

I write to express my concern at the proposed licensing arrangements for Beckenham Place Park, which seem to give little consideration for nearby residents, fails to take account of the precedent set for Blackheath Park and fails to reflect Lewisham's own new draft policy for licensing.

In view of the similarities with Blackheath, where there is an explicit reference to well established procedures, it is requested that your policy be amended to treat Beckenham Place Park like Blackheath instead of granting a blanket licence, which whilst serving the needs of the responsible council officer, rides rough-shod over the principals of proper review and impact analysis. This blanket licence approach fails to address specific issues of individual events and would fail to give due and specific consideration to those adversely affected.

It is worth considering that Beckenham Place Park is a larger area than Blackheath and like Blackheath, there are two London Boroughs on the perimeter of the park. In this case Lewisham and Bromley and transport and policing for events is also covered by both Lewisham and Bromley. In the case of Blackheath, there is a well-established procedure whereby elected Members, amenity societies, the two London Boroughs bordering Blackheath (Lewisham and Greenwich) and others review, regulate and consider events. This is extensively detailed in the Joint Blackheath Events Policy which states that: "These licences should only be applied for once the applicant has received the authorised officer's in-principle approval to hold the event."

The events held in 2019 perhaps also need to be reviewed as lessons learned. It appears that in 2019 no real consideration was given to impact outside the boundaries of the Park. **This was exemplified by the inadequacy of the Council's response to environmental complaints. My own on-line complaint about noise did not even receive the courtesy of an acknowledgement.**

I look forward to this licensing issue being diligently addressed. Copies of this formal objection will be forwarded to the relevant Lewisham Ward Councillors and to those Councillors responsible for the Bromley Wards adjoining the Park.