

Item No. 75.1	Classification: Open	Date: 26.3.03	Meeting Name Council Assembly
Report title:		Deputation Request : THK World Entertainments Ltd.	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Camberwell Green	
From:		Chief Executive (Borough Solicitor & Secretary)	

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Strategic Director of Regeneration

THK World Entertainment Ltd. first expressed concern about the granting of planning permission to Fairview New Homes to the Regeneration Directorate in July 2002. Extensive discussion took place regarding the failure to consult with them on the application by Fairview for new housing next to the Imperial Nightclub.

In the event, THK World Entertainment Ltd. continued to raise wider issues about the handling of the Fairview application, their own application for permanent use as a nightclub and the Council generally. Two separate enquiries have subsequently been set up with the District Auditor and Local Government Ombudsman and these are expected to report in the near future.

Simultaneously with the above, Regeneration staff have continued to engage in extensive discussions with THK World Entertainment Ltd. regarding alternative premises. The Council does not have suitable premises in its ownership for a relocated nightclub and this was agreed directly with THK World Entertainment Ltd, who undertook to seek alternative premises in the private market.

If, however, THK World Entertainment Ltd, were to concentrate on their community projects, there is no technical planning reason why the existing premises could not be suitable for this purpose. An independent review is being undertaken of the noise report provided by Fairview to take account of potential nuisance from the railway and elsewhere. It appears entirely possible that a technical solution which alleviates any potential noise nuisance could be achieved which would enable a community project use to take place in the existing premises.

Grant funding for support of community projects is available from a range of sources, and Regeneration staff would be pleased to assist with any applications or other processes as appropriate.