

OBJECTOR 1

From:

Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 1:11 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Fwd: Premises licence Peckham Rye Common and Park

22.02.2022

Dear sir/madam

Application: **Premises licence Peckham Rye Common and Park**

Reasons why I am opposed: Prevention of public nuisance.

The proposed entertainment finish times for Sunday/Sunday before a bank holiday and Bank holiday Monday should finish latest 22:00 and for the bank holiday Monday this should be 2130 to allow people to leave and families to prepare for a working day.

The proposed opening hours of 23:30/23:00 across all days are too late the noise from the site both from the entertainment and people leaving the site is clearly audible to the local residents these times have a clear antisocial impact particularly for those with young families and who need to work.

Regards

OBJECTOR 2

From:

Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 1:55 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Cc:

Subject: Objection to the granting of licence ref: 876833

We object to the licence applied for by We Are Fair Ltd to the event on Peckham Rye Common.

Peckham Rye Common is not a large area and over a Bank Holiday weekend in summer, every corner of it is put to use for sporting and recreational activities. (We overlook the common so we can see how many people occupy this relatively small space at these times). The huge influx of festival-goers will considerably increase the population density of this space. Because ticket prices to the GALA event are high, this number will further increase by the large number of people who will inevitably mass on the common outside the boundary fence to listen to the music, free. This would be less of an issue if the event were held in Peckham Rye Park, as in previous years, as it is possible to restrict numbers, especially in the evening when the park closes. But because the event is being held on common land, there are no such restrictions. No one can be legally prohibited from using the common throughout the day or night and all non-festival activities, including the use of pitches, can and will legally continue. We are concerned that licensing alcohol consumption over long hours in such a densely populated space increases the threat to the safety and wellbeing of those who live in or pass through the immediate neighbourhood, but in particular the regular users of the common including its primary users - the large number of young people and children.

OBJECTOR 3

From:

Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 5:51 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: We Are the Fair application for Peckham Rye Park and Common

I am registering an objection to the issuing of a license(s) to We Are the fair for extended use of Peckham Rye Park and Common for events other than the Gala music event this year.

I would imagine that the potential issues of public nuisance and disorder would be difficult to avoid if alcohol licenses were approved for almost daily use until late every evening. Most users of the Park and Common would consequently be excluded from using the area(s) involved.

Surely the extended hours would represent a threat to public safety.

I am local, am a Friend of Peckham Rye Park and use the park and the Common regularly.

Thank you,

OBJECTOR 4

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

From:

Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 2:14 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection

I am a Southwark resident and live on the edge of Peckham Rye Common.

I have read through the application for a license from the company We Are Fair Limited. I draw your attention to page 8 where the number of possible attendees to a We Are Fair is noted as between 15000-19000

Peckham Rye Park and Common are a public space. I think it is completely unrealistic to imagine the influx of such large numbers of people to the common and the surrounding areas without some impact on the local community who use the common. Especially in the summer months. The effect of litter and antisocial behaviour due to consumption of alcohol on the local community cannot be overstated.

This is not Glastonbury or some large country estate.

I strongly object.

OBJECTOR 5

From:

Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 8:56 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Licence Application 876833 by Gala/We are the Fair

Hi,

I wish to object to the granting of a licence to hold events by Gala/We are the Fair on Peckham Rye Park and Common.

In their application, Gala state they need a licence **'to hold an event'** on the Common and the Park. 'An event' is singular and means just one event.

Gala's application is therefore misleading, in that, they clearly want to hold events, and not just one single event. Also, their application uses the words **'per year'**, meaning more than one single year, and could mean indefinitely.

Besides Application 876833 being misleading, the actual proposed hours of the events in question will be to the detriment of local residents, particularly as alcohol will be on sale for consumption at these events. The sale and consumption of alcohol will also be to the detriment of public safety, given number of people that the events will target.

Regards,

OBJECTOR 6

From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 7:13 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Ref. 876833

I object to the use of Peckam Rye / Park for these events. It disturbs normal use of the park, churns up the ground, and causes noise pollution in a wide area around. I am a local resident in Overhill Road.

Regards,

OBJECTOR 7

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

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

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 7:57 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

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:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/admin/system/ShowEntity?entity=bridge%3A%2F%2Fsouthwark-internet%2Fmodules%2Fm.Content~%2F~%2F.Entry%2F42085>

Senders Email Address:

Message:

Re: application no 876833 made on behalf of We are the Fair Ltd in respects of events to be held on Peckham Rye Common and in Peckham Rye Park.

I object to the licence being given on the following grounds

1. Noise levels will be unacceptable: When the Gala event was first proposed several years ago we were told by We are the Fair that the site chosen for the event (by the Harris Boys School) was the only one where the noise levels could be kept to an acceptable level. It was stated that if the event was held on the Common (the proposed site this year for the event) the noise level would be too high. As it is even in the original site, the noise levels for those living in the Colton Road-Marmora Road grid were unacceptable and the noise could be heard as far away as Telegraph Hill. It is obvious to anyone who visits the site that holding the event on the flat and open Common will result in far higher noise levels

2. Noise levels will also be unacceptable because the loud music will drown out any of the many (I am sure) private parties that had been planned to celebrate the Queen's jubilee.

3. The application appears to be for five days rather than the three days the event has been held for in the past. The times have also been extended to later in the evening whereas in the past the music stopped at 10pm. This is unacceptable. To have probably the most important bank holiday of my lifetime (I was born the year before the queen's coronation) ruined by having to listen to loud music I have not chosen for five days let alone three is unacceptable

4. The application seems to be for several events (as yet unspecified) to take place on the Common or in the Park. It is absolutely unacceptable that the application should be for more than one specific event.

5. Given that I understand there is a big event happening in Brockwell Park on the Jubilee bank holiday weekend, we do not believe that the police will be able to cope with any disturbances that may occur. Indeed we have been told that by policemen we have talked to.

6. The new siting of the event on the Common which (unlike the Park) is never locked means that there is likely to be a large overspill in the evenings and with more people and more drinking there will be an increased chance of rowdiness.

I sincerely hope that you will not allow the application for the reasons given above. That the event proposed would in effect privatise Common land for a period of two weeks may be beyond the remit of the licensing committee but you might want to check that the necessary permissions from the relevant minister have been secured.

Yours faithfully

OBJECTOR 8

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:19 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: gala22

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

I would like to object to the license application for the festival this year. Last year was a disaster with anti-social behaviour a real problem around the park, excessively loud music and degradation of the grounds and wildlife.

