

## Appendix 1

### Stakeholder consultation

As set out in the Outdoor Events Policy, stakeholders were emailed on Wednesday 17 February with details of Festival Republic's park hire application. 36 stakeholder groups, plus internal council colleagues and statutory bodies including the police and fire service were emailed giving ten days to respond to the application with comments.

A full list of stakeholders is below. Those marked in green provided a response to the consultation.

External stakeholders	Internal council colleagues	Statutory bodies
Access to Sport	Cabinet Member for Environment	London Fire Brigade
Alpha Dog Club	Parks Service	Metropolitan Police Service
Ambler Primary School	Licensing	
British Military Fitness	Food Safety Team	
Edible Landscapes	Emergency Planning Team	
Finsbury Park Art Hut	Health & Safety Team	
Finsbury Park Boats	Highways	
Finsbury Park Bowls Club	Neighbourhood Action Team	
Finsbury Park Cafe	Parking Services	
Finsbury Park Sports Partnership	Veolia	
Finsbury Park Trust		
Furtherfield		
Harringay Green Lanes Traders Association		
Highbury Community Association		
Ladder Community Safety Partnership		
London Borough of Hackney		
London Borough of Islington		
London Mets Softball Club		
Manor House Development Trust		
Park View Cafe		
Parkrun		
Parkwood Primary School		
Pedal Power		
Regiment Fitness		
Saracens RFC		
Stroud Green Residents Association		
Stroud Green School		
Stroud Green Traders Association		
The Friends of Finsbury Park		
Try Tag Rugby		
Harringay Ward Members x 3 (LB Haringey)		
Stroud Green Ward Members x 3 (LB Haringey)		
Seven Sisters Ward Members x 3 (LB Haringey)		
St Ann's Ward Members x 3 (LB Haringey)		
Brownswood Ward Members x 2 (LB Hackney)		
Finsbury Park Ward Members x 3 (LB Islington)		

## Summary of stakeholder feedback

A total of 10 stakeholder groups responded to the consultation. In addition, responses were received from Catherine West MP and the Gardens' Residents Association.

In summary:

- 2 responses support the application, recognising the events were enjoyed by the community
- 1 response broadly supports the application and wants to work closely with the event organiser to build local opportunities for members of the community
- 4 responses recognise more work needs to be done with the organiser to mitigate effects on local people
- 4 responses object to the application citing various affects on local residents and the park
- 1 response was informing us of an event already planned in Clissold Park on the 3 July

A summary of feedback is detailed below.

	Stakeholder Group	Summary of feedback
1.	<b>Highbury Community Association</b>	<p>The HCA opposes the proposed music concerts and is disappointed in the consultation process. They believe the affect on residents and the damage and detriment caused to the park far outweigh any potential public benefit.</p> <p><b>Consultation</b> Consultation period is too short, and denies opportunity for local people to comment directly to LBH.</p> <p><b>Length of event, inc preparation and clean up</b> The proposed length and closure of large section of the park represents significant loss of amenity over a long period. Disruption over a three week period at height of summer is disproportionate. Proposed finish times of 10/10.30pm is too late and should be brought forward.</p> <p><b>Noise</b> Noise has been excessive not just during concerts but in preparation. Would like position of stages moved, redirected away from housing, and soundproofed. Doesn't want fireworks set off at end of concert but should be done earlier.</p> <p><b>Damage to park</b> Significant damage to grass and makes reference to survey done by stakeholders last year listing damage.HCA believes damage likely to happen again.</p> <p><b>Addition of an unspecified 'community / charity event'</b> HCA doesn't believe the recompense of the above event is worth the inconvenience of an additional weekend of disruption.</p> <p><b>Reduced access at Finsbury Park Station</b> Believes the events shouldn't go ahead while works are being carried out at Finsbury Park station, which are going to cause disruption to normal travel.</p> <p><b>Anti-social behaviour</b> Believes the event attracts large scale anti social behaviour, and don't believe the event is aimed at families and older people as</p>

