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Subject: FW: Licence Application 080172 LCCC Elton John Concert

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Ref: Premise Licence Application 080172 LCCC Elton John Concert

I wish to object to the Application on several grounds

Crime and Disorder

Having this number of visitors in such a small area will place residents personal safety and property security at risk. Some residents feel they have no choice but to move out during the disruption leaving their premises liable to break-in or vandalism. There is no experience of this size and type of event in the area. It isn't Victoria Park where people are dispersed nor King Power Stadium that is purpose built for such a large crowd.

Public Nuisance

The County Cricket Ground is in a residential area where there is little protection for residents from noise nuisance. The noise generated during 20/20 games by a crowd of about 3,500 is very loud and will be magnified many times by the 17,500 attendees proposed as well as that of amplified live music. Elton will be supported by a full band and will be loud. There have been no proposals for acoustic shielding for any of the perimeter sides and it is anticipated that the noise will be inappropriate for this area. It will be impossible for anybody locally to get to sleep until after the crowd disperses.

The Cricket Club has outlined their intention to limit vehicle access to Park Hill Drive to permit holders only. This is an unreasonable, if not unlawful restriction on residents who have visitors arriving on that day. Asking visitors to park in the City and catch a bus, followed by catching a shuttle bus back late at night is not reasonable when there is parking space available on resident's own drives during the concert.

All traffic from the Motorway will be directed past the Ground and into the City where shuttle buses will be provided. This doesn't make sense when the Park and Ride facility is purpose built for this. The traffic will be horrendous.

The public toilets will be placed at the Milligan Road side of the ground yet many people will be encouraged to leave by the Park Hill Drive exit. This will result in Park Hill drive being used as a Public Toilet facility.

Public Safety

Plans have been discussed showing Park Hill Drive as one-way turning right onto Aylestone Rd at the Grace Rd end. This is one of the most dangerous junctions in the City with a violent collision there just this week.

Protecting Children from Harm

The licence application states that no children under 12 will be admitted without a person over 18 accompanying them. Most major venues set that 'child alone' limit at 14 or even 16 years. The prospect of any 12 year old being unaccompanied post 11 o'clock when the crowd is being cleared must present a serious danger of harm to those youngsters.

I hope that you will consider this objection and refuse the application.



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Dear Sir /Madam

Re: Premises Licence Application 080172 LCCC Elton John concert

As residents in the immediate vicinity of the LCCC, we are writing to convey our concerns and resulting objection to the proposed concert.

Crime and Safety

As you should be aware, the LCCC is surrounded by residential properties built before the LCCC returned to Grace Road from Aylestone Road. The proposed concert will inevitably expose the local residents to an exceptionally high risk of crime. There is currently no plan in place to protect residents from criminals that will have the luxury of being able to break into houses, sheds, even cars under blanket of noise from the concert. In addition, the compact and dense crowd of spectators flooding the narrow residential streets around the cricket ground would provide further opportunities for vandalism and willful destruction of the residents personal property. Security and freedom from criminal acts is a serious concern that has been voiced by residents. The potential for aggravated burglary during the event is a distressing thought given the number of families with children in the area. Beyond crime there is the negligent acts resulting from the overcrowding on the streets. Gardens and flower beds will be all vulnerable to those straying from the pavement to find space from the crowd. Clarification on the where the LCCC duty of care ends and the scope of Council's duty of care to residents would be useful here.

The travel plan proposed by the LCCC imposes a one-way system for the entire day on the local streets. Unfortunately, it forces residents to turn right into Park Hill Drive at the Grace Road entrance, a notoriously dangerous junction. To turn to town, residents have to negotiate a right turn at the other end of Park Hill Drive, again a dangerous move given the hill and bend to the right.

Noise, nuisance and other problems

The streets surrounding the ground are quiet, particularly Park Hill Drive. Many residents have young children and it is clear that they will not be able to sleep until the concert is over at 11.00-11.30. While it is a Saturday, it is during term-time and anyone with knowledge child sleeping patterns would know that children take a number of days to recover from sleep deprivation and disruption. Even if residents disrupt the child's Sunday routine and allow them to sleep-in for longer, it will mean that they still go to sleep later the following night. The serious concern here is the impact on the performance of children at school during the week that follows. The detrimental impact on the health of children deprived of sleep is obvious.

