

# MARKFIELD ARTS LTD

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Dear Anne Teahan,

I wish to respond to the representation that you have submitted in relation to the granting of a licence for the above venue. Your representation refers to the following concerns, these being:

- Use of Alcohol
- Public Safety
- Noise

We are duty bound by mandatory conditions to manage alcohol on site. We also have an alcohol management policy ourselves that prevents alcohol being supplied irresponsibly. It is plainly obvious that if the crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour, intimidation, threat to public safety, nuisance or disturbance that you have referred to, had occurred at our previous events, then it is quite clear that local residents would, and should, be opposed to this application en-masse. We would also expect both the Police and the Council's health and safety officers to object to the terms of the proposed licence if this was a real concern. We have worked closely with the Responsible Authorities to promote the licensing objectives and will continue to do so. It is clear that they are satisfied with the arrangements that we have put in place and there are no outstanding representations from these experts. There is no need for anyone in the local community to feel threatened. We have signage-asking people to leave quietly and responsibly and, SIA security staff will be on duty to manage the area immediately around the venue and to encourage attendees to move on once the venue has closed. All licensable activities take place within the venue with strict age restrictions appropriated to each proposed activity and with SIA licensed staff to ensure that this is enforced with a challenge 21 policy as well as to ensure that the immediate area around the venue are managed.

With regard to noise, again I must reiterate that you should not have been bothered by noise as a result of any of the previous events held by Markfield Arts and I'm sure we would have been informed if you had felt the need to have made any complaints to the Council about any nuisance or unreasonable disturbance that you have suffered. We are also in dialogue with the Haringey Council Enforcement Response Team to install a noise-limiting device in the Venue and set a level approved by the response team prior to regulated entertainment taking place in conjunction with the premises license.

However, to reassure you further I can confirm that we have a noise management strategy, which involves monitoring any potential noise from the venue in the surrounding area and managing the sound at source within the venue. You really have no need to be concerned.

We feel it is unjust that you elude to Markfield Arts having a negative impact on the surrounding area and in particular, Euro arts and use of the Park. As a relatively new business in the area, we want nothing else but the positive promotion of the area and its surroundings.

Everything that you raise in your representation is what you 'believe' might happen if the venue is granted a licence and not what has actually happened. There have been over a dozen events held at this venue and run by the proposed licensee and to date, none of your fears have been realised. Please rest assured that the attendance numbers agreed in this proposed licence are no greater than those that have previously been held under Temporary Event Notices.

We have no desire to cause you undue concerns and would like to work closely with you as one of our neighbours to ensure that good working relationships can prosper.

To summarise:

- Markfield Art's aim is for safe, controlled activities that will have minimal impact on the local community
- Adequate controls and effective tried and tested systems are in place for proactive and effective management
- Competent people are in place to manage the premises

I hope that you are able to feel reassured by this response. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or require further information. We would also like the opportunity to discuss this in person please feel free to contact P M Bacon on 07710 088947 to arrange a meeting.

Yours sincerely

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