

MARKFIELD ARTS LTD

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Dear Natascha Franklin,

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

- Use of Alcohol
- Public Nuisance
- Noise
- Concerns for Markfield Park

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, noise 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 in place asking people to leave quietly and responsibly and, SIA security staffs are on duty to manage the area immediately around the venue and to encourage attendees to move on once the venue has closed. We have sufficient waste receptacles within the curtilage of the venue and will ensure that our SIA security personnel do not allow people to exit with drinking vessels or food packaging and encourage attendees to dispose of waste before they leave the site.

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 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.

I have to say that I am reassured that you have not linked the Public nuisance of any sort with the Markfield Arts events.

I am sorry to hear that you have been disturbed; we have noticed Markfield Road and the surrounding area are very busy even on nights even when we are not holding events. In Markfield Park there have been two illegal events that have been held while we have had licensed event ourselves. I would think it would be impossible to distinguish if these people who disturbed you were going to our event. It is a little unfair to link all Public nuisances to the events in Markfield Arts.

Unfortunately these events you mentioned, you have not supplied us with specific dates so we cannot establish which event was ours. There are many illegal and unlicensed events taking place in the area and we find ourselves in unfortunate position of being blamed for everything negative what goes on in Markfield Park and adjacent areas. We ourselves went to Markfield Park after the illegal event and were disgusted by the mess that was left. I think we would agree events like this should be stopped .As for our events coursing litter and rubbish being left in Markfield Road or Park we put great efforts into this particular task. We clean the area thoroughly during and after every event in many cases cleaning the rubbish of other businesses and the general public, as we are fully aware that we are likely to be blamed for any rubbish left. If you see Markfield Road on a Monday morning when we have not been holding an Event you will notice a stark contrast.

You also write “ This is not a company interested in hosting arts events”. On the contrary we are very interested in hosting Art event and has hosted several so far and we are very much interested in showcasing local artistic talent. We are in dialogues with various local groups and production companies also we have had many local people coming to our events and all are of different colour, Shapes and sizes.

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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