Regards

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OBJECTOR 9

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 1:35 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Gala Festival Application

Dear Licensing Team,

I live at _____ next to Peckham Rye and I would like to share some concerns around the planned Gala festival, application details as follows:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

Previously, the festival was held in a relatively unused area of Peckham Rye, with a school beside it meaning there wasn't much noise disruption to residents in the evening.

However, it seems this year it is proposed to be held in the northern part of the rye, near the cafe and playground. This area is relied upon by our local community for kids to play and local residents to relax and meet others outside. However, it would be taken over by the festival for a bank holiday weekend and the grass will be churned up, meaning it cannot be enjoyed by local residents who rely upon the space. With the festival at the beginning of the summer, we are concerned that the grass will be spoilt, as this happened with the space previously occupied by the festival, and residents will be denied the greenspace that many rely upon as their only outside space for the summer. We are concerned that a weekend that will benefit a small community attending the festival, including many travelling from outside the borough, will have long term ramifications for a park relied upon by our local community. In addition, the new proposed location is far more exposed, surrounded by housing, so we expect there to be much greater noise disruption for local residents.

To be clear, I am not against the festival in general, but as a local resident, I am concerned that the proposed location for the new site will be hugely disruptive for our community, and urge you to consider these factors when deciding on the right location for the event.

If you require any further details, please reach out.

Many thanks,

OBJECTOR 10

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 10:07 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Re llicense application 876833

I am very concerned about the open-ended nature of this application by We Are The Fair.

My concerns are based on:

The request to have an extension to have more than one event a year

The application is for it in perpetuity - would this mean that there would never be a review of whether it is appropriate/damaging/distruptive?

They are applying as though it was a premises license and I feel strongly that an open ended permission to have a festival (or several festivals) on this site should not be granted. Once a year with regular reviews would be more appropriate

They seem to be applying for permission for an August event through a licensing application rather than an application through the council and discussion with local stakeholders

I am unclear whether permission is being granted for both a festival in the Park and on the Common

The number of attendees has risen in this application considerably from what is currently allowed by the Council.

I think the application is too open-ended and should not be granted. Although there are many who like the festival, there are also some who are opposed to it and I think a regular review of its impact and suitability would be fairer on both sides.

OBJECTOR 11

From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 8:40 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Application License Number 976833

Hi there,

I hope you're well.

I would like to strongly object against the license application for We Are The Fair Ltd (number 976933).

I firmly believe that the festival constitutes a public nuisance. The Environmental Protection Act 1990 states that for noise to count as a statutory nuisance it must do one of the following:

- unreasonably and substantially interfere with the use or enjoyment of a home or other premises.
- injure health or be likely to injure health

First, in regards to how the festival 'unreasonably and substantially interfere[s] with the use or enjoyment of a home or other premises'.

Last year I registered 65-68dBA from inside my flat, with the windows closed (double glazed). The councils own "Noise Conditions for open air events" document states in item 6 that "the music noise levels measured or predicted at 1m from the façade of noise sensitive premises shall not exceed 65dB(a) over a 15 minute period or exceed the background noise level by more than 15dB(a) over a 15 minute period". Despite this, We Are The Fair have operated the GALA event operating up to 75dB(a) each year. For perspective, the noise of the festival was so loud last year that I could hear it whilst wearing noise cancelling headphones. The building physically shook with the vibrations caused by the bass. As a result I was unable to concentrate throughout the three days of the festival. I was unable to work whilst the festival was ongoing - I work from home, as so many people do now. I was unable to rest or observe my normal bed time which is before the festival finish. We had to walk for twenty minutes to Dulwich Park to stop hearing the noise and get some peace. The festival therefore prevents the the use and enjoyment of homes and private gardens in a substantial radius around the event.

I would note at this stage the particular time in which the GALA festival is proposed. According to their recent stakeholder event on 22/02/2022, they mean to take place over the half term holiday and the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. This prevents residents from enjoying the use of the park and surrounding land(s), private or public, for half-term holiday clubs, relaxation, celebrations of the Queen's platinum jubilee etc when it is most

needed. This is not an area of wealthy individuals. 22% of dependant children under the age of 20 in the Peckham Rye ward are living in low income households. 10% of adults claim benefits. The park and common are their primary (often only) source of relaxation and leisure. This festival proposal both unreasonably and substantially interferes with their right to enjoy the premises, thereby constituting public nuisance.

It can be argued that the festival is in direct contradiction of the Southwark Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which aims to "support positive lifestyle changes". The Festival prevents traditional sporting and other activities which usually take place on the Common during half-term, thereby preventing children, young people and adults from exercise during the 19 days in which the festival site will be active.

Secondly, in regards to how the festival 'injure[s] health'. The well studied physiological effects of exposure to noise include constriction of blood vessels, tightening of muscles, increased heart rate and blood pressure, and changes in stomach and abdomen movement. Exposure to constant loud noise (which the 3-day festival constitutes) can cause temporary or permanent damage to hearing. The World Health Organization recommends a guideline level of 50dbA daytime outdoor sound, and a guideline of 30dbA for undisturbed sleep. It should be noted that decibels are a unit which increases exponentially: therefore a doubling of a sound means an increase of little more than 3dB. Operating at 75dB, the festival is therefore more than 16 times the volume recommended by WHO, and more than 3 times the volume in the Councils' own guidance. The Festival clearly exceeds noise limits recommended for health and safety and therefore injures the physical health of residents.

Furthermore, I would argue that the festival activity cause harm to mental health. As mentioned in the effects of the volume, it prevented me from concentrating, working or resting last year. As a result, our mental health deteriorated during the 3-day festival period. It is estimated that 1 in 5 adults in Southwark are currently experiencing a common mental disorder. The effect of noise nuisance on mental and physical health should not be underestimated.

The festival should also fall into the category of being a public nuisance as it obstructs the public in the exercise and enjoyment of rights common to all. Geographically the festival takes place on the Peckham Rye Common and Park, and applies to the entire area. This prevents local residents from enjoying the area as they should.

The festival clearly constitutes a public nuisance due to the excessive amount of noise produced by the programme. It is harmful to the physical health of residents by preventing them from exercising and exposing them to loud and continuous noise. It is harmful to the mental health of residents by preventing them from resting, and enjoying their property, and sleeping at night. It is especially harmful to children in the area, for whom the proposed opening hours of the festival greatly disrupts sleep. For these reasons, I would like to register my strong objection to the festival license application.

If my (and others) objections do not prevent the licensing of the event, this next section of my objection contains particular details of alterations which should be considered if the event should go ahead regardless.

