

Resident's Objections.

Objector 1

-----Original Message-----

From: xxxxx

Sent: 08 February 2024 12:59

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection - PL1376

I write to note my objection to the application by Radioactive Clothing to extend licence PL1376. I live at xxxx and the festivals run in the park are a nuisance to residents, the public, the environment and damage the park.

As you will be aware, the area is quiet residential and family orientated. The festival in question does not fit within this demographic. It is simply run for profit at the cost to locals and despite numerous promises by organisers residents are not looked after nor the park restored to how it was previously - I was in the park on 5/2/24 and the grass and grounds to the left of the mansion have still not recovered.

The current licence for two days (Saturday and Sunday) is already chaotic, leading to us struggling to enter and exit our own road for weeks before and after the event. Large lorries setting up for the event take the wrong road and come down our narrow single track road (Beckenham Place Park) getting stuck, causing traffic chaos and damaging trees as they struggle to turn around without mounting and damaging grass verges.

On top of that we have to put up with noise, drugs and litter left behind by the attendees. The fact this would not occur for two weekends and over a Friday is unacceptable- many who live in my road work from home on weekdays we cannot have a festival in our back gardens whilst trying to work.

Whilst the festival organisers state they will meet with residents etc, they did not turn up for their own scheduled online meeting last year and did not answer the phone to their dedicated help hotline whilst the festival is on. They are in it for economic greed. There are still metal poles dumped in the forest area of the park from last year's event and it was residents who picked up the litter left behind between Beckenham Place Park and Beckenham Junction - not the organisers.

The festival also has a significant environmental impact, the area of the park is home to bats, badgers, owls, waterfowl and birds of prey. Many of these animals are nocturnal and the festival noise and disruption causes damage to their environment. The fact this damage would now be extended is appalling.

This is a stealth application to go from 2 to 6 days at the complete detriment to residents. I understand that when converted from a golf course protections were meant to have been put in place to prevent this kind of event from happening and residents instructed a barrister to ensure this was the case.

Regards.

Objector 2:

From:

Sent: 08 February 2024 12:45

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to application by Radioactive Clothing Ltd T/A Slammin Events in Beckenham Place Park

To whom it may concern

With reference to a notice dated 7th February 2024 currently being displayed in Beckenham Place Park I hereby object to ALL of the Particulars of Application contained therein.

There are already a number of events that are held within Beckenham Place Park which draw big crowds with it's resultant increase in traffic thereby causing considerable inconvenience to the residents and any addition to these events which are being applied for will only increase this inconvenience.

The road that serves the residents outside of the environs of the Park cannot cope with anymore traffic than is already experienced from non residents driving to park their vehicles within the shortest distance possible to the entrance let alone them attempting to do so when these events are being held.

I strongly object to the application to add a Friday to the current licence no.PL1376 and to the extensions to the current hours permissible for live and recorded music alongwith the application to extend the hours of sale for the consumption of alcohol as this is likely to increase the noise and possible anti-social behaviour as the public make their way to and from the Park.

We do not have the 'luxury' of a street litter collection afforded to the residents by either Lewisham or Bromley Councils thus it's down to us residents to clear up any litter that is dropped by the public attending these events on their way to and from the Park.

Yours faithfully.

Objector 3:

-----Original Message-----

From: xxx>

Sent: 08 February 2024 13:39

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Variation to Premises Licence PL1376

Sir/Madam

As residents of xxxxxx we object in the strongest possible terms to the increases proposed by the company Slammin Events.

The park itself is surrounded by residential areas on all sides and it is the residents who bear the negative impact the festivals have as on us all, with the conditions constructed even as they are.

The park is not in a commercial or industrial area, and it is not a field in the middle of a farm. To increase festival activity in this manner is purely for the benefit of the commercial company that runs them, and would be to the detriment of many thousands of residents.

If the application were to succeed it would undoubtedly lead to future applications for more weekend concert festivals, even longer hours of alcohol availability, with the associate increase in noise, traffic and rail congestion, the anti-social behaviour and crime which we endure as it is with the festivals in our area.

This application for variance of that licence which exists must not be allowed to succeed and we appeal to the authority to consider the negative impact on the mental health and lives of all residents around the park.

Yours sincerely.

Objector 4:

-----Original Message-----

From: xx

Sent: 08 February 2024 13:57

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: Variation to Premises Licence PL1376

As a resident of xxxx I object strongly to the application made by Radioactive Clothing/Slammin Events to increase the times that they are permitted to hold their events in Beckenham Place Park. They want to double their number of events and extend the number of days. This would mean instead of two days they would have permission to make noise over 6 days each summer and for later into the night. This would significantly spoil our ability to enjoy the recreation of our garden and our ability to enjoy the tranquility of the Park itself.

Objector 5:

-----Original Message-----

From: xxx

Sent: 08 February 2024 14:11

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: Variation to Premises Licence PL1376

I want to object strongly to the above application by the Radioactive Clothing/Slammin Events. They propose increasing the number of days and extending the hours on those days that they will be allowed to hold their events and have loud music.

