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Dear Licensing Team,

I have received a Temporary Events Notice for an event planning to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 at Deptford Park, Scawen Road SE8 5AE.

I wish to object to this TEN on the grounds of Prevention of Crime and Disorder, Prevention of public nuisance and Protection of children from harm.

The event is for the date of 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 and the request was to allow 250 people via a temporary event notice to hold a community event which will “enable beneficiaries to participate into community focused multi-cultural activities such as fashion show, exhibition stand, live music, football game and cultural dances”. It is stated in the application that “intends to use part of the park”.

The application from Alexandre Moussinga states that the event is planning on times between 0700hrs to 2130hrs on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 and wishes authorisation for Alcohol and Regulated Entertainment.

Having assessed this application and researched the location, the park is vast in size and is 17 acres. It is surrounded by residential housing on all sides, Scawen Road, Evelyn Street and Grinstead Roads.

The park states that it’s for general public use and open for the public between 0800hrs and 1630hrs on its website, thus, conflicting with times the park is shown to be operating.

The parks facilities such as Children play area, outdoor gym, football pitches, toilets open between 1100hrs and 1600hrs, and dog walking. Are the public still to have access to these facilities?

Police feel insufficient information has been supplied in the application process to show that this event can be controlled in its numbers, as the park is large enough to accommodate many more than the 250 stated by the applicant. It does not mention

anything about stewards or fencing to keep a controlled area or section apart from the users of the park.

Police currently have NO documents from the landowners stating they give permission for this public park to be used in such a way and cannot see how numbers could be controlled to adhere to it planned numbers stated, or even staying under 499 for a TEN.

The hours stipulated on the TEN conflict with hours this park shows as open to the public and clearly the landowners have a big part in this land being locked up outside of the hours and in conflict with the events times.

The applicant also shows no planning if the park is locked up on time and toilet provision the same where 250 people will use a toilet until 2130hrs. This will lead to urination in public places and public order offences being committed.

There is also children's play area and permitting Alcohol authority is questionable without some safeguards in place to prevent children gaining access to whatever the alcohol is planned onsite at this event. The application states that exhibition stands, cultural activities, football games and dancing will take place and nothing has been specified as to what exhibitors, stands, food or drink outlets etc will be in attendance and if they are regulated, as hot food stands with possible gas bottles etc.

This event has the potential to grow in numbers and exceed the amount expected when looking at the organisers involved being large in number without guests turning up.

This location suffers largely with Anti-social behaviour reports and nuisance as well and intel coming back on police reports of Thefts and Robberies taking place in the park area. I search on the police IIP system highlighted over 60 incidents with ASB being the main concern for the public calling these in to police control.

This event will bring with it an increase in Crime and Disorder and reports being made to authorities of Noise nuisance, anti-social crimes if not planned correctly, and has potential to become a sizable event that could cause issues in Policing the area.

A few more recent Cads listed are –

2442/27JUN23 Theft of property

3203/18JUN23 ASB

6564/03JUN23 ASB Nuisance

6050/15MAY23 Susp Circs

2882/08MAY23 ASB

However, for this event to progress and be properly prepared under Public Safety grounds. A more detailed plan of events would be helpful to assist in helping provide some details around what is intended to be provided. This event has potential in reaching a possible plan to be submitted for ESAG authority.

Concerns raised by Police –

Deptford Park in the summer and controlling numbers to keep to under 499 have not been answered. No Fencing, No boundaries or sufficient stewards would mean nothing to stop other park users and large groups swelling numbers beyond control. Naturally other park users with families would see the event and possibly join it and want to see whats going on.

Other Safety Concerns –

Alcohol – what is planned to be provided and planning around its distribution.

Medical Aid – In a public park with various activities planned. First aider on site?

Toilets – No Mention of anything provided, Even with 250, introduce Alcohol on a summers day and you have wee all over the park and a toilet block that will be closed at 4pm so what will happen until planned 2130hrs.

Food/Drink Outlets – None mentioned strength of alcohol provided? Food hygiene ?

Food and hygiene team to look at whats being served up and maybe anything Fire Safety concerns.

Plan to remove intoxicated people or undesirables, what's the plan to remove them?

Police Object to this TEN on grounds of Preservation of Public Safety, Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Protecting Children from Harm and Prevention of public nuisance.

Currently, it concerns Police that such Park land with no permission shown and control over on site facilities and the impact this will have on the residential premises surrounding the park that will have a knock on effect to the community circling the park.

For your consideration

Regards

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