The application includes a note of 'the ability to extend the terminal hour of regulated entertainment by an additional 15 minutes to assist with the safe and controlled egress of attendees'. If safe and controlled egress requires further time, the event should finish earlier to accommodate this, not be allowed to continue any longer thereby causing further disruption and nuisance to nearby residents.

The application notes that the premises will be open to the public until 23:30 or 23:00 on the given days. Given that in previous years it has taken attendees up to an hour to disperse from the surrounding area after the event finishes, this is unacceptable. The premises should close earlier. I would suggest, to maintain the health and wellbeing of residents, that the festival finish no later than 20:00, which allows 1 hour of egress in time for 9pm bed times. Please note, if this feels early to you, that I make no mention here of key workers who might sleep in the daytime and be prevented from resting at all during the festival duration.

Especially consideration should be given to environmental protection in the festival licensing. The park has still not recovered from last year's festival, with swathes of grass still muddied and stunted, to which I, the Friends of Peckham Rye Park and local residents will attest. We would argue that the festival activity directly conflicts with the Southwark Events Policy guidelines for a greener borough. I would like to see a full wildlife and nature assessment taking place, a reduction in the amount of footfall (not an extension as this latest application proposes).

I hope you will take my email into account when considering this license application. I strongly urge you not to grant the application at all. I strongly urge you not to grant any extension from previous years applications, including in regards to numbers and duration of the festival.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Kind regards,

OBJECTOR 12

From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 3:58 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>; Complaints <complaints@southwark.gov.uk>

Cc:

Subject: Formal objection to application for premises license under S17 of the Licensing Act 2003 - We Are The Fair at Peckham Rye Park & Common.

Formal objection to application for premises license under S17 of the Licensing Act 2003 - We Are The Fair at Peckham Rye Park & Common.

As a resident residing and owning property on _____ I would like to submit a formal representation against the above premises licence application. I believe that in granting such a license Southwark Council will be negligently putting my family including minor children, and a baby at risk. I believe that Southwark Council will be putting the general public, especially minor children at increased risk. I also believe that in granting the license Southwark Council will be impeding mine and my family's human rights in contravention of Article 1 of the Human Rights Act 1998.

Crime along Peckham Rye is currently prolific, my neighbours and I have been subjected to the theft of vehicles and bicycles, physical threats, including with hammers by criminals in the progress of violent disorder, damage to property, urination on property, multiple times in the past few months alone. Most of these crimes have not been logged formally by the police, they are generally not investigating and they have confirmed they have no leads. Southwark Council is yet to respond to the appeals of residents to help with the prolific crime levels. The physical threats against us and car crimes are not even limited to after-dark. A crime recently reported happened at 11 am on a Saturday. Crime is already prolific and terrifying for us residents, the police cannot cope with all these crimes in the normal day-to-day environment, yet with the introduction of 25,000 extra people and associated antisocial behaviour. The criminals are only going to benefit from the strain on police resources. The residents are already scared, this festival will only undermine our public safety even more.

The residents of Peckham Rye live very close to the festival site and the entrance to the festival. There is no way we are going to be able to give our children their regular night-time and bedtime routines, let alone sleep ourselves. As a generally sleep-deprived mother of a young baby I am totally distraught about the disruption to the peace that I will experience for the duration of the festival and the negative impact this will have on my mental and physical health. The festival organisers have already categorically refused to re-house our family for the duration of the festival or to provide security for our property and vehicles. This is causing me great distress and is emotionally triggering based on all the crimes my family have been subjected to recently as we perceive a huge interference with the peaceful enjoyment of our daily lives as a direct result of the Gala festival.

Allowing the Gala festival to go ahead at Peckham Rye Common will be damaging to the local children who actually live here. Resident children will be subjected to loud noises in their homes, children attempting to use the park and facilities will be subjected to the harm of loud music. Extra crowds will impede the enjoyment of the local infrastructure for children and families; such as the playground and cafes. The influx of 25,000 people using alcohol and drugs, combined with the strain on local policing, presents an increased risk of crimes against children and certainly presents a more conducive environment for opportunistic child abduction, of which there were many foiled attempts in the local area last summer.

The license application fails to mention that the applicant seeks to close public common land for the duration of the half-term holidays to prepare the site. This plan is currently illegal as The Secretary of State has not approved it. The organisers have admitted that the majority of festival attendees in previous years are not even from South East London, let alone from the immediate vicinity. I am deeply concerned that local children are paying the price for the benefit of those from out of the area, particularly those children who reside in the nearby high density housing with no access to private outdoor space. It is inexcusable that their access to public common land should be denied during half-term so that people from out of the area can attend a festival.

The festival organisers have not received permission from the Secretary of State to close the public common land to run the festival, but they are promoting the festival and selling tickets anyway.

There will be much public nuisance to the residents of Peckham Rye and adjoining quiet residential streets, caused by 25,000 people coming to and exiting the festival. The festival organisers have not adequately addressed this, and their plans do not seem to mitigate the impact on local residents of the comings and goings in any way.

I would also like to draw Southwark Council's attention to the greenwashing on the Gala website. This is in contravention to regulatory standards and has been escalated to the ASA. The Gala team claim that they are liaising with and supporting local residents and the environment. These are completely unfounded statements and the residents have repeatedly asked them to remove these untrue claims from the website. The Gala team have refused to do this. The Friends of Peckham Rye have asked Gala why the environmental damage has still not been repaired from last year's festival, and why the Gala team are making fake statements on their website about repairs to Peckham Rye Park that have not happened.

I would like to invite Southwark Council to properly consult the local residents, we note that nobody from Southwark Council, or any of our elected officials made themselves available for a Zoom with Gala on 22nd February, despite this being the wish of the local residents they purportedly represent.

I look forward to hearing from you,

OBJECTOR 13

From:

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 2:29 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: We are the fair

Dear Licensing service.

I am emailing to make representations regarding the application by We are the fair re events in Peckham Rye Park and Common. I understand the reference is 876833.

I object to this licence being granted for the following reasons.

I consider there is a risk of crime and disorder. This event is not welcomed by the local community. There is huge resentment at the noise generated and the fact that affluent people are being allowed to come to our park and to exclude local people from access to it.

It follows from the above that if there is serious public disorder there will also be a public nuisance and a risk to public safety.

If alcohol is being sold at the event then all the above risks will be enhanced as it is well known that alcohol makes people more aggressive.

The event planned for the common will be close to the children's playground. It will not be safe for children to play there unless they are provided with ear defenders as the noise made by this event will be such that anyone going near it will suffer damage to their hearing unless they are wearing ear defenders.