Even following some cricket matches, residents have experienced litter thrown in their gardens and spectators urinating in gardens and up fences and walls. With an event of this scale, even with portable toilets on site, residents will be exposed to a greater risk of such nuisance. It is likely that LCCC will have litter pickers on the day and the

following morning. That will be for the street but it is unlikely that such a clean up will extend to private gardens, or even to the disinfecting of walls.

The traffic plan results in those in attendance driving into town rather than using the Park and Ride (for those arriving from the South). The congestion resulting from the increased volume of cars will be an inconvenience and has the potential to disrupt the operation of local businesses. Residents have been told that there will be a compulsory permit system to allow residents access the streets leading to their homes. Residents have also been informed by the LCCC that residents will not be able to have visitors arriving by car that day and that they have to be collected from outside the zone. This is an unacceptable, draconian restriction on the legitimate and personal freedom of residents. Many have driveways and so additional visitors will not cause any street parking problems. It is a summer weekend and it is an absurdity to expect residents to either leave their homes for the day or alternatively, remain but without any guests on the weekend. A particular concern is for the elderly residents that are alone all week and are visited by family members on the weekends.

The tickets on sale/sold total 17500. This is half the King Power Stadium capacity in sharp contrast to the mere 3000 spectators that currently attend cricket matches. While the emergency services will feel that they will have access to the venue via the residential roads, the narrow streets will be flooded by an unprecedented swarm of attendees for some time before the event commences. This will effectively block off the road access to residents returning from work or leaving. The representative of the LCCC informed residents to simply avoid traveling during the hours leading to the the start of the event and its completion. The fact that the LCCC believes that it is acceptable for residents to simply work around the disruption is startling.

Unfortunately, the plan for the concert imposes an unacceptable burden, inconvenience, and real risks to local residents simply to benefit the commercial interest of a private business. This event is a further indication that the LCCC has outgrown its venue. The plan for a concert is exploits and undermines the legitimate interest of residents. Leicester has many other alternative venues that are well suited to the volume of attendees without the inherent and obvious risks associated with the use (or abuse) of a densely populated and confined location. Before exposing residents to such a range of risks, perhaps the LCCC should show that it is competent to host an event of this scale as well as demonstrate that the local area can stretch its capacity to accommodate the volume of attendees. A safer option would have been a smaller event of 10000 to test the impact in advance rather than simply move to an event for 17500 people.

We hope that you will consider this objection and reject the application.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Sir / Madam,
We wish to raise concerns regarding the above Application

Crime, Disorder and Public Safety

We are concerned that the event will provide opportunists with the perfect backdrop to target vulnerable houses, cars and people. As part of our own community survey a number of residents have stated that they will be going away for the duration of the event and are worried about their property. The Club has little or no experience of staging this size and type of event and we are yet to be satisfied that the correct measures are in place to ensure personal and property security.

Public Nuisance

Acknowledging that this is for one night only, we are concerned about the impact on people in the area who are most vulnerable. Both the noise and number of people could leave the elderly and very young concerned and this needs to be considered as part of any application process. Again we have spoken to a number of people who are elderly and living alone and they are not prepared for the possible impact on the area.

We question the proposed traffic plan and suggest that the impact on Aylestone will be substantial. All traffic from the Motorway will be directed through Alyestone, past the venue and into the City. People will then be expected to get a bus back out. This is illogical and we are convinced that people will take any opportunity they can to park near to the ground. We are also not convinced that the proposal to use the City Centre public car parks has taken account of other cars who's occupants are entering the city to take part in other social activities.

We do not feel that these issues have been fully considered, particularly in relation to Aylestone residents outside the proposed controlled zone.

Protecting Children from Harm

A number of residents we have spoken to us regarding their children and the disruption to their sleep patterns. Again we would like the Licencing process to ensure that the Club is considering the most vulnerable within the community and taking action to minimize the impact on young children.

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Dear Sir or Madam,

It has been assumed by residents that the license will be granted by the council. So before it is granted the residents want clear conditions written into the license to deal with the following issues.

Local residents want noise and disruption kept to a minimum through proper enforcement of noise levels and the parking. Local residents do not want to hear noise and vehicle movements associated with the event continuing past midnight.

Local residents do not want to see their gardens or other parts of their property used as a public convenience as has been the case in the past.

Local residents want sufficient bins installed on and around the ground to cope with all the litter and rubbish.

Residents do not want hotdog vans, hawkers or similar setting up in the street outside their homes.

Residents want to see additional police or security deployed in the area to deter opportunist criminals.

Yours Faithfully
Cllr Nigel Porter