This will impact detrimentally on us as residents. This will increase further the numbers of people and events that were proposed when Planning Application for the regeneration of the Park was submitted.

Yours sincerely

Objector 6:

-----Original Message-----

From: xxx

Sent: 08 February 2024 16:18

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: Premises licence PL 1376 Variation Application

I have seen the notice dated the 7th February 2024 and displayed at the Beckenham gate to Beckenham Place Park, please accept this email as my objection to the application.

The grounds of my objections are:-

1. The increased risk of crime and disorder. In the past we have seen that people attending the events bring with them alcoholic beverages and consume them as an exercise in 'preloading' presumably to avoid having to pay the price of alcohol in the event areas. This results in antisocial and criminal activity, including but not limited to:- a) Urinating on the highway and on private property, last year I saw a group of men urinating on the verge whilst several stewards looked the other way, I have also seen groups of men urinating in private gardens.

b) Drug use. At least some of the people attending past events appear to have been using illegal drugs, I have smelled what I believe to be cannabis being smoked as people have walked towards the event entrance.

c) The sheer number of people attending these events and the very limited ability of the event organisers to control them in an area that stretches from Beckenham Junction to Beckenham Hill and Ravensbourne is bound to result in disorder particularly when predominantly young people are drinking and/or taking drugs without proper control. If such an application was made in respect of established licenced premises such as a public house or sports ground then it would be possible for the event organisers to exercise proper control but in this case that is not possible and that alone should be fatal to the application.

d) The licensing authority is responsible for the proper control, supervision and enforcement of the regulations and as that appears not to have happened in respect of past events it is most unlikely to happen if the scope of the licence is increased.

e) The legislation relating to the consumption of alcohol at and around sporting events restricts the sale or consumption of alcohol where the number of people attending may be far lower than is proposed in this case and the licensing authority should perhaps explain why a generally accepted set of regulations for public events is not applied in the case of Beckenham Place Park events.

f) Releasing thousands of people onto the streets of suburbia and public transport in the evening after they have been drinking all day is not a responsible policy for a local government to adopt.

2. The risk to public safety.

a) It is not only the risk to the residents of the surrounding areas but also to those who are attending the events, in the past the event organisers have tacitly accepted that their management of the events has fallen short of the required standards and as a consequence they have increased the number of stewards and increased signage to restrict access to residential areas for access and parking. Those restrictions have increased the adverse impact on the whole area as it is the residents who suffer the inconvenience.

b) Beckenham is a busy commercial and residential area that incorporates a major crossroads in South London, it is not possible to introduce thousands of visitors to what is a very busy densely populated area without a raised risk to public safety.

c) Anyone who has witnessed the arrival of the loaded lorries followed by the construction of the event venue is aware that a central and substantial portion of the park effectively becomes an unprotected access construction site, repeated during deconstruction. Pedestrians, cyclists and heavy machinery share the access routes and cross paths, heavy vehicles and plant are driven across the grass where people can walk, how that is all accepted and approved by a local authority in the context of the health and safety regulations is unclear to say the least.

3. Public Nuisance.

a) I suggest that holding six days of music events in a public park in a densely populated residential area is not possible without causing a public nuisance. Past experience tells us that the noise levels are so high that if they were generated on private land and not sponsored by the local government then they would not be tolerated.

b) I repeat what is set out in clauses 1 and 2 above, the number of people from outside the area who are drawn in constitute a public nuisance to the local residents who are unlikely to attend any of the events but are forced to endure the antisocial behaviour, noise, litter, access restrictions, parking restrictions, traffic disruption etc etc.

c) The park is a popular and well used public facility in an area where many residents have limited access to outside space, past events have made it difficult if not impossible to access the open spaces in the park and placed it off limits to the general public. The defined event area is only a part of the park but when it is taken together with the access routes, the event set up process and the deconstruction then it amounts to the wholesale takeover of the park and the exclusion of local residents and other visitors.

d) The London Borough of Lewisham has other parks and areas where such events could take place if they are considered safe, desirable and capable of being conducted in accordance with the regulations, what reasons are given by the LBL for licensing such events in a park that is effectively a cutout of the London Borough of Bromley?

e) The carbon footprint of the proposed events must be very high, presumably the LBL has evaluated the environmental impact of constructing the venue, populating it, running the events and then deconstructing and reinstating the site. I have watched the heavy lorries and plant come and go with all of the equipment and even to me it is patently obvious that very considerable harm is done to the environment, the local community and the park itself. That does not disappear, emissions may be dispersed but once they are generated they remain in the atmosphere, events such as these are not low impact from any perspective and that renders them inappropriate for suburbia.

f) The summer is when local people need the park more than ever and effectively closing it off to people, especially families is the opposite of what should be seen as the best use of resources.