		<p>specified in the consultation. Most ticket holders do not live in the three boroughs so have no association with the area but have a negative impact.</p> <p><b>Local Information</b> Previous supply of information in the lead up to events has been poor. Plus feedback suggests that contact numbers publicised last year did not work and reports of anti social behaviour were not answered or ignored. Would like to see the provision of information improved.</p>
2.	<b>London Borough of Hackney – Events Team</b>	Notifying us of a planned event taking place in Clissold Park on 3 July with an anticipated 3,000 attendees.
3.	<b>London Mets Baseball Club</b>	Has no objection to the use of the park and actually enjoy hearing the music whilst in the park.
4.	<b>Manor House Development Trust</b>	<p>MHDT is broadly in favour of the application to use the park and has submitted the following comments:</p> <p><b>The charity event</b> Good initiative although note that any benefit would only be to regional and national charities. MHDT asks that the organisers revisit their intention and instead looks to support local charities, which may mitigate some of the ill feeling from the disruption that the event causes local communities. They would also like the organisers to provide free space within the event for local charities to provide information.</p> <p><b>Employment opportunities</b> Believes the organisers should be working with local organisations who provide access to jobs to local residents such as stewarding, hospitality, catering.</p> <p><b>Volunteering opportunities</b> Organisers should build on the success of last year's volunteering of the event by local people.</p>
5.	<b>Park View Cafe</b>	Overall supports Wireless and other events that take place in the park and recognises that they are enjoyed by the community.
6.	<b>Pedal Power</b>	<p>Overall the group understands the need to hold events in Finsbury Park however during the concert periods they lose their Saturday cycling venue and also suffer disruption in the run up to the events and after. In order for them to plan early enough they need accurate information re-laid to them, as early as possible so they can make alternative arrangements.</p> <p>They also note that as many of their members are disabled, many are reliant on being able to arrive by car and park. They note festival security have previously been very helpful and hope they will continue to do so and also request an improvement on signage clearly telling stakeholders that they may enter the park.</p>

7.	<b>Stroud Green Primary School</b>	<p>The Chair of Governors responded stating that the main concern was the start time on the Friday which has implications for the school. She accepts the 3.30pm start time is good, but further thinking about the flow of children through the park at going home time needs to be considered.</p> <p>Also would like the funding that the school has received in previous years to be continued.</p> <p>In a subsequent email received two days after the consultation closed, the Chair urged the Council to reject the application for the event on the 8 July. This followed a PTA meeting held on the 3 March which identified the 8 July as the only date the school fair could take place straight after Ramadan.</p>
8.	<b>The Friends of Finsbury Park</b>	<p>The FoFP object to the application for a number of reasons summarised below.</p> <p><b>Lack of information</b> Believe the lack of information submitted on the event application is inadequate and does not allow them to make an informed and meaningful decision, and believe that requested detailed information has been withheld. They are not reassured by promises given to improve management of events and such promises haven't been fulfilled from previous years including the movement of heavy vehicles.</p> <p><b>Damage to park</b> Fabric of park was damaged last year and this is still evident including grass areas, carriageway, trees damaged.</p> <p><b>Loss of amenity</b> Have yet to see the proposed footprint for this year, but last year's was excessive and unacceptable. Large area of most used park was enclosed and inaccessible for three weeks over summer. The areas left for public use once organiser has moved onto site, are adversely affected by noise and diesel fumes for the duration of stay. By leasing certain areas, park user groups are displaced without prior warning.</p> <p><b>Prevention of public nuisance and crime and disorder</b> FoFP feel there were major security failings at last year's events disrupting areas of the park outside of the event space. Feel that the police presence is markedly reduced and was a clear factor in disorder last year. Claim that open drug dealing was markedly increased in 2015 and a number of concerns were raised by their members citing hotspots. Large swathes of the park and adjacent streets were littered with nitrous oxide cylinders.</p> <p><b>Noise</b> Noise is unacceptable and particularly bad during sound tests. Noise monitoring measures are inadequate and neither being sufficiently scientific nor independent. Noise at these levels and duration impacts on the physically and mental health of those inflicted. Phone lines put in place to deal with complaints weren't sufficient.</p> <p><b>Public safety</b> Vehicle movement turns carriageway into a busy and dangerous road having an effect on park users. For many weeks following the event</p>

