From: Barrett Daliah

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To: Chapman Helen

Subject: FW: Jamaica Village, Finsbury Park - some local resident

concerns

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Hi Helen

This is a further document from a resident who has made representation against the JVL application.

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From: Konrad Borowski [mailto:konradb141@mac.com]

Sent: 04 December 2011 19:50

To: Barrett Daliah

Subject: Jamaica Village, Finsbury Park - some local resident concerns

Dear Daliah

You asked to see copies of the matters which I will be raising at the meeting on 12 December. Below are three pieces of correspondence which deal with the effects of these events on local residents e.g. noise, area of park used, crowd control, security, litter, sale of alcohol etc.

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I think parks should be used for recreation and leisure activities and not large scale unrelated events that effectively render most of the park out of bounds for normal park usage.

My house looks back onto Finsbury Park (railway in-between) and our experiences of park events are that most of the park becomes out of bounds by being fenced off and the remainder is congested by crowds of visitors (to the festival etc) milling about outside the compound.

Their measurements as to the percentage of the park that this event will take up is based on the whole area of the park and makes it look as if it's only a small portion of the park that is affected but if you also add on the parts that are already restricted, ie the road surface, the pond, the flower beds, the cafe and grounds, the running track, cricket pitch and baseball diamond etc, etc, you

will see that combined it leaves very little room for what I consider to be normal park activities.

Then there is the noise. Usually there's more than one source of music so all we hear is a cacophony of indistinguishable noise at differing levels of sound. The school opposite (at the front of the house) means that we get the bounce/echo effect of that noise so we are in effect surrounded by it. Both front and back windows have to be kept closed. For some reason this noise almost always gets louder the later it gets.

I will just add that when I complained once the 'sound monitors' went to the carpark a few doors away from me. Here it was a direct 'aim' at the park. They did not come into my house to see how much of a nuisance it was from inside a property. They did not experience the echo affect, the base throb or the discomfort of having all the windows closed on a hot day. I don't care what the legal decibel limit is, the simple truth is that noise is noise however loud it is (think dripping tap) and to have it on a daily basis for however many weeks is a serious infringement of my right to enjoy my property. (Forget about sitting out in the garden on a nice summers evening!)

Then there's the crowd control at the end of each night. Stroud Green Rd can be closed to traffic and they often close the Oxford Rd gate to prevent congestion over the bridge. The station itself has been known to become only one-way, ie, you can only enter to station to leave the area, not leave the station to come home.

As for security, I presume there will be quite a lot in the park itself and probably around the station too. But what about the streets nearby? In the past I've had to clean up human excrement in my front yard, seen people tampering with my bike and had to listen to noisey crowds going and coming from the park not to mention the litter associated with large crowds and all this whilst being compelled to listen to the other noise from the park itself. No sign of any increased security here.

All this impacts on what and where I can go. I may not be able to drive into my own area at times. It would be very uncomfortable to walk down Stroud Green Rd, I couldn't exit the station. Walking my dog would become a nightmare with all the crowds and litter, and if it's a hot day I would have to swelter indoors with all my windows shut.

Just a few observations for you to think about.

Madeline Palm

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I don't know what support the staff will get with litter clearance, or the effect this event will have on the infrastructure of the Finsbury Park area. Finsbury Park is a very well used park, by dog walkers, tennis players, families, etc. This event could knock out the park for use of local residents for half of August.

Those of us who live near the park will hear the noise from the park from 11 - 8pm every day. having lived here for near on 20 years, I know from experience that I can hear pretty much every note when a loud band is playing.

I don't see why, if Jamaica Village is a cultural and sports event, that alcohol is on sale from morning to late evening, I would like to see a reduction in the hours for the sale of alcohol and adequate policing to deal with any rowdiness, both within the park and in the surrounding streets.

Anonymous

I have no problem with music festivals over a weekend, or with music sometimes going on until 11 pm, even if I don't like the music (since I work in the music business it would be incredibly hypocritical if I objected). But I, like a lot of other people in this area, work from home, and I find the prospect of live music and general merrymaking drifting up from FP on a daily basis throughout the working week very daunting indeed. We can't all just stop work for a week, or move our offices into another room. And closing all the windows — in this house at least — seems not to make a lot of difference if past festivals are anything to go by.

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