4. Protecting Children from Harm.

a) All of the above factors impact the children who live in the residential areas surrounding Beckenham Place Park and by definition they are harmful.

b) There are a significant number of schools and sports facilities in Beckenham and several of them are adjacent to the park, even in school holidays they are open for activities that engage children and include weekends. The proposed licence including the extensions and additions will inevitably impact adversely on the local children.

c) There is no obvious benefit for the local community whether they are adults or children and a minimum requirement for any event, particularly one involving noise, alcohol, disruption, criminal behaviour and nuisance is that there should be measurable and significant benefits to the people who have to bear the consequences.

Although we do not have a right to vote in the LBL you have a duty as the licensing authority to consider our best interests and they are clearly not being served by holding music festivals in the middle of a heavily populated, predominantly family occupied residential area.

The potential financial benefit for the LBL is not sufficient justification for the heavy burden that is placed on the local community by such an obviously inappropriate use of a local park which should be seen as a 'clean and green' environmentally friendly and sustainable community asset. LBL should be advocating and promoting low carbon options, environmentally friendly, low impact, family focused events that encourage the use of the park in ways that increase its green credentials and improve its sustainability. These commercially driven proposals appear to be at odds with the declared Corporate Strategy of LBL.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email and my objections.

Regards.

Objector 7:

-----Original Message-----

From: xxxx

Sent: 09 February 2024 09:01

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: Radioactive Clothing Ltd T/A Slammin Events has applied to the London Borough of Lewisham for a Variation to Premises Licence PL1376

Dear licensing service,
London Borough of Lewisham,

As a resident of xxxx, I would like to strongly object against the above application. This is a public park in the middle of a residential area. Events like these bring unwelcome noise, anti-social behaviour, intoxicated crowd, crime and littering to our homes.

In the previous years, these events have resulted in blocking our roads, taking up parking on every road in the vicinity, making it a nightmare to drive in and out of our driveways. We don't want more of these events with Fridays, extended hours and extended alcohol sales. The noise and disruption doesn't allow us to enjoy our gardens and local amenities. This is hugely unfair to the residents.

Mass events like these should be restricted to open fields in country side and or speciality venues where the lives and mental health of local residents aren't affected.

I hope Lewisham council rejects this application in favour of local residents.

Kind regards,

Objector 8:

From: xxxxxxxxxx>

Sent: 09 February 2024 10:20

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: Radioactive clothing Ltd T/A Slammin Events variation to licence PL1376

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident immediately surrounding Beckenham Place Park and am writing to register my opposition to this Application for Variation to Premises Licence PL1376 made by the above party.

I am objecting on the basis of disruption and also environmental reasons.

Should this application be successful, the residents would be subjected to an unreasonable increase in noise, anti-social behaviour naturally accompanying an increase in alcohol consumption, as well as litter attracting vermin, traffic and illegal parking where there is already very narrow vehicular access. As our home is set on a street immediately surrounding and backing on to The Park, these would be extremely disruptive and would cause me to feel unsafe both to my person and also my home.

I am concerned that where precedence of a variation to the original licence is allowed, there would be over time, an insidious scope-creep via licence escalation

that would negatively and unfairly impact all the residents of this normally peaceful and orderly area.

Please do consider the health and happiness of the borough residents of both Lewisham and Bromley when considering such licence applications.

Beckenham Place Park is not in a commercial area, nor is it a festival ground, concert hall or arena designed to accommodate large events. We are fortunate to have such a beautifully designed space in our borough that so aids and promotes the enjoyment of a natural environment and provide a space that people can come to better their physical and mental health. The aftermath of such events inevitably wreaks havoc on the area due to the destroyed landscaping caused by the heavy machinery and equipment, props and stages used, as well as such an increase in heavy footfall that the grounds are irrevocably torn up. This is apparent especially in the winter when the lack of grass turns large swathes of the park boggy and a misery to use. Despite the event organisers' best efforts to restore the park and undo the damage they cause, the land never fully recovers and successive years of this have lead to a steady degradation of the grounds. Surely as residents we have a right to have these natural spaces preserved without the disruption to peace, not to mention the ecological and environmental impact of such large events. In these tenuous times of rapid climate change globally, as a council and therefore a government body, you have a strong duty to protect such natural areas as we are fortunate to have. The fact that these large events are permitted at all is damaging enough, without an extension of these licenses to increase the duration and scope of disruption and damage even further.

Thank you in advance for your careful consideration.
sincerely,

Objector 9:

From: xxx>

Sent: 09 February 2024 13:27

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: Variation to license PL1376 Beckenham Place Park

Objection to Music Festival Extension

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Dear Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed extension of the music festival in our community. While I appreciate the cultural and economic benefits that such events bring, I believe that the potential negative impact on residents and the urban environment must be carefully considered.