Therefore I request that the licenses requested are not granted.

Yours sincerely,

OBJECTOR 14

Email:

Tel:

12th March 2022

I am writing to object to the Licensing application (876833) from We are Fair Ltd.

I believe that granting a licence to this event would be detrimental to all four of the Licensing Act 2003 objectives :

1. The prevention of crime and disorder
2. Ensuring public safety
3. The prevention of nuisance
4. The protection of children from harm

My grounds for objection are as follows:

1. The Gala Festival was first granted a license to hold a two day event for 8,000 people on Peckham Rye in 2018. The impact on the park was significant; huge areas of grass and meadow were destroyed, with deep ruts in many areas which have still not been fully rectified. Since then, the size of the event has grown to a three day event for 10,000 people. The grass and meadow areas have never returned to their original state and the ruts are a real hazard to people using the park. People enjoying the grassed areas with their children, or walking their dogs, are especially at risk; the ruts are dangerous and many people avoid walking in the affected areas for fear of injury. In previous years, there have been a number of injuries to both people and dogs in the affected areas, arising from stepping in the deep ruts that are hidden from view. The plans to double the numbers of people attending to 19,999 and to increase the numbers of events each year are likely to cause even more problems in future. The event is a clear risk to public safety and could be harmful to children as well as adults, contravening Objectives 2, 3 and 4 of the Licensing Act 2003.

2. During the Gala Festivals in 2018, 2019 and 2021 access to a significant area of the Park, and surrounding footpaths, was restricted in the week leading up to the event as well as afterwards, to facilitate set up and dismantling of the staged areas. Restricting access to a public park during a Bank Holiday and during the school holidays has a significant impact on the ability of local families and children to enjoy an important local

amenity. This constitutes a public nuisance which is in contravention of Objective 3 of the Licensing Act 2003.

3. Previous Gala Festivals have been a significant cause of nuisance to park users and local residents. In spite of assurances that all rubbish would be removed from the park, and all damage rectified, plastic cable ties were still being found months after the events were held. The ties are dangerous to park wildlife and are detrimental to the environment; a contravention of Objective 3 of the Licensing Act 2003.

4. When the event was held in 2018, 2019 and 2021, there were unacceptably high levels of noise over the duration of the festival, until 10.30pm at night. The continuous noise and disruption was distressing for many residents who were prevented from enjoying the Bank Holiday weekend in their own homes and gardens. At the stakeholder meetings held to discuss previous Gala Festival events, many local residents made representations to the Gala Festival organisers about the noise levels of the previous year's event and the impact it had had on their lives. The noise levels were unacceptably high, with intermittent spikes that breached the proscribed acceptable sound levels. This had a severe impact on many families and was especially distressing for those residents unable to leave their homes during the weekend. Families with older members and young children have been especially vulnerable. The risks to mental health from exposure to such prolonged periods of loud noise are a real concern. The noise and disruption resulting from the previous Gala Festival events were a clear public nuisance; the granting of a license for 6 days of activity with hugely increased numbers of people in attendance is likely to cause an even bigger nuisance with a severe detrimental impact on the lives of local residents, contravening Objectives 2, 3 and 4 of the Licensing Act 2003.

5. The streets in the immediate vicinity of Peckham Rye Park, such as Friern Road, have been affected by festival goers urinating and defecating outside of people's homes. This contravenes Objectives 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Peckham Rye is a residential area, with few amenities to accommodate large events bringing thousands of visitors to the park. The events held in 2018, 2019, and 2021 had a detrimental impact on the lives of local residents and brought no apparent benefits to the local area. The issuing of a license in perpetuity for 6 days of activity, with the potential of 19,999 people attending will lead to even more incidents of public nuisance, with increased risks to the safety of children and the general public. Lack of suitable amenities will result in more incidents of public disorder with people relieving themselves in local streets when leaving the event.

Please take account of my objections when considering this application.

I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this communication.

Yours faithfully,

OBJECTOR 15

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

From:

Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2022 9:16 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Cc:

Subject: Representation against licence application 876833

To whom it may concern

I don't object to the idea of one festival on Peckham Rye each year, but I do object to:

A. More than one festival being permitted in any year B. A licence being granted permanently and / or covering multiple years.

The park is for local residents to enjoy and if large areas are fenced off for up to 9 days including set up and take down, and then leaving damage that takes months to grow over, this impacts too negatively that enjoyment if happens any more than once a year.

One festival licence per year is perfectly fair enough for all involved.

Kind regards

Sent from my iPhone

OBJECTOR 16

From:

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 6:19 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Peckham rye festival

Dear Council

I am writing to oppose the Peckham Rye Festival SE22 0NF (876833 We Are The Fair Limited), on the following grounds.

a) Prevention of crime and disorder

Crime is rare on our roads and there were 2 attempted break-ins during the festival last year.

b) Prevention of public nuisance

The Noise massively impacts daily life, working from home and adult and children's sleep.

c) Public safety

The park takes months to recover. The massive holes in the park are there years later and are a risk for twisted ankles etc. the park is also littered with cigarette ends

d) Protection of children from harm. They don't sleep that weekend

(876833 We Are The Fair Limited)

OBJECTOR 17

From:

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 12:11 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Representation against licence application 876833

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Regards

OBJECTOR 18

From:

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 6:31 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: objection to licence 876833

Representation objecting to licence application 876833 by We Are Fair Limited regarding Peckham Rye February 16 2022 and March 16 2022

Dear Southwark Council

I wish to object to the above licence being given:

- There has been a festival twice previously on the site at Peckham Rye – only ever once in a calendar year. The second obviously learned from the first and there was improvement on damage done to the ground particularly by heavy vehicles and also to a lesser extent by people attending.
- The length of time to set up and clear up improved too, though the advertised timetable for clearing was not met.
- A single festival over a weekend in a year is disruptive but not objectionable. Indeed it is a positive event for the borough.

However, more than one in a year is objectionable.

- The damage to the ground will be considerable and not able to recover before the second event. It took months to recover previously: ruts and churned areas made by heavy vehicles; persistent muddy areas (even worse than normal). Note that the events will be at a time of year when the ground is easily damaged.
- The length of time to set up, hold the event, clear up afterwards for each event will be at least seven days judging by previous similar events.
- This blocks off a very large area in the park/Rye that is very busy, used by numerous local residents for recreation: running; walking dogs; throwing frisbees, simply sitting and relaxing or whatever. Once a year is acceptable, more is frustrating, inconvenient and becomes annoying. This is not just a personal view. I know many residents will feel the same way having heard comments after the single events.
- The local roads become busier and some residences have been frustrated by inappropriate parking.
- 20,000 attending is a huge number coming into the community. Alas, there is probably a possibility of some antisocial behaviour – or perhaps a likelihood as alcohol will be sold. The local community is very mixed, which is one of its strengths. The very young and very old need to feel safe.

