

Appendix 1:
Friends of Finsbury Park full response
to Slammin' Events park hire
application

The Friends of Finsbury Park

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Patron

The Right Honourable
Jeremy Corbyn MP

TheFriendsOfFinsburyPark



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Response to the Consultation for Application - 'Saturday-Hospitality in the Park. Sunday - Transmission', Application No - 'HGY02450'

The Friends of Finsbury Park is a charity that was formed in 1986 by people who care about Finsbury Park – its past, present and future. We support the use of Finsbury Park for the benefit of all local residents and park users, with events organised that are appropriate for the Park and accessible to all who want to use the Park.

We still maintain that the council doesn't have the power to hold these events, and we will be appealing the decision of the court to dismiss the claim.

With this in mind, and as you are considering this application we would like to apply the following conditions:

1. We would like a full bat survey to be undertaken in Finsbury Park in relation to this event

- We have been in contact with the Bat Conservation Trust and understand it is the responsibility of the local authority to ensure that biodiversity, including European Protected Species such as bats, is taken into consideration.
- Bats are nocturnal animals and are adapted to low-light conditions. This means that most bat species find artificial lighting to be disturbing. Artificial lights shining on bat roosts, their access points, flight paths away from the roost and important foraging areas should be avoided.
- Excessive noise and vibration (such as loud music) could potentially disturb bats if they are roosting in the vicinity; this should also be avoided.

2. Earlier end times on both event days

- We would like the event to finish at 10pm on Saturday and 9pm on Sunday. Children's sleep is disturbed anyway during the later hours of these events. We think it inappropriate to carry on past these times.

3. Provide a noise map for Finsbury Park

- We understand from the response to Scrutiny update, that the review into noise monitoring at major events is currently ongoing.
- We would like to get Finsbury Park noise mapped to help understand how best to direct and control speaker noise and sound, in order to mitigate the impact on residents and park users. Hackney Council have done this with great success in Clissold Park. We can provide you with full details. We believe this is essential in order to understand properly the acoustics of the park and surrounding area.

4. Reduce the number of sound tents

- Last year noise from this event was very disturbing to local residents and we had many complaints on social media particularly relating to the repetitive nature of the music and the base beat. Because of this we'd like the number of stages cut from seven to three max.

We are happy to provide you with any help you may need regarding information and contacts for any of our proposed conditions. We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair

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