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**Sent:** 18 July 2019 17:55  
**To:** Licensing  
**Cc:** Deborah Bragg; Cllr Patrick Kitterick; Cllr Danny Myers; Cllr Deborah Sangster  
**Subject:** Caribbean Carnival – Premises Licence Application 116338

Dear Licensing,

In previous years, Caribbean Carnival has been licensed using a combination of Leicester City Council's Victoria Park Premises Licence (15 Nov 2005) and a Temporary Event Notice for Carnival itself.

**Victoria Park Premises Licence (15 Nov 2005)**

This licences both the performance of live music and the playing of recorded music from 9:00am to 10:00pm plus the performance of dance from 7:30am to 10:00pm, subject to conditions including: carrying out noise and risk assessments plus taking appropriate measures to reduce any noise and vibration emissions that come from the premises.

The license goes on to require that a noise action plan be submitted and agreed with the Licensing Authority in advance and that the action plan will identify control measures to be implemented for the scope of noise producing activities associated with the site, and will include a monitoring programme at sensitive residential locations.

The license also stipulates that any events involving more than 1,999 people must finish by 8:00pm, with the exception of one event per year which shall finish at 10:00pm.

**Caribbean Carnival Temporary Event Notice (2018)**

While the Victoria Park Premises License covers the whole Park, the TEN for last year's Caribbean Carnival included a map showing the event using only part of Victoria Park's main field.

The sale of alcohol licensed by the TEN WAS from 11:00am to 7:30pm to a maximum of 499 people at any one time, with relevant entertainment from 11:00am to 7:30pm as opposed to the 09:00am to 10:00pm allowed by the Victoria Park Premises License.

**Caribbean Carnival Premises Licence Application (2019 onwards)**

The current application defines the premises as Victoria Park and all streets within the inner ring road, with the licensed activities comprising the sale of alcohol, live music, recorded music, performance of dance and anything of a similar description on the first Saturday in August annually between 9:00am and 9:30pm, plus the supply of alcohol from 9:00am to 9:30pm, with the premises open to the public from 8:30am to 9:30pm.

Furthermore, the number of people expected to attend is stated as 29,999

**Representation**

Although the Victoria Park Premises Licence allows for one event per year of more than 1,999 people to finish at 10:00pm rather than 8:00pm, Leicester City Council has previously chosen not to use the later hours for Carnival. If the Council were to allow Carnival to utilise this allowance, the extended hours would not be available for other one-off events such as the Leicester City Premiership Celebrations or the Kasabian Homecoming concert in recent years.

As a family-friendly event, the previous hours of 11:00am to 7:30pm for both alcohol sales and relevant entertainment seem perfectly reasonable, there are no reasons given for extending the hours, and the extended hours would be detrimental to residents living in the area.

The 8:00pm condition was applied largely because of nuisance/crime that had been experienced from carnival when activities were continuing later than they should and police could do nothing about it. It was also partly to avoid events continuing in low light. It also recognised that there are homes so close to the park and there is noise/nuisance leaving and clearing up after finish time as well.

Carnival is now unusual in that its stage faces the housing and has the funfair right next to housing. It also has street closures and parking restrictions which make life much more difficult for residents if they go on even later.

Apart from the licensing hours for alcohol, the application defines the premises as Victoria Park and all streets within the inner ring road, but does not specify that alcohol will only be sold on the park, and no area is shown for alcohol sales. It is unlikely that there is any intention to sell alcohol on the streets, but without clarification this would be covered if the license were granted as the application stands. Also, it should be made clear that alcohol will only be sold in a defined area of the park as it is otherwise much harder to control.

We would like to make it clear that we're not objecting to there being a carnival or having licensed activities, but to the extended hours being requested for those licensed activities this year (and for all future years). Our representations are made on behalf of residents that live near the park and are affected by the noise and anti-social behaviour resulting from events such as this which, together with the sheer number of events this year in Victoria Park and at De Montfort Hall have a significant cumulative impact.

We understand that you have made provision for a hearing to take place on 2nd August for the application to be determined, but we would be very happy to meet the organisers to discuss residents concerns in advance of the scheduled licence hearing.

Best regards,