I write this (on 14/03/22) as a local resident of nearly 50 years.

Yours faithfully,

OBJECTOR 19

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

From:

Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 8:13 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Opposition to 876833 We Are The Fair Limited)

I am opposing the closure of Peckham Rye being closed to locals for 19 days for the setting up of the Rye Festival. We collectively pay council tax so that we can enjoy the parks in London, and closing the Rye for 19 days is excessive

OBJECTOR 20

From:

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:12 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: We Are The Fair Licence Application 16th Feb 22

I object to the licence application for We Are The Fair of 16th Feb 22.

The licence is an ever-expanding vehicle - this year SIX days; 10,000 people per day - to 'bank' future expansion of their festivals.

The council are letting down its residents with noise and disruption.

OBJECTOR 21

From:

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:27 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Premises licence objection

Objection to new application for a Premises Licence by We are the Fair Ltd in respect of Peckham Rye Park and Peckham Rye Common, London SE15

** Please note that no reference number was provided on the blue notices posted in Peckham Rye Park and on the Common*

The _____ is writing to object to the granting of this premises licence on the following grounds:

1. Public safety

- The location of the activities for which the premises licence is sought is between and very close to two busy roads: Peckham Rye (east and west). Another major road (East Dulwich Road) is only 200m to the north. Large groups of people arriving to or leaving the fenced off event area will be near to, and in some places right beside, main roads. There is an increased risk of accidents especially at night, after people have been drinking and it is dark. People who have been drinking are more likely to behave unsafely and cause an accident. In the case of passers-by, including children, elderly and disabled people, they may want to avoid big rowdy groups of people going to or from events and may put themselves in danger by stepping into the road.
- Giving permission for the sale of alcohol until 10 or 10.30pm heightens the risk as people will be drinking right up until closing time (half an hour later) and will be less aware of their surroundings and of other people.
- In the case of events on the common, the location is exactly beside two main roads. Some of us remember a Guy Fawkes night event some 20 years ago when some people attending the event ran into the road, putting themselves and passing vehicles at risk. At the time it was understood that nighttime events where large groups of people congregate would not be allowed on the common again.
- Stewards will not be adequate to control this risk, especially at the end of events because the area is big and a large number of people come out of events at the same time. Peckham Rye Common is open land and people will not have to leave the common after the event. There will need to be a major policing effort to prevent accidents. We do not think this is justified.

2. The prevention of public nuisance

- Public nuisance from loud music will be caused to people living in and visiting a wide area around Peckham Rye Park and Common. There are many flats and houses overlooking the park and common which will be directly affected. We also know from the experience of the We are the Fair events in recent years that the sound carries long distances. For example to the south of the park, complaints about the events have been received from as far away as Brockley and Forest Hill. Some local residents have had to move out of their homes for the duration of events because they have found them so disturbing. The prospect of this disturbance happening several times a year is extremely worrying.
- The requested premises licence would allow for up to 6 days of activities a year, including the possibility of one event of up to 4 days. These events are generally scheduled for summer bank holiday weekends when local people want to make the most of being outside with their friends in their gardens. Several days of continuous loud music from 11am - 10.30pm would make this impossible.
- Further nuisance would be caused by people staying on the common after the 11pm close of the event. Peckham Rye Common is a public open space and people are entitled to be there. People coming out of We are the Fair events will tend to be in large groups. Having large groups of people making a lot of noise late at night will cause further disturbance to local residents.
- For the reasons set out above, the Friends of Peckham Rye Park object to the granting of this premises licence to We are the Fair Ltd. We suggest that the cost to local residents and park users in terms of damage to health and wellbeing, in addition to the costs of policing, are far greater than any income that Southwark Council could hope to gain from granting this premises licence.

Finally, we would like to point out that the blue notices put up around the park and common to advise residents and users of the request for a premises licence do not have the correct link to the detailed information on Southwark's website. This has made it difficult for people to get details about the application to support their objections. We have also been unable to find an application number to refer to.

We propose that Southwark Council provide a functioning link to the necessary information about the application and extend the deadline for responses for at least a further two weeks.

Yours

OBJECTOR 22

From:

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 3:19 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Licensing Application: 876833 We Are The Fair

14th March 2022

Dear Committee

I am writing to object to the above application on the following grounds:

1. Prevention of crime and disorder

Now the maximum number of participants is proposed to be 20,000, the danger of crime and disorder will be greatly increased. When the event was smaller, I witnessed members of the public urinating in public even though lavatories were very close by, and in people's gardens in Friern Road. I also observed a man who had set up a stall to sell nitrous oxide. He was doing a roaring trade in the confines of the common as people left the event. Both of these acts are, of course, crimes.

The additional numbers are likely to attract more of these people to the area.

2. Prevention of public nuisance

Despite promises in connection with noise levels, many people in the area have found the noise unbearable. Who is affected can depend on which tent the music emanates and wind direction. So on one day, people in Colyton Road are affected, on another, in Waveney Avenue and another Upland Road. This does amount to a nuisance.

3. Public safety

With the increased numbers of participants and likely drug-taking, the roads round the Clock House will become even more chaotic than they were at previous events. Although stewards do shepherd people across the road, this is only in a very limited area, and going south from Barry Road will be dangerous.

I see that the application is for a licence in perpetuity and covers the whole of the park and common including woodland, formal gardens and cafe (although the site of the event would be agreed with the council). The application is also for a maximum of 6 days with up to 3 events. The proposed dates of this year's festival spans 19 days. If this were to be replicated another 2 times, it means that large areas of the park will be fenced off for nearly 2 months (out of 5 or 6 months).

This is quite unacceptable and anti-democratic. It would mean that local residents would have no say whatsoever in the running of THEIR park. Presumably, the idea behind such a wide-ranging application is precisely that - WATF would no longer have to engage with

local residents. This is a company that has no connection to Peckham and is simply in it for profit. I understand that Southwark is paid by WARF but you will not tell us how much you receive or what you spend the money on.

I urge you to reject the application in its entirety. Otherwise, a one-year licence limited to 10,000 on the Common should be granted.