1. Noise Pollution and Quality of Life:

- Music festivals inherently generate significant noise due to amplified music, cheering crowds, and other activities. Extended festival hours and additional days will exacerbate this issue.
- As a resident, I value my peace and quiet. The current festival duration already disrupts our daily lives, and further extension would only amplify the noise pollution.

2. Crowd Control and Urban Strain:

- Music festivals attract large crowds, which can strain local infrastructure, increase crime rates, and disrupt the normal flow of life.
- Extending festival days and closing times may exacerbate crowd-related issues, affecting safety, transportation, and access to essential services.
- We must strike a balance between promoting cultural events and ensuring the safety and comfort of residents.

3. Long-Term Impact vs. Short-Term Gains:

- While festivals inject temporary economic benefits, we must consider their long-term impact on our community.
- Overcrowding, litter, and wear and tear on public spaces can lead to urban inequities.

In light of the above arguments, I urge the council to reconsider the proposed extension. This proposed extension threatens balance that allows for cultural enrichment while safeguarding the quality of life for all residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will make a decision that benefits our community as a whole.

Sincerely,

Objector 10:

From: xxxxx>

Sent: 09 February 2024 14:01

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: variation to Premise License PL1376.

//Application dated 7 Feb by 2024 by Radioactive Clothing, Ltd T/A Slamming Events to Lewisham in respect of a variation to Premise License PL137//

I am objecting to this application based on the following:

1. Inappropriate location: this is a residential area of quiet character situated next to a park - it is not designed to be in such close proximity to events of this type.
2. Safety - the main entrance to the via the gatehouses on Southend Lane is a dangerous road crossing point, as acknowledged by Bromley Council - it is not designed for a large influx of foot traffic that these events would entail.
3. Previous disruption: similar park events have previously resulted in major disruptions to residents: including noise, undesirable conduct, littering and damage to property
4. Asset Devaluation: the proposal would most likely result in damage to the park - Lewisham Council is making significant investments in the park and the damage to surfaces etc that events cause is a de facto devaluation of the asset and by extension poor use of public funds

Many thanks

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Objector 11:

-----Original Message-----

From:xx>

Sent: 11 February 2024 12:12

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Cc: xxxxx>

Subject: OBJECTION to Variation to Premises licence PL1376 in respect of Beckenham Place Park

To whom it may concer.

I OBJECT to Radioactive Clothing Ltd T/A Slamming Events application for a Variation to Premises Licence PL1367 in respect of Beckenham Place Park Beckenham Hill Road Beckenham BR3 1SY.

My reasons are as follows:

Increased noise
Personal security
Littering
Property damage
Anti social behavoir
Damage to park

We have already experienced increased illegal parking and unacceptable noise levels for the festival in the park September over 2 weekends which was originally limited to 5000 people. This has escalated to 12000.

The numbers keep increasing causing chaos. They now want to increase the numbers to 20-30,000, add more weekends in the summer with increased footfall, increased alcohol hours, increased anti social behavoir, increased noise and disturbing behaviour.

This all affects the well being of the local residents, particularly the elderly and people with young families.

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Objector 12:

From: XXXXXXXXX>

Sent: 12 February 2024 12:06

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: Application from Slammin Events re Beckenham Place Park

Dear Sirs,

I would like to strongly object to any increase of the license applied for in relation to Beckenham Place Park.

My grounds for objection –

I am a resident of XXXXXXXX and have found the noise and the vibration of not only the music but the vast numbers of loud people unbearable in what is a very quiet location, peaceful residential location.

The very large number of attendees is an important cause of concern with regard to both personal and property safety especially when they have been drinking and use all sorts of exits even though they are only suppose to use the main one. The volume of attendees means that people walk along the road ,not just the pavement and this can make getting in and out of my own house both difficult and dangerous. The event organisers say they only use one entrance but how can they tell the difference between event attendee and park uses.

Having happily lived here for over 45 years it is good to see the park being used and enjoyed by so many more people than when it was a golf course but if it turns into an area of noise and hooliganism that adversely affects residents when there alcohol involved which doesn't happen when they have the large cross country running events .

There are already other licensed events happening through the summer with other event organisation as well as this one. I think in a heavily residential area that we have enough events.

I would ask that Lewisham recognise the obvious negative impact on residents and reject the application.

Yours faithfully,

Objector 13:

From:xxxxx>

Sent: 08 February 2024 12:48

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: Oppose Application PL1376

To whom it may concern

I write as a local resident to Beckenham Place Park in response to the application to:

1. Add a Friday to the licence
2. Add a further weekend to the licence
3. Extend the finishing time and extend alcohol on sale time.

The current arrangements create an enormous impact on the park, its surroundings and on local and close by residents with thousands of visitors creating substantial traffic and parking issues.

The noise level, and the anti-social behaviour of many of the visitors is already at an unacceptable level so increasing the burden further of local residents and the impact on the park are totally unacceptable.

We therefore wish the council to decline this application.