		<p>scaffolding brackets, metal bolts and pins were found. Despite all former assurances there were still failings. FoFP claim the tobacco tent was inconsistent with Haringey's health policy.</p> <p><b>Protection of children from harm</b> Events are forbidding for young children – with extra vehicle movement and pollution, drinkers in park. First day of event to take place on a school day which will lead to disruption and loss of access and use of park. Audible bad language heard, presence of people abusing drugs and alcohol presents risk of harm.</p> <p><b>Number of attendees</b> 45,000 is excessive and damages the fabric of the park. Marshalling of events is challenging. Task of crowd management is going to be further challenged by the closures and road works in and around Finsbury Park station.</p> <p><b>Other</b> Audience profile on application is misleading.</p>
9.	<b>Try Tag Rugby</b>	<p>The events do cause major disruption to the regular rugby leagues within the park, as they have to relocate to another park further away (Downhills).</p> <p>Recognised need for events to happen but would like them relocated to another park.</p> <p>If FP is to be used would like investment made into maintenance of pitches parallel to Seven Sisters Road, and installation of lighting between Manor House and athletics track.</p>
10.	<b>Brownswood Ward, LB Hackney Cllr Potter</b>	<p>Despite some improvements last year, there were many areas which could be improved if Haringey are serious in mitigating the negative aspects of holding large events. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consistent and sufficient stewarding so that ABS is kept to a minimum</li> <li>• sound checks occur outside school hours</li> <li>• event on Sunday closes at 9pm, as 10pm is too late when people are preparing for the next working / school day</li> </ul>
11.	<b>Catherine West MP</b>	<p>Overall the MP objects to the length of the consultation and raises a number of concerns which are summarised below.</p> <p><b>Use of the park</b> Large barriers preventing access for a considerable time, frustrating local people and disproportionate. Would like to see the amount of time barriers are in place minimised.</p> <p><b>Noise</b> Noise during concerts is unbearable for residents. Sound checks cause additional disturbance and noise continues for days during the clean up resulting in inconvenience of local people for much longer. Particularly concerned of impact of noise on local primary school, and language used by artists.</p> <p><b>Anti social behaviour</b> Would like to see enforcement action and increase patrols during</p>

		<p>events to limit/stop festival goers causing disruption to residential streets by throwing rubbish and urinating into front gardens.</p> <p><b>Benefit for the local community</b> Believes the money raised should be spent in Finsbury Park improving lighting, facilities and the general maintenance. Also resources need to be focused on the rapid clean up.</p>
12.	<b>The Gardens' Residents Association</b>	<p>Although the GRA doesn't express a direct commitment to whether the events should be held or not, their feedback lists a number of comments regarding the improved delivery of events. These include:</p> <p><b>Event finish time</b> They request that each event finishes at 10pm (except Sunday) as 10.30 is too late for residents and children living nearby.</p> <p><b>Sunday finish time</b> This should be brought forward to 9.30pm</p> <p><b>Vehicles</b> Movement within park should be banned until 9.30am so that users, commuters and parents travelling through the park can move safely.</p> <p><b>Condition of park</b> Needs to be addressed after the event by full repairs including extraction of glass, waste, litter from grassed site, and reseeding and regular watering of grassed area</p> <p><b>Greater security</b> Double the amount of last year to prevent drunken gate crashers</p> <p><b>Dates not acceptable</b> Should not take place over two consecutive weekends and would rather two events take place over same weekend, as proposed will cause great disturbance.</p> <p><b>Income</b> Publicise profits made so local residents and users can see the fiscal benefit to parks.</p>

### Late stakeholder response

The response below was received on 4 March, two days after the consultation deadline date.

	<b>Stakeholder Group</b>	<b>Overview of feedback</b>
1.	<b>Stroud Green Residents' Association</b>	<p>Overall the SGRA doesn't support the use of Finsbury Park for the use of major events and urges the Council to reject the Festival Republic application. The Association cite a number of reasons within their response including:</p> <p><b>Loss of park</b> Great area of the park is lost for prolonged periods of time and space left in park not practical to use due to sloping and tree cover.</p> <p><b>Health and safety hazard</b></p>

		<p>Controls and enforcement promised for last year's event sill not in place.</p> <p><b>Noise and nuisance</b> So intrusive residents feel like they can't be in their own homes during the event.</p> <p><b>Degradation of ground</b> Ground either gets churned up if wet or worn out if dry resulting from numbers of concert goers using the park.</p> <p><b>Charity event</b> Not enough information provided.</p>
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