence in our area.

There is definitely drug-dealing at the event. I know that from neighbours who have been there. This is in a park which is used by children and their families. As I have said many times before, Finsbury Park is the only decent sized park in our bit of London, in an area where gardens are small or non-existent. We need this park in the summer months. To take a huge section of the park, opposite densely-built housing in Hackney is wilfully damaging to the lives of local people.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The increased traffic around the tube station affects the safety of the public. As you increase the amount of people into the park, dealing drugs, leaving their balloons around everywhere and drinking heavily, so the crime in our area will continue to rise.

Local people stay away from the park in the summer months and have nowhere else to go. They stay away because it becomes unsafe, because people openly deal in drugs near the children's playground, because people defecate in the bushes and openly urinate in the park.

All these things are a threat to public safety.

PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

All of the above really. Urination and defecation in our streets. Lawless behaviour. The sound of traffic going on into the small hours when the audience leaves; the sound of helicopters overhead well into the small hours. Why are you so insistent on making our lives a misery? Is it because we're only one ward and you can cope with us voting liberal democrat occasionally? Is it because most of the park is in Hackney and Islington so you don't have to worry about it?

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM

So this has been covered in all other sections. Everything about these events has the potential to harm children. The long term effects of not getting exercise and being able to play in the summer months; the cancellation of the park run for weeks on end. This event is just near a children's playground and in August it should be possible for children to play outside until 7/8.00pm at night but why would you want to take your children to Finsbury Park with the noise, the litter, the drug-dealing, the drinking; the anti-social behaviour? Children deserve to enjoy the use of their park during August, the only complete month in the holidays. Why should you take this away from them?

The policy of Haringey Council in using Finsbury Park as their cash cow is wrecking the lives of people in three London boroughs in high summer. You should be utterly ashamed of yourselves. You do not represent our interests. Not at all.

Yours faithfully

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 7:55 PM
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Krankbrothers events in Finsbury Park

Ok,
My objections are as follows:

I think closing a section of the park and blocking the pathways used in the park constitutes a public nuisance. The temporary diversion paths are unsafe for children and cyclists.

As a local resident who is directly impacted by the noise from the event and the noise and litter created by people leaving the event I do not want an extra day of noise and nuisance.

I also think that allowing damage to the ecology of the park by a council that has declared a climate emergency should class as potential harm to children and I would like my concerns about the environment to be noted.



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 6:35 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: PL LN/000025053 KRANK BROTHERS- Representation and objection

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Submitted 15.1.2024

I wish to submit a representation to the application from KRANK Brothers to vary the Premises Licence for their 2024 event in Finsbury Park.

I object to the application as a local resident in Haringey, and my objection is based on the following grounds:

PUBLIC SAFETY: It will not be safe for an extra 2,000 people to be accommodated in the space set aside for this event. It is already crowded during the existing event and the access routes into the area and the park itself will not be safe.

Previous Krank Brothers events have ruined the ground and made it unsafe for people to move across the area, which becomes very muddy.

PUBLIC NUISANCE: The existing event already creates a great deal of nuisance for local people: it fences off a significant part of our part which is a public amenity for all sections of the community. We cannot walk on two major paths and we cannot cycle through the area; we are subjected to loud music during daylight hours and late into the night, which can be heard at quite some distance from the park itself.

An extra day added to the existing event will increase the duration of the noise by 50%; it will reduce our park access by another day; and it will create extra overcrowding in local streets at the start and finish of each day.

Public nuisance must also encompass the destruction of the natural heritage of the park: this area is the richest of the whole park with many mature trees and rich biodiversity. This kind of music event tramples over the biodiversity through its set-up and take-down, and the event itself, and it is unacceptable to add a further day to this damage.



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 9:41:25 pm
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Licence application by Krankbrother

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the application for a licence to Krankbrother Ltd for extra capacity and an extra day for the events in Finsbury Park in August 2024.

I am a local resident and my concerns are:

Public Safety:

The festival takes up too much space. The temporary footpaths are unsuitable. It's turned into an unsafe and unsanitary passage. With the slightest bit of rain (which happens so frequently in London summer) this path turns to mud causing falls. Last year, I believe, the event organisers had to close this path in its entirety as it was so unsuitable it was too dangerous to remain open.

Protection of children from harm:

Despite there being strict rules on maximum speeds in the park - last year I saw so many speeding vehicles. Even if restricted in speed, the volume of traffic allowed in is unsafe for our children. We use the park as we do not have a backyard - but these events prevent us from using the ring road, and what is left to use, is unsafe to get to due to the number of vehicles on the road. In addition my general concerns about this promoters lack of respect for our park - the increase in capacity will only increase in anti-social behaviour which puts our children at risk during the day, and the only option is for us to avoid the park for all the summer weekends when these festivals are on for fear of putting our children at risk. By allowing an additional day will only add to the misery our parents face due to the high and prolonged noise preventing sleep on festival days.

Environment - whilst I've been told that licensing doesn't care about the environmental impacts this promoter does not comply with industry standard recommendations to preserve and protect the old trees in the park. There is no safe zone allowed for around the trees. Crowds are allowed into eco-diverse areas. An increase in capacity is only going to make these impacts worse.

Please say no to this application for increased capacity and duration, as it will lead to an increase in all these negative impacts.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 10:08 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Krank Brithers

Dear Haringey Council,

I am writing to strongly object to any plans to extend Krsnk Brithrrs already ruinous activities in Finsbury Park.

Throughout the summer residents of 3 boroughs are denied public space so that Haringey can line its pockets. This is valuable green space, especially so for those locals (on far lower incomes that Haringey Councilors) who don't have gardens of their own.

