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To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Pride - Victoria park

Dear Lynsay

Below is my representation for the Premises Licence application for Pride on Victoria Park

This representation relates to all four licensing objectives, but especially prevention of public nuisance.

I don't object to the principle of an entertainment and alcohol licence for Pride on this park. In general such community events, open to all, are more welcome and appropriate for the park than commercial events.

But I have a number of specific concerns. If these can be addressed I would be happy to withdraw my objection.

- The section on Public Nuisance doesn't mention noise. It is worrying if the applicant doesn't recognise this as a potential (and in the past real) nuisance that can affect local residents. It is particularly important that not only the impact of this event is considered, but the cumulative impact from a number of large events that take place on the park. Controls are needed.
- For example I'd expect a condition that agreed to work with noise team to control music and PA levels and set limits so they don't create nuisance. This should include continuous monitoring and consideration of stage, DJ and fun-fair positions to minimise impact. It should also include recognition that if there are a large number of major events on the park and De Montfort Hall gardens in one particular year, then music levels may need to be lower because of the cumulative effect.
- Licensing activities are given as until 21 00 – whereas the text says event will finish at 20 00. Past experience of large events on the park strongly suggest that they need to finish by 20 00 or the nature of the event changes from a family one, attracting a different audience. The park is open and unfenced, enabling crowds to linger, which can be difficult to control, and has led to some events having to fence the whole park - an expensive option. I can understand wanting to licence opening hours a bit beyond event close time, and possibly background music as people leave. But serving alcohol should stop at 20 00, as should any performance of music, or the aim 'to get everyone out straightaway' will not be achieved.
- The area outlined in the plan doesn't appear to match with the description in the text. I think it's important to know just what is the area to be licensed in order that it can be managed/enforced as there will be large areas of the park that are not licensed.

