

Appendix C – copies of representations submitted by ‘other persons’

Party 1

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 2:47 PM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: Proposed live event WE ARE THE FAIR LTD Sunday and Monday 27th and 28th May 2018 - Peckham Rye Park

Dear Sirs

I wish to object to the proposed event as above.

Peckham Rye Park is a very well used park by much of the community in this area - families, football matches, dog walkers, general strollers, etc. It is a lovely park and my concern is that the event will cause many upheavals over the two day period, namely: excessive noise, disturbance to local people who live close to the park, litter both in and out of the park, those local people who regularly use the park will not be able to do so; the event is planned to end far too late into the evening – are we expected to put up with live music until 11.00pm?! And, as alcohol will also be permitted that will just make matters worse as not everybody is a responsible drinker; it is not clear if alcohol will be on sale all day on both days.

I have seen the aftermath of these music events – namely on Clapham Common. The destruction of the grass is quite considerable, particularly if it is raining – pools of muddy areas where the grass has been trampled on takes some considerable time to regrow. What about parking in the area?? I understand there will be no dedicated parking area for all of the 5000 !!!!! (as per the application) people who may/will attend, which means all of us who live very close to the park will be unable to re-park in front of our houses if we dare to venture out during those two days.

We have a lovely fete every September on the Common – a real family gathering which is much enjoyed by all and perfectly adequate for the area. A music festival with alcohol included would not be welcome in such a residential area where there are increasingly more and more young families moving into. Glastonbury we are not.

I do hope that Southwark Council turn down this application and take into consideration the residents in the surrounding area.

[REDACTED]

14th December 2017

Party 2

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 6:38 PM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: Proposed live event WE ARE THE FAIR LTD Sunday and Monday 27th and 28th May 2018 - Peckham Rye Park . licence no 861145

Dear Licensing,

I object to the granting of an alcohol license to this event.

The gala will wreck the Park habitat and enclose it off from families and young people who would enjoy it over the Bank Holiday weekend.

This is a public space which shouldn't be charged £45 entrance for.
This is not equal access to public land.

The Park is small yet a haven for wildlife, the grass would be cut up, plants disturbed, nesting birds disrupted in the breeding season. How much disturbance would 5000 pissed people make
Alcohol would attract crowds, rowdiness and for a mindless cash making gala and then there is leaving the venue.

The whole gala idea should be proposed for a larger area with only grass that could be disturbed.

And then there is the rubbish . The locked gates to Straker Road are there to avoid this type of party behaviour yet granting a license and sanctioning the whole thing for 2 whole days(the restriction to the Park for the prepare and dismantle) does the opposite- the only difference is the price!

This is not to mention the disturbance to residents.

[REDACTED]

14 December 2017

Party 3

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 11:12 AM
To: Regen, Licensing
Cc: Hamvas, Renata; Edwards, Gavin
Subject: ' We are the Fair' Music Festival licence application 861146

Dear Sir

As someone who lives on Peckham Rye, I would like to object very strongly to the holding of a music festival in Peckham Rye Park and to the grant of an alcohol licence for the event.

There seems to have been no consultation on the event during the planning stage and the weblink given on the posters that have been put up around the area is bogus. Clearly, whoever was responsible for the poster forgot to put in the reference where the form instructs you to - and no-one bothered to check before printing the posters and putting them up. I did try to call the number on the poster but gave up after after about 5-10 minutes when no one answered. It is all a bit of a shambles, which doesn't bode well for the actual event - if it goes ahead.

My worry is that the Park will be vulnerable to damage as the venue (although it will be caged) can only be accessed through the park, which will therefore be kept open at night when it is normally closed. If alcohol is allowed, the risk of damage to one of London's finest parks will be substantial. - and even if alcohol is not served, I can't see how the park will not be damaged with some 8,000 festival attendees a day wandering through it during the two days scheduled for the event. There will also be the disturbance caused to local residents by noise throughout the day and by crowds of people leaving the festival late at night. If they are well fuelled by alcohol, the problem will be much worse.

Given that the homes of so many Peckham and East Dulwich residents do not have gardens or any outdoor space, it seems especially inconsiderate to schedule a music festival for a bank holiday weekend when the park and common are usually full of people simply enjoying the quiet green surroundings. The event means that a large section of the park will be closed to them (unless they pay) and that the whole area will be blighted by noise throughout the weekend. Indeed the plan appears to involve excluding people from the venue site in the park for a full week, while things are set up and then taken down. Furthermore the closing time for the event seems unduly late. How does it compare with other events held in London parks?

