

**Decisions taken by the Licensing Committee on Tuesday, 9 May 2023**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<p><b>A3</b></p>	<p>Garage Nation Mountsfield Park, Stainton Road SE6 1AN</p>	<p><b>Garage Nation, Mountsfield Park, Stainton Road, SE6 1AN</b> Lewisham LBC, Licensing Committee Application for grant of premises licence</p> <p align="center"><b>DECISION NOTICE</b></p> <p>1. The Festival Crowd Ltd (“the Applicant”) has submitted an application for the grant of a premises licence for a two-day festival on 12 and 13 August 2023 called Garage Nation, to take place in Mountsfield Park, Stainton Road, SE6 1AN (“the Premises”).</p> <p>2. The application seeks authorisation for the following licensable activities:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="891 831 2040 963"> <tr> <td data-bbox="891 831 1783 898"><b>Sale by retail of alcohol for consumption on the premises</b></td> <td data-bbox="1783 831 2040 898">1100-2300 (Sat) 1100-2230 (Sun)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="891 898 1783 963"><b>Regulated entertainment</b> Live music, recorded music, dance, anything of a similar description</td> <td data-bbox="1783 898 2040 963">1100-2300 (Sat) 1100-2230 (Sun)</td> </tr> </table> <p>3. There were three relevant representations in response to the application, received from members of the public before the deadline. There were no objections from the responsible authorities.</p> <p>4. The Licensing Committee held a hearing on 9 May 2023 to consider those representations, which related to all four licensing objectives.</p> <p>5. The Applicant’s representative described the objections relating to public nuisance as unfair and unduly alarmist, explaining that the event was for a limited period only and would be carefully managed in accordance with an event management plan agreed with the Council’s Safety Advisory Group. He pointed out that the objections were not supported by the responsible authorities, which had not submitted any representations against the application and this was an indication that there was no substance to these objections, received from just three</p>	<b>Sale by retail of alcohol for consumption on the premises</b>	1100-2300 (Sat) 1100-2230 (Sun)	<b>Regulated entertainment</b> Live music, recorded music, dance, anything of a similar description	1100-2300 (Sat) 1100-2230 (Sun)
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		<p>residents.</p> <p>6. The two residents who attended the hearing described the area surrounding the park as very residential and stated that this was an inappropriate use of a public open space because it would deny access to residents over the course of the weekend. They made additional points about ecology and biodiversity in the park but the Committee considered that these were not relevant to the licensing objectives.</p> <p>7. In making its decision, the Committee has taken into account all of the papers in the reports pack and the evidence and submissions presented by the parties at the hearing. It has also taken into account the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Home Office's statutory guidance.</p> <p>8. The Committee's decision is to grant the application. Its reasons are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee was satisfied that the Applicant is an experienced operator that is capable of running an event such as this in a way that promotes the licensing objectives. The Committee considered that the conditions proposed in the operating schedule were robust and would enable the event to run smoothly and without unduly disturbing residents.</li> <li>• The Committee attached particular weight to the fact that the responsible authorities had not objected to the application and that the festival would be operated under the terms of an event management plan which would be subject to scrutiny and approval by the Council's expert safety advisory group.</li> <li>• The application was for a one-off, two-day event with a relatively low capacity (for a festival) and therefore the Committee considered that the impact of the event on local residents would be limited. They also noted that only a relatively small area of the park would be occupied by the festival and that the majority of the park would remain accessible by residents during the event. Finally they took into account that the event would take place</li> </ul>

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		<p>in a central area of the park, so would be located away from residential properties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee wished to express its gratitude to the residents who submitted representations, particularly those representing the Friends of Mountsfield Park, which it acknowledges does excellent work on behalf of residents. However, on this occasion, in light of the evidence and submissions presented, the Committee has been assured that granting the application will not undermine any of the licensing objectives. Therefore it is appropriate to grant the licence as sought, subject to the conditions proposed in the operating schedule.</li> </ul> <p>9. There is a right of appeal against this decision. Any appeal should be made to the magistrates' court within 21 days beginning with the day on which the appellant was notified of this decision.</p>
<b>A4</b>	John Charles Butchers, 12 Blackheath Village, SE3 9LE	This item was withdrawn.