Objector 14:

From: xx>

Sent: 09 February 2024 05:52

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to RADIOACTIVE CLOTHING LTD T/A SLAMMING EVENTS
Application for Variation to PL1376

Hi Lewisham Licensing,

Based on my experience of the past events as a resident on Beckenham Place Park, I would like object to the licence variation due to :

- noise
- anti-social behaviour
- personal security
- littering
- property damage
- traffic and illegal parking

Best regards,

Objector 15:

From: xx>

Sent: 10 February 2024 13:07

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: Application from Slammin Events re Beckenham Place Park

Dear Sirs,

I would like to strongly object to any increase of the license applied for in relation to Beckenham Place Park.

My grounds for objection –

I am a resident of Beckenham Place Park and have found **the noise** in the past just unbearable at times .There was an occasion when glasses in a cupboard actually vibrated from the volume of the noise and there was just no chance of being able to be outside in my own garden.

The very large number of attendees is an important cause of concern with regard to both **personal and property safety**. The numbers can also result in some very **anti- social behaviour** , increased with consumption of alcohol .

The volume of attendees means that people walk along the road ,not just the pavement and this can make **getting in and out of my own house both difficult and dangerous**.

Having happily lived here for over 40 years it is good to see the park being used and enjoyed by so many more people than when it was a golf course but if it turns into an area of noise and hooliganism that adversely affects residents it will be a nightmare.

I would ask that Lewisham recognise the obvious negative impact on residents and reject the application.

Yours faithfully,

Objector 16:

From: xxxxxxxxx

Sent: 08 February 2024 12:42

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to license application by Radioactive Clothing Ltd

Importance: High

Dear Sirs

I am writing in relation to the application dated 7 Feb by 2024 by Radioactive Clothing, Ltd T/A Slamming Events to Lewisham in respect of a variation to Premise License PL1376.

I would like to **object to this application on the following grounds:**

- the location in question is a residential neighbourhood of quiet character, and this would have the potential of significantly altering the character of that neighbourhood
- similar park events have previously resulted in major disruptions for neighbours and residents of Beckenham Place Park, including noise, disorderly conduct, littering and damage to property
- the proposal would act to the detriment of the large investment that Lewisham Council has made into BPP pursuant to the grant by the heritage lottery fund
- The proposal could give rise to circumstance which would adversely alter the safety profile of the neighbourhood

I trust that the above is clear.

I can be reached if you would like to discuss further

Regards

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Objector 17:

-----Original Message-----

- > From:xxxxx>
- > Sent: 08 February 2024 16:02
- > To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>
- > Subject: 7th February 2024
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- > Please note I oppose strongly the application from Slammin Events
- > dated 7th February 2024 on the following grounds:-
- 1) BPP is surrounded by domestic properties and this application would
- > affect hundreds of properties in the area by:-
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- > Excessive noise
- > Anti social behaviour
- > Parking problems
- > Damage to private paths and roads
- > Littering
- > Damage to verges and property
- > Environmental damage to the Park
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- > It is totally unacceptable to have this type of event so close to domestic properties.

Objector 18:

-----Original Message-----

From: xxx>
Sent: 21 February 2024 21:41
To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>
Subject: Application PL1376

I wish to object against the new application from Krankbrothers for the events at Beckenham Place Park.

Firstly, there is no regard for residents on neighbouring roads on the Bromley side of the park.

We can hear the music word for word in our living room on xxxxxxxx.

It's awful having the event on a Sunday evening when people have work/school the next day, let alone extending it to three days.

The events go on late enough, please do not extend them as it is ridiculous for residents who need to try and get their children to sleep, keep them asleep and try to get some sleep themselves, only to be woken by drunk/high people leaving the park. The helplines provided by the event organisers just go to voicemail and the noise teams are of no support. It is wholly unfair that we have to put up with two weekends let alone three lasting three days each. It's in a city, not Worthy Farm! We don't even benefit from free tickets!

Regards .

Objector 19:

-----Original Message-----

From: xxxxxx>

Sent: 22 February 2024 07:00

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: Premises License PL1376

I write to confirm my objection to the application to vary the above license. As a local resident, these events cause great disruption not only in the noise when exiting but also litter left in gardens, people urinating in drives etc. I can only see lengthening the licensing hours exacerbating this circumstance.

Regards

Objector 20:

From: xxxxxxxx>

Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 9:20 AM

To: licensing@lewisham.gov.uk <licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: Reference PL 1376

Dear Lewisham Council

I am not opposed Beckenham Place Park hosting this event one weekend per annum, in late September, on Saturday and Sunday only (not Friday), finishing at 22:00 on both nights and having a 5,000 person capacity at any one time. I would, however, propose that Lewisham Council reduce the set-up period to a maximum of 5 days and pack-up period to a maximum of 3 days.

This event currently occupies the park for too long a period and is a disruption to flora, fauna and residents. Moreover, the event facilities are ugly! Having all the mats, staging, fencing, trucks etc. in a natural setting that is meant to provide residents and park users peace, mindfulness and sights of nature, is at odds with primary purpose of the park.