The whole point of the park is that it should be available for the use of the public at no cost. Caging off a large section and charging up to £40 (or so I understand) to enter the cage, runs counter to the whole ethos of what the park is for.

My own view is that Peckham Rye Park is too small a location and is too residential a location for a music festival of this kind. Burgess Park would seem the natural venue - if Southwark is set on holding a music festival in one of its/our parks. The last time there was a music festival on Peckham Rye Common (on the north-west corner by East Dulwich Road), it was a disaster with the police forced to maintain a constant presence - and we were told at a meeting with councillors and the events team after the event that no more music festivals of that kind would be held on the common - and that no events would be held in the northern part of the common (which is presumably why the proposal is to hold this music festival in the Park rather than on the Common).

I sincerely hope that the music festival will not go ahead and that if the decision is made to persist with this bad idea that no alcohol license will be granted.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address]

Party 4

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 7:59 PM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: We are the Fair' Music Festival licence application 861146

We are the Fair' Music Festival licence application 861146

The [Redacted] object to this licence application for the following reasons:

- We feel the consultation has been badly handled. The web link on the licence application posters (20th Nov.) was incorrect, (and still is). [Redacted] were not invited to a meeting to be informed of details until the 7 December (2 weeks after the notices had put up) – by the time the correct web link had been sent to us (via the park manager) it left only just over a week for any comments to be made.

- Earlier this year we [REDACTED] were invited to Tooley Street to discuss Event Strategy relating to the Park and Common. One point we raised that owing to the close proximity of residential properties to both areas amplified music is extremely intrusive and if possible should be avoided. This has obviously been ignored.
- The venue is within Peckham Rye Park – we have concerns that the Park will be vulnerable to damage. The official closing time of the Park in May is [9pm](#). We understand that the Park will remain open until past [11pm](#). The closing time is too late.
- We have concerns that a relatively large area of the Park will be fenced off for over a week, thus restricting the use of the area to local residents for recreational use.
- The western edge of the site is naturally damp and there are mature trees inside the site. – we have concerns that the use of that area by thousands of visitors will cause extreme damage.
- The main entrance/exit from the venue is within the Park – it has not been made clear how this is to be policed or if it is to be cordoned off. According to the plan of the site this is not into an existing path.

Although not a Park issue we have concerns that residential properties in proximity to the site and further along Peckham Rye West will be seriously affected. Up to 8,000 people exiting the Park up to and after [11pm](#) onto an extremely busy road is dangerous. We must point out that only one bus operates along that stretch of road and we were told that some local stations will be closed over the Bank holiday weekend.

Compared with other nearby Parks, Peckham Rye Park and Common are relatively small and in close proximity to residential properties. Although we welcome community events taking place we have concerns that this venue may set a precedent for private venues such as this.

Yours

[REDACTED]

Party 5

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 8:40 AM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: We are the Fair music festival licence application 861146

‘We are the Fair’ Music Festival licence application 861146

As a resident living on Peckham Rye and a user of the park i object to this licence application for the following reasons:

The close proximity of residential properties to both areas with amplified music is extremely intrusive. The circus music is an example and while limited in duration and volume is noticeable, this will be louder and longer creating a continuous disturbing presence. The venue is within Peckham Rye Park and I have concerns that the Park will be vulnerable to damage, it only needs a wet period before the event and extensive damage will be done to the area and surrounding area.

A relatively large area of the Park will be fenced off for over a week, thus restricting the use of the area to local residents for recreational use. The park is already well used and to limit access to these users on a bank holiday weekend seems totally unfair.

The western edge of the site is naturally damp and there are mature trees inside the site. I have concerns that the use of that area by thousands of visitors will cause extreme damage.

The main entrance/exit from the venue is within the Park – it has not been made clear how this is to be policed or if it is to be cordoned off Thus leading to issues with the volume of people in the surrounding area and streets all of which are residential.

Finally I don't believe the impact of large groups of people who have been drinking will have on the local area has been properly assessed. We currently have groups who use the Rye after dark for drinking sessions and letting off fireworks. Some of those leaving the venue are likely to wish to continue partying after the closing time and so continue the disturbance well into the night and early morning.

While I am happy to see the Park well used and enjoy the cultural festivals and events. I think this is an unsuitable event for this locality.

[REDACTED]

Party 6

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 10:33 AM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: Licence No 861145

Dear Licensing Team.