I would urge you to reconsider this licence and show us that peaceful democratic methods can work. That's really important for increasingly irate locals to know - because what else is there left for us after that?

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 11:59 PM
To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>
Subject: Haringey Council Licensing Service RE: Krankbrother – LN/000023717 & LN/000025053

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By Email to licensing@haringey.gov.uk
Haringey Council
Licensing Service

RE: Krankbrother – LN/000023717 & LN/000025053

1. I am a local resident, and a user of Finsbury Park. I wish to object to the applications by Krankbrother to vary Premises Licence LN/000023717 and to vary Premises Licence LN/000025053 to increase the capacity from 8,000 to 9,999 persons and to add an additional event day on a Friday.

My reasons are:

Nuisance

Krankbrother events cause major public nuisance, including noise, vibration and litter. The noise impacts residents over a wide area near Finsbury Park.

The fencing of significant areas of the park prevents residents including me from using the fenced-off parts of the park, and obstructs residents and me from exercise and enjoyment of those parts of the park. The restrictions in the use of the park exist from the beginning of build-up to the final removal of all event-related items.

Impacts include increased vehicle traffic in the park and surrounding roads, with concomitant increases in air pollution, traffic noise and danger, increasing the risk of ill-health.

The large crowds of event attendees arriving and leaving on local streets affect the use of transport facilities, local pavements and roads by local residents, with the potential for injury due to packed pavements necessitating people walking in or being pushed into the road. Increasing the numbers of attendees will worsen the nuisance and risk.

Crime

Finsbury Park is already recognised for its above average levels of crime and anti-social behaviour. I believe this is aggravated by the presence of large crowds of event-goers, and the increased number of attendees requested will further increase the likelihood of crime.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 11:28 PM

To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to extension of the krank brothers licence.

I object on the grounds of damage to the ecology of the park, a loss of space to local people and a nuisance to local residents.

Last year, this event made it impossible to walk around the park. It was dangerous for women to have to walk around the badly laid platforms and completely inaccessible for any one with a mobility issue.

There is already too much commercial use of the park. It is held in trust for locals, please respect this.

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 11:54 AM

To: Licensing <licensing@haringey.gov.uk>

Subject: Representation re. Major variation to PL LN/000025053

Dear Harringay Licensing

Re: Major variation to PL LN/000025053

The proposed increase from 8,000 to 9,999 people and the additional day of the Krankbrother event in Finsbury Park would result in up to 50% more people in attendance. This is based on 5 days x 8,000 people (40,000 people) vs 6 days x 9,999 people (59,994).

In its current form, the event is already a **public nuisance, risk to public safety** and is already **harming children** - which will increase if expanded - for a number of reasons:

(1) It blasts **loud music** past children's common bedtimes. This could also affect the sleep times of the elderly and those working shift hours (or those just desiring peace and quiet) -- **harm to children** and **public nuisance**.

(2) It prevents children and others from **access to Finsbury Park's coolest shaded area** during the hottest days of summer - which is more and more relevant due to climate change and every year being hotter than the last, given the essential service that parks should provide - a green space, cooled by trees, free to all, ALL YEAR ROUND - the public need trees and the parks most shaded areas in order to prevent heatstroke, while still being able to go outside for health benefits - i.e. **harm to children, public safety** risk, and **public nuisance**.

(3) The **footprint of the Festival** should be judged not just on area covered by event fence, but including the vehicle traffic it induces across the park - which covers a lot more space and prevents ease of access to an even greater public green area (see issues raised in point (2)) - i.e. causing **public nuisance** and **harm to children**.

(4) The **addition of vehicles** inside the park also presents an additional risk to children (and others), from **accident risk** as well as **vehicle pollution** which is proven to cause asthma and respiratory issues, especially dangerous for children and vulnerable people. The park should be the respite from these risks - for some, it is the only respite - i.e. causing **harm to children, public safety** risk, **public nuisance**.

There are also some more medium-term issues:

(5) **Compacting of the earth** - due to more people crammed in jumping around causing intense period of pressure on the earth. This compacting affects soil viability as a growing medium. This will cause **harm to children** and **public nuisance** as the park will not be as green and pleasant an area if plants struggle to grow due to compacted earth, and reducing biodiversity (as insects cannot live in compacted earth and struggling plants) is just an additional blow to the environmental degradation.

(6) **Earth compacting** can also lead to damage to surrounding homes - because when there is no elasticity or 'give' left in the soil after it is ruthlessly compacted in this intense way, it means that continued vibrations from roads cannot be easily absorbed. This can lead to cracks and foundational damage to surrounding homes. This causes risk to **public safety** due to potential accidents, and **public nuisance** due to expense to repair damage.

(7) **Earth compacting** can also lead to flooding -- due to the reasons explained in point (6), the earth is also less able to absorb rain water, which can lead to localised issues or waterlogging and flooding - again **public safety** risk and **public nuisance**.

(8) Lack of oversight of space left around trees - aware that there are regulations in place regarding how much space to leave around trees to prevent damage to them from vehicles, fences, people, pollutants, compacting earth etc.. -- however in previous years this event has disregarded these rules, and there seems to be lack of oversight to ensure they are adhered to. Again this damages the green life of the park which took decades to grow, and so affects generations to come enjoying their right to green space in the park. i.e. **harm to children, and public nuisance.**

I submit that the Licensing Authority of the London Borough of Haringey should **reject Krankbrother Limited's request** for an additional day and additional capacity, as this fails to prevent: **public nuisance, harm to children, and risks to public safety.**

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