Accordingly, I oppose the application and would propose that Lewisham Council applies further limitations on the event organisers. I oppose the variation of licence for the following reasons :

1. Add Friday to event agenda: I oppose as this will add further strain on the flora and fauna in the park as well as on residents.
2. PL 1294: this is not explained but if this is to increase the capacity numbers to 12,000 people at any one time, then I oppose this number as it will add significant strain on flora, fauna and residents. I propose that capacity should be no more than 5,000 at any one time.
3. **Definitely oppose two weekends per year.** Having one weekend per annum already removes large parts of the park for residents use for weeks before and after the event in a part of the year when residents wish to be outdoors.

The fauna and flora also suffer during this event. Already it takes a long period to recover (the grass especially).

4. Layout and Plan: I oppose as the footprint for this event is already too large. I would propose the Council place further limitations on the event and reduce the footprint for the event.
5. Finish times: I oppose as this time is too late for residents of which there are many within 2km surrounding the park. Even after the event closes there is noise associated with event goers finishing drinks and leaving the park. I propose 22:00 finish time for both Saturday and Sunday nights.
6. Sale of alcohol for consumption: I oppose this extension. Event goers should be given 30 minutes to finish their drinks before the event finish time. I propose sale of alcohol should stop at 21:30 on both nights if the event finish time is 22:00.

The park is a beautiful local resource, made even more stunning by the work carried out with the Heritage Lottery Funding grant, and it should be used for multiple purposes. Let's not forget that for too many years, much of the park couldn't be accessed by residents 365 days per year, due to the golf course. The golf course closure and Lottery funding work has made the park a lot more accessible for all members of the public and although the event is restricted to ticket holders, it is only one weekend (plus some set-up pack-up time). The event also opens the park for a purpose other than dog walking, swimming, children's play and, potentially, to people who might not ordinarily use the park at other times of the year.

Therefore, as mentioned above, I support the principle of an event of this nature once per annum and for one weekend only but bounded by sensible conditions. In my opinion, the variations proposed by the applicant are not sensible. Glastonbury is only one weekend per year and held 4 out of 5 years to allow the ground to recover from 'wear and tear'. Why should a festival styled event at Beckenham Place Park be more regular when the impact on fauna, flora and local residents outweighs the benefits!

I look forward to seeing Lewisham Council making a sensible decision regarding the licences for this event.

Regards.

Objector 21:

From: xxxxxxxx

Sent: 23 February 2024 09:20

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to Application for Increased Music Events at Beckenham Place Park - Variation to Premises Licence PL1376

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the application for an increase in the times and dates of music events at Beckenham Place Park. As a resident living in close proximity to the park, I have experienced firsthand the disruptive effects of these events on our community.

The primary concern I wish to address is the excessive noise generated by the music events. The sound levels are so high that they permeate through to xxxxxx, where I reside, and are capable of shaking the ground and buildings nearby. This level of noise disturbance is intolerable and greatly impacts the quality of life for local residents.

Living in a predominantly residential area, many of us are working professionals or have young children who require a peaceful environment for rest and relaxation. The constant barrage of loud music, especially during extended hours, disrupts our ability to carry out daily activities, affects our sleep patterns, and creates unnecessary stress and discomfort.

Furthermore, the proposed increase in the frequency and duration of these events demonstrates a disregard for the well-being of the community. It is not fair to subject residents to such disruptions on a more frequent basis, especially without considering the negative impact it has on our lives.

I urge you to carefully consider the objections raised by myself and other concerned residents. It is imperative that the interests of the community are prioritized and that measures are taken to mitigate the noise pollution caused by these events. This may include implementing soundproofing measures, limiting event hours, or relocating the events to a less densely populated area.

In conclusion, I respectfully request that the application for increased music events at Beckenham Place Park be denied or revised to address the legitimate concerns of the local residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Xxxxxxx

Objector 22:

From: xxxxxx>

Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 10:37 AM

To: Licensing <xxxxxxx>

Cc: xxxx xxxxxxxx>; xxxxxxxx>; xxxxxxxx>; xxxxxxxx>

Subject: Music Events at Beckenham Place park

To the Licensing Dept.

We wish to oppose the extension of the Music Events in the park as per the application notice on the grounds of the nuisance level of the music which last year was the loudest, in our opinion, since the start of the events. We had the loud drumming all afternoon, when there were announcements you could hear it but could not quite make out what was being said.

Our house backs onto Bromley Hill so we are quite a way from the event and do not think it reasonable to have to listen to this!! We realise this is a way of funding the park since the golf has gone but please think of another way of doing it as we do not think it fair our weekends are interrupted by this noise nuisance, why does the music have to be so LOUD??????

Why has not every household in the vicinity been leafletted ? Or is this a fait accompli and We are wasting our time complaining as no one will listen, but can this proposal be reversed? If there are notices in the park we do not use the park often as there are too many dogs off leads and we feel other people feel the same as us so your notices will not read by too many people.