Yours sincerely

OBJECTOR 23

From:

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 8:54 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Gala/We Are The Fair licencing application objection: licence number 876833

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to object to the licencing application from We Are The Fair (application number 876833).

My name is _____ (married name _____) and my address is _____ Road.

I understand that We Are The Fair has requested of the council:

- 4 event days in June 2022 (rising to 6 event days in future years spread over 3 events, with numbers of build and de-rig days unspecified)
- 'build days' beforehand from 23rd May 2022 to 1st June; and
- de-rig from 5th – 10th June 2022
- This totals 19 days of shutting people out of the Rye this summer (covering 100% of half-term)
- Because of the long build/de-rig periods, the total number of days of shutting out the locals in future years will be far higher than 19 if the council allows the application for 6 event days in future years, spread over up to 3 separate weekend events.

I have taken these dates from page 2 of the Gala Community Meeting Minutes (attached).

In particular I desperately ask that the Council:

i) does not grant a licence 'in perpetuity' as We Are The Fair have requested, (see page 4 of the Gala Community Meeting Minutes of 22nd February, attached).

The Events Manager explained that this perpetuity request is to save We Are The Fair costs in making future licence applications. The council should not be concerned with saving We Are The Fair costs. The council's duty is to its residents. We Are The Fair is a Birmingham based business and its profits are not made for the benefit of Southwark.

ii) does not allow We Are The Fair 10 build days and 5 de-rig days, totalling (with the 4 event days) 19 days of shutting off the Rye to locals. 19 days is too long to shut locals out of the park, during the precious short summer. The pandemic has left friends and families starved of happy time together out in the sunshine. The council should not be making that loss worse.

I understand that my reasons for objecting must fit into the 4 criteria which are: prevention of crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance, public safety & protection of children from harm. As you will understand, it is difficult to shoehorn reasonable concerns, which

the Council should care about, into these narrow and specific categories. This is probably what puts a lot of people off lodging an objection.

My reasons are:

- Harm to children: Owing to the long build time and de-rig time in the application, the land will be fenced off for 19 days. That is 19 days of shutting local children out of the park. After the past 2 years, when children have been cooped up for so much of that time at home, it is not exaggerating to say that this is harmful. The children of Southwark need to exercise to stay healthy, and fencing off this huge area of the park is harmful to their health. The council should put children's exercise and physical health above the profits of We Are The Fair.
- These 19 days are not just any days of the year. As summer days, they represent a huge percentage of the year's best days for being on the Rye. They also cover the whole of half-term when children should be picnicking, playing, meeting friends, riding their bikes – not shut out from their park. The council should put children's socialisation, well-being and mental health above the profits of We Are The Fair. The children of Southwark need socialisation more than ever.
- Public Nuisance: previous years have totally torn up huge swathes of grass on the Rye, which has not healed for months and months. The damage is so bad it makes impossible even to sit down on the grass. The vehicles leave deep gashes of baked hard mud where endless event vehicles have been backwards and forwards. The directors of We Are The Fair should not be allowed to come to the Rye, cause this huge amount of damage, and then head back to Birmingham with their pockets full of profit. The park was ruined for the whole summer the last time they had an event. Each time it happens they blame 'adverse weather'. However it's hard to believe they really care about the damage. This is unarguably a public nuisance.
- Public Nuisance: Friern Road has in past years had people urinating and pooping down behind our cars. If this isn't a nuisance I do not know what is! This is also harmful to children.
- Public Nuisance: the size of the event (We Are The Fair have applied for a licence for 20,000 people in perpetuity) is terrible for the park's precious and diverse wildlife. Damaging the park's wildlife is a public nuisance. It is bad for the planet, and therefore a public nuisance and also harmful to children. I understand that We Are The Fair have bought some bird boxes to mitigate this. A few brand new bird-boxes will not undo the damage of lost chicks and abandoned eggs at all and is simply 'green-washing' - just throwing cash at a problem that obviously cannot be fixed with cash. I understand that Jon Bass, ecology officer was satisfied that the event is not bad for the park's wildlife. This is surprising. The wildlife problem is even more significant in the original site, where we have more birds nesting and wildlife generally.

I don't mind the festival days themselves - I want people, especially young people who have lost out on so much fun, to have joy and a wonderful time as much as they can – but the cost of this festival in terms of park damage and shutting people out is just too high to locals.

Please, please do not grant this licence in perpetuity. And if the event has to go ahead, please, please do not allow them 19 days of set up, event, and de-rig.

Thank you

OBJECTOR 24

From:

Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:12 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: 876833 We Are The Fair Limited application

I am opposed to the above application on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance

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OBJECTORS 25 & 26

From:

Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 4:48 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Gala/We Are The Fair licencing application objection : licence number 876833

To whom it may concern

OBJECTION: TO THE LICENCING APPLICATION FROM WE ARE THE FAIR (APPLICATION NO. 876833)

Objection from: _____ and _____ (age 8)
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ or _____
Email: _____

This email is written on the day it was sent Tuesday 15 March 2022

I understand that We Are The Fair has requested of the council:

- 4 event days in June 2022 (rising to 6 event days in future years spread over 3 events, with numbers of build and de-rig days unspecified)
- Build, event and de-rig days from 23 May 2022 to 10 June 2022 (inclusive) for one event.
- This equates to 19 days where local people will have no access to a large area of our park this spring. This is the whole of the school half-term when children want/need to be out enjoying their park
- Future events would mean further closures to large areas of the park for multiple events if the council approves 6 event days in future years, spread over up to 3 separate weekend events. This would be the bulk of the public holidays and school summer holidays where the park is closed to families and children, dog walkers and the local community.

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closure days are too long for the park to be inaccessible to families, children and the wider local community. Particularly as these events take place during our precious short summer. This pandemic has left friends and families starved of happy time together out in the sunshine. The council should not be making that loss worse.

3. It does not allow for the licence to be open to rise to 6 event days spread over 3 event occasions. This would effectively close the park for nearly 60 days a year, which would never allow us to use and enjoy the park for any of our public holidays and most of our precious spring and summer weeks. Not to mention the noise and mess that would result from these events and the disruption to the lives of families, children and the wider local community. This is not including the months of recovery time it takes for the park to recover from such events.

4. It does not allow for the licence to allow the numbers to rise to a staggering 20,000 attendees. The knock on effect to all of the points raised below would be considerable.

