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To: Licensing
Subject: Premises licence application Summer Funk Victoria park
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Re premises licence application for Summer of Funk at Victoria Park

I am writing to object to this application on grounds of public nuisance and public safety

While it is very welcome that the applicant has engaged with some local residents prior to this application, I was unable to attend, and some concerns remain.

The event is planned to take place on the community field – an area for which local residents worked to have freed of formal sports pitches in order to allow informal use at all times, including when other areas were in use for events or sports. But this event requires it to be fenced for a period for build etc. at peak summer use as well as for the event itself. Last year, the main field was in use for another event so not available, I don't know if that is the case this year.

This is not a licensing issue in itself but has potential safety hazards for key users of this area - families with young children (due to the location of the play area) and dog walkers. This was a problem last year e.g. when fencing was left flat on the grass and people walking across the area came across it.

The main field of the park normally used for events has the infrastructure and proximity to vehicle access designed to minimise safety issues during the build and event.

However using the community field requires vehicles to move across the park, via narrower footpaths, cycle paths (designed with minimal foundation for environmental reasons) and large areas of grass with random routes. Last year some vehicles were leaving, after dark, across the grass and exiting illegally across the footway onto Victoria Park Road. The photo shows a couple (not looking at the elephant as it may appear) having moved back behind it for safety. The other photo shows part of the wide area used by vehicles across the grass. With a bigger event proposed, potential dangers would increase. I do not believe this area is suitable to hold events of this size.

Music and other noise from events in this area targets a different population from usual. In particular it travels down Queens Road area and affects the sheltered flats for older people on Queens Road and Knighton Park Road, as well as other blocks of flats, where upper floor flats are away from traffic noise. Last year was playing to a small audience, but had discordant noise from two sources. I believe the plan this time is not to have them playing at the same time, which is welcome, but needs to be made clear. When the bandstand was placed there, it was intended for unamplified small and short performances and placed where noise would not reach homes.

There is no clear information as to what the music noise levels for this event would be at homes. We are getting increasing numbers of smaller events that add to the cumulative effect of noise nuisance for residents close to the park – including unlicensed events such as circus and funfairs with louder activities than traditional. Nor are residents getting information or engagement about the whole summer programmes from which they can make their own plans as they did in the past. Nor contact numbers for event issues. This is not a criticism for this applicant in particular, but a recognised part of mitigating noise nuisance and therefore relevant to licensing.

The finish time is too late at 10.30pm. Normally events on park should finish by 8pm. Only very special events should go beyond 10pm. It will be dark at that time, and event-goers have to walk across the dark grass areas to exit. There was no lighting at the previous event except at the stages. While finishing music and alcohol before close time can be useful for wind down, the close time should not go beyond 10pm.

This allows for any dispersal noise through nearby streets, and for activity of clearing up on site. I preferred the original application that had 10pm as finish.

If these matters can be resolved I am open to withdrawing my objection.