Regards

Xxxxxxx

Objector 23:

From: xxxxxxxx

Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 7:56 PM

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: Reference PL1376 - objection

Hello,

I am writing to object to the proposal to extend licencing times for the playing of live music in Beckenham Place Park. The music at these live events is extremely loud and disruptive. Extending the time as suggested causes more issues for the local community. My children struggle to sleep when these events take place and having them end later will cause further disruption to us as a family. The Sunday evening is particularly thoughtless towards local residents but both evenings are too late.

These events disturb local wildlife and have more and more of them for longer and longer hours will cause more harm to the park than good.

Objector 24:

From: xxxxxxxx>

Sent: Sunday, February 25, 2024 2:03 PM

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to Premises Licence PL1376 and extension to the event at Beckenham Place Park

To whom it may concern,

I object to the extension of the Beckenham Place Park event on the grounds of public nuisance, litter and the level of noise. In previous years we were told the levels would be monitored and not have excessive levels of noise, sound and music but unfortunately this (we believe) has gone unchecked leaving the organisers to excessively play music unnecessarily loud.

Last year the houses bordering the park suffered high levels of vibration, excessive noise levels and two entire days - with no signs of monitoring.

If the event is to go ahead and an extra day added, we propose :

1. Independent monitoring with a third party - funded by the organisers - with fines imposed for breaching agreed sound levels.
2. A sound test must take place before the events are to take place with monitoring around the perimeter of the event - again independent monitoring of the levels of noise / sound / music.
3. Additional people to be recruited to pick up litter, including additional bins to be added to the park and surrounding areas during the event.
4. Reassurance that the council will be governing / overseeing the levels of noise - based on the fiasco last year - with clear breaches in noise levels ALL weekend. I strongly object to the same level of noise, as it clearly was too loud. There is no need for the houses surrounding the park to be vibrating when nearly 0.5 miles away - clearly its too loud.
5. The location of the stages to be moved around the park so the same residents don't suffer year and year. Alternate the stage to different locations. The sound was well above 75 decibels last year despite the council saying the levels would be capped - clearly it wasn't and left unchecked/unmonitored. The organisers simply don't care about residents, just profiteering.
6. The priority of Lewisham Council should be the people that live in the borough, whether private or council tenants - not a music festival. We understand the park needs to make money but not at the expense of the residents bordering the park. If the sound levels are monitored, agreed in advance and checked throughout the weekend, then we welcome the event but fines need to be administered if these levels are breached.

7. My personal situation is that because of the excessive noise levels, I needed to leave my own property for the duration of the event - the entire weekend - as the levels of noise was just too high - we couldn't even sit in the garden as the house was vibrating.

Kind Regards,

Xxxxxxx

Objector 25:

From:xxxxxxxxxxx>
Sent: 26 February 2024 10:44
To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>
Subject: Variation to PL1376

Hello

I am part of the xxxxxxxxxxxx Residents and wish to object to the Beckenham Place park further extension for Friday and weekend concerts, between May and September. The variation is the License PL1376, and to remove the previous PL1294 which worked well.

The previous successful 2023 concert dates does not mean there should be 2 or three a year, due to transport issues, lack of parking only a few trains an hour and general footfall of 1000 or so people, and clearing away, the summer months are busy for parkgoers and children with other events. September was an ideal time as school had returned.

Extending opening alcohol hours is also counter-productive as the noise will exceed later on into the evening, maybe early into next day.

Regards
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Objector 26:

From: xxxxxxxxxxxx>
Sent: 08 February 2024 15:12
To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection

Dear Sirs

I am writing in relation to the application dated 7 Feb by 2024 by Radioactive Clothing, Ltd T/A Slamming Events to Lewisham in respect of a variation to Premise License PL1376.

I would like to **object to this application on the following grounds:**

- the location in question is a residential neighbourhood and this would have the potential of disturbing the local residents and bring noise, crowds of people and litter to the area - the litter situation is already bad as it is
- the proposal would act to the detriment of the large investment that Lewisham Council has made into BPP pursuant to the grant by the heritage lottery fund
- The proposal could give rise to circumstance which would adversely alter the safety of the neighbourhood including not so sober individuals and overall safety concerns especially for people walking back home when it is dark.

Any questions please let me know

Kind regards

Xxxxxxx

Objector 27:

-----Original Message-----

From: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Sent: 21 February 2024 18:46

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: Opposition to live event at Beckenham Place Park

To whom it may concern,

I want to strongly oppose both the current and proposed changes to the live event held annually at Beckenham Place Park. On the grounds that the sound is simply unreasonably and unnecessarily loud, has no monitoring and organisers are simply getting away with it.

For years the local residents have asked for the sound and music levels to be agreed in advance, have a pre event test and for organisers to walk around the local area to understand how the sound levels travel. For the sound to be independently monitored (funded by the organisers), for harsh penalties fines to be imposed if the sound/music levels go above the agreed limits. For the music times to start and stop at specific times.