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My reasons are:

- Harm to children: Owing to the long build time and de-rig time in the application, the land will be fenced off for 19 days (per event). That is 19 days of shutting local children out of the park (potentially 57 days a year). After the past 2 years, when children have been locked down for so much of that time at home, it is not exaggerating to say that this is harmful. The children of Southwark need to exercise to stay healthy, and fencing off this huge area of the park is harmful to their health. The council should put children's exercise and physical health above the profits of We Are The Fair.
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OBJECTOR 28

From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 9:27 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to application 876833 We are the Fair / Gala festival

I will to object to the above named application based on the large number of concerns raised by residents in Peckham Rye ward.

I am raising these objections based on prevention of disorder, prevention of public nuisance and protection of children from harm.

The application changes location of the Gala festival to directly in front of the major children's playground and café on Peckham Rye common. Whilst I do believe it is possible for events and activities to be hosted here I am extremely concerned about the impact on children of 19,999 adults attending an 18+ event during a bank holiday weekend. The potential for disorder and nuisance impacting on young children is high.

Such a large scale event with close proximity to residential properties is also a high risk for disorder, not least because there are limited public transport routes available in this area to disperse such a large event. As we have seen in previous years we will get noise and issues like public urination in gardens and neighbouring streets.

The event also requests a maximum of 6 event days per year over a maximum of three occasions. The scale of this impact on the quiet enjoyment of children and families of the park will be huge with each event posing a public safety risk to young children.

Finally, council officers have already communicated to We are the Fair that they are not in the position to support an application which includes the scope for additional events – I can share the email from Eva Gomez if helpful. This indicates the high risk that could result if this application being agreed. It is clear we have an event organiser who is unwilling to take advice from council officers and could decide to cut other corners and make further errors of judgement during the event organisation and delivery. Such mistakes and mismanagement come with the incredibly high risk of disorder resulting in harm to the public. This advice from council officers also indicates the extent to which council support is overstretched. There is a high risk the council is unable to effectively support the large scale additional events with public nuisance and risks to public safety being the likely outcome.

Cllr Victoria Mills

Labour Councillor for Peckham Rye Ward

OBJECTOR 29

Licence Application Ref: 876833 – We Are The Fair Limited

This representation, opposing the above Application, is made on behalf of The Dulwich Society (“the Society”)

Background

We are The Fair Limited (“WATF”) currently have a 5 year licence (from July 2021) to hold a 3-day festival, GALA, in Peckham Rye Park (Licence No 87512). Daily Capacity is 10,000. The site where GALA has been held in past years over the May Bank Holiday weekend cannot be used in 2022 because of drainage work about to be carried out.

In January 2022 Southwark Events notified stakeholders that WATF had put forward a proposal to hold the GALA festival on Peckham Rye Common over the Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend of June 2-4th with a site capacity of 10,000 and sought comments from stakeholders.

However in February 2022 WATF applied for a permanent premises licence starting June 2nd 2022 covering the whole of Peckham Rye Park and Common. It would, if granted, enable WATF to hold a maximum of 6 event days annually (Thursdays – Mondays inclusive, Thursdays and Mondays only applying where those days were recognized Bank Holidays); Daily Capacity would be between 15,000 – 20,000 (potentially double the capacity limit under the existing licence!) Stakeholders were given no opportunity to present their views on this Application to Southwark Events.

Southwark Events’ Site Specific Conditions for Peckham Rye Park and Common restricts the number of ‘major ‘ events (‘major’ having a capacity crowd over 8,000) to 3 each year, and requires a minimum time between such events to 12 weeks- 6 months (depending on size).

Objections

(i) The scope of the Application is unacceptably broad: the Application seeks an indefinite licence to hold 6 event days annually of unspecified “live and recorded music subject only to oversight via Southwark’s Safety Advisory Group (“SAG”); this means there are a number of considerations relevant to licensing policy which are not addressed in the Application and which could be contrary to the licensing objectives. How can appropriate conditions be imposed on such a licence when few, if any, details of the proposed events are known?

(ii) The Society submits that time limited licence applications which are subjected to a full application process, including public consultation (which would be denied were this Application to be granted), should be applied for each of the proposed 6 event days; - conditions, for example as to nature of event, size, time, duration, location, sound management and other public nuisance related considerations etc. should be tailored

to any specific event and be scrutinized before any licence was granted. This Application should therefore be refused.

(iii) Section M of the Application - Steps to Promote the Licensing Objectives - fails to address the individual licensing objectives adequately for events with a daily capacity crowd of between 15,000 - 20,000; in fact the majority of this section is simply cut and pasted from the conditions imposed on the existing licence (No 87512) for the much smaller GALA festival of previous years. The Applicant mistakenly believes that these will do!

(iv) In Section M - it is stated *“Events will take place over a maximum of three occasions throughout the year, with the maximum duration being 4 days”*. However, in the section headed *“General Description of Premises”* it is claimed *“the application will permit one event consisting of a three day electronic dance music festival and one or two events (lasting no more than 3 days in total) of a concert type (consisting of live and recorded music)”*. Either way, the result would be that the general public could be prevented from enjoying large areas of Peckham Rye Park and or the Common each year, presumably during summer months, for around 9 weeks, (allowing for event set up and take down). That is simply not acceptable!

This application should be refused.

On Behalf of The
March 14th 2022

OBJECTOR 30

Email:

16th March 2022

I am writing to object to the application from We are the Fair Ltd: Application Number 876833. In previous years, the Gala Festival has left large areas of Peckham Rye Park damaged and is a public nuisance. It is likely to do the same to Peckham Rye Common this year. The festival has left deep scarring to the grass and meadow areas throughout the summer months, preventing park users from enjoying an important amenity. The Deep ridges caused by heavy vehicles and equipment have left the parkland in a dangerous state and are a risk to public safety and a potential source of harm to children.

The high levels of noise and disruption arising from the Gala Festival in previous years have been a public nuisance, preventing residents of the surrounding streets from being able to enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend in their own homes and gardens. For elderly residents, and families with young children, high levels of noise taking place until 10.30pm at night, over 3 days, are a particular source of distress. Exposure to such prolonged periods of loud noise are recognized as a potential risk to mental health and are a clear public nuisance as well as a risk to public safety and a potential cause of harm to children.

The proposed events will mean that access to significant areas of Peckham Rye Park and Common will be restricted in the weeks leading up to the events as well as afterwards, in order to allow the stages to be set up and dismantled. This is likely to have a detrimental impact on local families and children, who will be unable to access an important local amenity during Bank Holiday weekends and during the school holidays. This is clearly a public nuisance, in contravention of the Licensing Act 2003.

