

Garage Nation Objections

Objector 1

1) Public nuisance, this will affect many residents who use the park for family activities. This festival will avoid families enjoying the park for free. Also the noise will affect all those local residents who would like to enjoy peace and quiet in their own gardens

2) Protection of local children. This event will attract a crowd of people who will be liable to be taking recreational drugs and we could be faced with anti social behaviour due to too much alcohol.

This park is situated in the middle of a residential area and is not the correct place to stage a paid for event which will limit access to local residents who rely on this safe free space

Objector 2

Our concerns would be as follows:

Prevention of Public Nuisance

- Loud noise from the event within proximity of residents in neighbouring properties would potentially be a nuisance when people are likely to have their windows open during warm weather.
- Effects of more local traffic generally when there is already too much traffic in the area. Large old diesel vehicles accessing park entrances, diesel generators, more air pollution and noise in what is supposed to be a tranquil space.
- Lack of access to the whole of Mountsfield Park when the event is happening. The park is very popular in particular during the warmer months. Detrimental effect on amenity and tranquility due to this proposed event or other large events.
- Destruction of green infrastructure in the park due to vehicles accessing green space and strimmer damage to trees when preparing for the event along with harmful soil compaction. This would potentially cause permanent damage to the park as the Council is not currently replacing dead trees in our parks. Many trees at Mountsfield Park have died due to excessive soil compaction and strimmer damage.
- There is usually more litter in the park when there are large events.

Protection of children from harm

- Children should have public access to the whole of Mountsfield Park every day of the week and should not be restricted by private events in the park.

Public Safety

- There is potential for public safety to be an issue due to vehicles accessing the park before and after the event with insufficient traffic management. This is a recurring issue when there are events at Mountfield Park.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

- Many of the issues highlighted above due to this event or other large events at Mountsfield Park would potentially cause crime and disorder.

Objector 3

I am writing to object to the proposed application for a premise license for The Lodge, Stainton Road, London SE6 1AD.

This is a residential area, a residential road. This is also, unfortunately, a road with longstanding anti-social behaviour problems which relate to a lack of bins and public toilets in the area. It is a residential road but one which is a through-way for foot (and car) traffic from Lewisham to Catford, and there is a lot of late-night drinking near the Mountsfield Park (and dropping related rubbish, including broken bottles), people taking laughing gas, and public urination/defecation, as well as fly-tipping. There is also fairly open drug-dealing, from people standing on the street and from cars parked at the very bottom of Stainton Road, near the corner with Brownhill Road. Residents have been trying to work with the council to report issues and there is a feeling that things are, gradually, improving somewhat.

I feel strongly that an entertainment venue serving alcohol would make issues worse, particularly public urination. Already, since the opening of BarVVS nearby on Brownhill road, I have observed, firsthand, an increase in public urination against houses on Stainton Road, defecation in the stairs leading up to our raised terrace of houses, and drunk/rowdy behaviour waking up residents up as people get into car parked on Stainton Road.

I urge those judging this application to come and talk to residents on Stainton Road about the impact of what seems to be being proposed. We are working very hard to improve anti-social behaviour and keep our road tidy and safe for children. This application seems like it would turn back all our efforts.

Many thanks for your time,