Also it seems fair that the location of the stage(s) move around the park and not based in the same place annually - as the same residents suffer year after year.

Don't get me wrong, we want the park to host events but not have organisers whose only motivations are financial to have free will on the music and sound levels - and not be prepared to understand the opposition from local residents.

Put simply... it is not necessary to have the music so loud when our houses and vibrating for two days half a mile away. This cannot be a safe environment for those attending the event.

Extending the days and times will only extend the misery unless the music levels are adhered to, independently monitored and the threat of serious fines are brought in.

This view is also shared by many of my neighbours.

Thanks,
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Objector 28

From: xxxxxxxxxxxx>
Sent: 10 February 2024 14:50
To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to app. PL1376

Hello,

As a regular user of this beautiful and treasured park I am vehemently against any extension to this licence for a music festival. It should never have been granted in the first place. This park has huge importance in people's lives and the withdrawal of so much of it over one weekend, let alone two, for three days at a time, is completely unacceptable. I have previously heard the noise levels of this festival and it is awful. It leaves the grass in a terrible state. Residents pay to be able to enjoy this peaceful, beautiful park through their council tax and parking charges. It supports local businesses and people rely on it for mental and physical well-being. The nature of this event is diametrically opposed to the character of this park, which is full of birdsong, nature, tranquility.

I understand councils are desperate for revenue but this is not the way to get it.

I would love to see the entire license revoked and I wholeheartedly hope the application to extend it is not granted.

It is in direct contravention of the Council's responsibility to its residents to maintain and provide high quality nature and leisure spaces for the enjoyment of all, and the scope of the application would lead to a totally disproportionate withdrawal of the public's right to enjoy this park. The sale of alcohol will lead to antisocial behaviour which places an impossible burden on local police and council services. The nature of the event is a terrible match for this peaceful suburban country park, enjoyed by children and the elderly, amongst others.

Best,

Xxxxxxx

Objector 29

> -----Original Message-----

> From: xxxxxxxxxxxx>

> Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:15 PM

> To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

> Subject: Objection to Variation of PL1376

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> Hello,

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> I would like to object to the license variation.

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> As is, large scale events in the park can be disruptive with sound travelling across the area and significant increase in traffic. In addition, the longer events would likely cause increased damage to the grounds which can take significant time to recover leaving quite an eyesore.

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> Kind Regards,

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Objector 30

From: xxxxxxxxxxxx>

Sent: 01 March 2024 12:31

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: New Premises Licence Radioactive Clothing Ltd T/A Slammin Events

To whom this may concern,

I write to you today to oppose Radioactive Clothing Ltd T/A Slannin Events request for further use of Beckenham Place Park.

As a local resident we suffer greatly from these events. The noise is too loud and there's now a request to extend the hours. Parking in our area increases as much as you advise on a no drive policy. The request also wants later terms on alcohol which we as residents are fed up with picking empty bottles/cans from our road and gardens during and after the events. The events such as these in the park constantly leave a trail of mess which shows a total disrespect for local residents and enough is enough. Therefore on these grounds I strongly oppose the request by Radioactive Clothing Ltd T/A Slannin Events.

Regards

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Objector 31:

-----Original Message-----

From: xxxxxxxxxxxx

Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 3:30 PM

To: Licensing <Licensing@lewisham.gov.uk>

Subject: Premises Licence PL 1376

Dear All

I wish to object to adding of a Friday to the above licence, adding a further weekend, and extending finishing times. The objections are on the following grounds;

1 Unreasonable Inconvenience to Residents Surrounding the Park

The events already substantial devalue the the properties around the part creating an unreasonable noise nuisance (gardens are un-useable and even inside the house their is a continuing row). Such continuing noise disturbance breaches environmental regulations and legal provisions regarding protection from noise nuisance and a further extension is clearly totally unacceptable in what is an urban environment.

2 Failure to Consider Climate Change Policy

Lewisham has a climate change policy. Whilst one off events are inherently damaging and especially adverse in terms of emissions it hard to see how introducing yet another date with separate set up can possibly be justified in terms of climate policy and clean air leading as it will to hundreds of heavy vehicle movements.

3 Failure to Consider Transport Realities

Trains in the are are not 24 hours and moving the closing time to a later time along with later licensing hours will inevitably lead to later departures. The trains and other public transport options are not set up to transport large number of people late in the night so this will lead to undue pressure (and public safety concerns) over the use of the few services available.

4 Failure to Protect Endangered Flora and Fauna

The existing concerts have already had an adverse impact on flora and fauna. For instance, protected wild blue bells which were previously abundant in the area called 'The Bunker' no longer exist due to trampling and soil compaction. This is a dereliction of duty by Lewisham Council under the law. Further extensions are simply not within the environmental capacity of the park to cope with without further damage.

Thank you

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