I have tried to send you an email about this by clicking on the link but I don't think my email got through. My address is [REDACTED] Underhill Road, London SE22 [REDACTED]

I am emailing to object to a Licence being granted to We are The Fair limited in connection with an event they wish to hold in Peckham Rye Park over the May Bank Holiday next year. The Application Number is 861145.

I consider public safety will be at risk because the site is very close to a very busy and dangerous road. There are very few pedestrian crossings and when people get drunk they take risks like darting across a road when this is not safe.

There are a number of rare and fragile trees in this part of the park, it is not just a field. These trees are likely to be destroyed if this event is held on this site which I would argue is a public nuisance. Once again drunk people are more likely to do damage of this sort.

We have recently had one very serious crime committed in the open part of the common when a man was knifed. Leaving more of this area open late at night obviously might result in more crime and disorder, because it is well known that there is a link between alcohol and particularly violent crime.

I therefore request that this licence not be granted.

Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]

Party 7

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 11:48 AM

To: Regen, Licensing

Subject: licence application 861146 music festival

I am having problems trying to comment on this application as the reference link on the posters round the common and park doesn't work.

These posters are for an alcohol licence and give no idea of the size of the proposed music festival. As a local resident living on Peckham Rye I have had no notification about the festival, nor have my neighbours. We have not been consulted in any way and yet we will be directly affected by the festival.

Our Park and Common is not large and is closely surrounded by houses and flats who will be blighted by noise for two days let alone the disturbance during the setting up and dismantling.

The proposed area in the dip opposite the Harris Academy for Boys stretches to across the wildflower area in the South West corner of the Park. Allowing for staging and its surrounding support area, portaloos etc this area will not accommodate 8,000 people let alone the damage which will be done to the wildflower area.

What additional transport is being arranged to accommodate 8,000 extra visitors. The nearest stations, Peckham Rye, Nunhead and Honor Oak are all a significant walk away from the Common and I understand Nunhead and Honor Oak are scheduled for work. Everyday we see the bus system struggling with the school children going home from the two Harris Academies. Will there be additional buses to ferry to the rail stations/ beyond? (8,000 people require an extra 100 buses).

For the above reasons I therefore object to the proposed music festival.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Party 8

Senders Email Address: [REDACTED]

Message:

Dear Sirs

Re Licence no 861145 by We are the Fair Ltd

I write to object to the application made for a licence on Peckham Rye for 27th -28th May 2018. As the crow flies, I live very close to the venue.

I object on the following grounds:

1. Prevention of public nuisance. I believe that there the music will represent a public nuisance to those residents who live near the Rye. I think that there will be a great increase in traffic (particularly as Peckham Rye station will be closed that weekend). These vehicles will be parking in adjacent streets to the detriment of local residents.
2. Public safety. See above in relation to increased traffic.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Party 9

-----Original Message-----

From: www.southwark.gov.uk Website [<mailto:noreply@southwark.gov.uk>]

Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 5:20 PM

To: Regen, Licensing

Subject: Contact form for: Licensing Team

A visitor to the www.southwark.gov.uk website has used the Email Us facility to send you an email from a contact on a webpage.

Contact Name: Licensing Team

Page Name: How to lodge a representation Page Type: Content Page

Link:

<http://www.southwark.gov.uk/admin/system/ShowEntity?entity=bridge%3A%2F%2Fsouthwark-internet%2Fmodules%2Fm.Content~%2F~%2F.Entry%2F2224>

Senders Email Address: [REDACTED]

Message:

Re: licence number 861145 (application to hold music festival in Peckham Rye Park).

I write this objection to the application on 19.12.17.

My objections are due to wanting to protect Peckham Rye Park from damage (and potentially criminal damage & vandalism) that will inevitably result from such an application being granted a licence. I also object to this application on grounds that it will cause noise pollution to surrounding residents and that the proposed music festival is on a scale completely unsuitable for such a park as Peckham Rye Park. The disruption to local park users (and local residents) will be experienced beyond the times of the actual music festival itself. I am very concerned about the short-term and long-term damage our beautiful park would sustain, should such an event be held there. Further more it is a PUBLIC park and should not be hired out for profit so that only an elite few can use it at certain times. I strongly object to the application and hope you will consider the points raised and fall down on the side of protecting our beautiful park (and not disrupting local peoples enjoyment of the park) rather than taking an opportunity to make money out of it.

Signed electronically by:

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.