

Wolves lane scout hall

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to me

Hi

Here is the message that was sent over the licensing department with the things we highlighted concerning new river licence

Kind regards

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Group scout leader

To the licensing department

The 16th Wood Green Scout Group based at the Scout's hut on Wolves lane, N22 5JD wish to object to the application from the New River Sports Centre to extend their alcohol and entertainment licence to cover larger events and more frequent events.

Our scouts hut is next door and used by young children two nights a week and also weekends. Our Scouts and Cubs meet on Friday evenings between 6 and 9:30 pm which is one of the days New River want to hold their events. When the new river have events on the noise of the DJ over the last couple of years is very loud in the hall making it difficult for the children to hear the leaders. The noise problem has been a lot more noticeable over the last two years. The setting of their arena tends to amplify the noise generated. Their plan for more live or recorded music is going to make it worse than at present.

The 2000 people gatherings they are proposing is far too many for this area and we are concerned about the potential for crime and nuisance with all these people in the street especially when our young people may be leaving for home. Many will need to walk home past the sports centre where I predict there will be crowds outside in the street smoking due to the indoor bans. Some of the older Scouts walk home unaccompanied but that may well need to stop. We already get litter and beer bottles discarded into our premises and this will obviously get worse if events are held next door.

So to summarise we are concerned about

- [] Excessive noise disrupting our meetings

- [] Effect on our young people having to pass through the crowds
- [] Potential crime and antisocial behaviour to be expected if alcohol involved
- [] Litter and smoking
- [] Public safety

The New River should be concentrating on promoting health and fitness to the local community and not use their facilities for inappropriate unhealthy events such as evening entertainment and drinking.