The proposal to grant a license, for 6 days of activity, in perpetuity and to extend the capacity from 10,000 to 20,000, is a potential risk to public safety as well as a public nuisance. The restricted amenities in this small residential area, are not able to accommodate such large numbers of festival goers. In previous years festival goers have been urinating and defecating outside of people's homes in the surrounding streets, due to insufficient provision of public lavatories. Existing transport links do not have capacity to accommodate 20,000 people leaving the festival in a short space of time. Lack of suitable amenities is likely to result in more incidents of public disorder when leaving the event.

I am objecting to the application on the grounds that granting a licence to this event would be detrimental to the objectives of The Licensing Act 2003.

Please acknowledge receipt of this communication.

Yours faithfully,

OBJECTORS 31 & 32

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

From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 6:26 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Cc:

Subject: Objection to the Licence Application from 'We Are The Fair' (WATF)
(Application Number 876833)

Objection to the Licence Application from 'We Are The Fair' (WATF) (Application Number 876833)

Requested/proposal from WATF: Four event days in June 2022 (increasing to six event days in future years spread over three events).

15th March 2022

Dear Sir,

I am writing this to voice my objection to the above organisation being granted a licence to hold We Are The Fair (WATF) performances in perpetuity plus an increase from one event to eventually several events over the course of a year.

I live at _____ with my husband and we both find the WATF noise unbearable and intrusive. The continual electronic bass blasts out all day and with the combined noise from the other bands playing at the same time it is unacceptable.

My next door neighbours, one who lives in the upstairs flat and the other who resides in the downstairs flat who are both physically disabled are both unhappy with WATF due the horrendous electronic bass. It is unfair on them that they are unable to get away from the noise due to physical restrictions, but then again why should they have to consider spending the day elsewhere due to the noise.

The noise is loud even through the double glazing in our sitting room and in the hot weather I cannot open the sitting room window due to the high noise levels. If it was for a couple of hours it would be bearable but it goes on relentlessly.

Last year (2021) when WATF was in full swing (dire noise levels) I attempted to find someone to complain to about the level of noise but was unable to find anyone to complain to except the security guys who were manning the entrance. Surely there should be a manager or someone who is contactable when the event is on?

The other issue is the park is out of bounds during the setting up and eventual removal of the kit and this means that families are deprived of the use of the park for an inordinate amount of time. This affects families who want to enjoy the park, regular dog walkers and other people who wish to use the park, such as cyclists, joggers or walkers. Children are

deprived of using the park as its out of bounds during the set-up, bands playing and de-rigging periods.

If a licence is granted for further events it will mean that the grass which barely recovers from one event will be permanently ploughed up from the lorries delivering and removing the stage gear etc. This is unacceptable as it means that those areas are unusable as the grass is destroyed.

I feel that it is a wrong decision to grant a licence to WATF in perpetuity and to grant an extension from one event to several events in the same year.

I only found out from a neighbour yesterday about the request from WATF and feel very let down by Southwark Council who failed to inform me about the proposal as this affects me, my husband and my next door neighbours, especially as we all live so close to the park.

OBJECTOR 33

From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 9:27 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Gala/We Are The Fair licensing application objection : license number 876833

Dear members of the Council licensing committee,

I am writing to object to the licensing application from We Are The Fair (application number 876833).

My name is _____ and my address is _____.

My understanding is that We Are The Fair has requested:

- 4 event days in June 2022 (rising to 6 event days in future years spread over 3 events, with numbers of build and de-rig days unspecified)
- 'build days' beforehand from 23rd May 2022 to 1st June; and
- de-rig from 5th – 10th June 2022 (dates from page 2 of the Gala Community Meeting Minutes, attached)
- a total of 19 days during which local residents will be prevented from using large areas of Peckham Rye Park this summer (covering the entire half-term holiday)
- if the council allows the application for 6 event days in future years, spread over up to 3 separate weekend events, then the total number of days of reduced access for local people will be far higher than 19, again presumably during the summer.

I would ask in particular that the Council:

i) does not grant a license 'in perpetuity' as We Are The Fair have requested, (see page 4 of the Gala Community Meeting Minutes of 22nd February, attached). A new application should be considered annually, taking into account how the event was managed and what impact it had on the local environment and residents. This should be the Council's main concern, not saving We Are The Fair costs in making future license applications. Any future costs incurred by We Are The Fair are not the concern of Southwark residents.

ii) does not allow We Are The Fair 10 build days and 5 de-rig days, totalling (with the 4 event days) 19 days of restricted access to Peckham Rye Park. 19 days is too long a period to deny local residents access to large areas of the park, especially during the precious, short summer. The pandemic has left friends and families starved of happy time together out in the sunshine. The council should not be making that loss worse.

My understanding is that reasons for objecting to the event proposal must fit into the following, very narrow, criteria:

- prevention of crime and disorder
- prevention of public nuisance
- public safety
- protection of children from harm

My reasons are as follows:

Prevention of public nuisance

- the events in previous years have caused huge amounts of damage to a large area of the park, with areas of deep, rutted mud from large vehicles, and large areas of damaged/dying grass from where the grass has been covered. These damaged areas have taken months to recover, rendering those areas unusable to local members of the public. This constitutes a public nuisance.
- damage to the park's precious and diverse wildlife from the noise, mass number of people attending (We Are The Fair have applied for a license for 20,000 people in perpetuity), and large vehicles trampling the grass and undergrowth around the border of the park. In particular, there is likely to be significant disturbance at this time of year to nesting birds. Any damage to our local environment and wildlife constitutes a public nuisance.

Protection of children from harm

- event-goers frequently use the park as a toilet, as has also been the case on Friern Road, close to the park boundary, with residents observing people urinating and pooing behind the cars during previous events. There is potential harm to children from seeing people doing this in their street and also from stepping/falling in human waste when using the park after the event.
- the loss of access to large areas of the park during the long build and de-rig - in total 19 days including the actual event - is potentially harmful to children in denying them free access to outdoor spaces, especially for children who don't have outdoor space at home. After the past 2 years, when children have had their lives disrupted to a huge extent and frequently been cooped up at home, it is not an exaggeration to say that this is harmful to their health and wellbeing.
- the large amount of HGV traffic to and from the site will no doubt have a significant impact on local air pollution levels, especially with vehicles manoeuvring slowly and idling. This is potentially harmful to the health of children living locally (as well as adults). Research has shown that acute increases in traffic-related air pollution cause exacerbations of asthma and other respiratory conditions.

I do not object to the event itself, but would request that the council mitigate the impacts listed above by:

- reducing the duration of the build and de-rig, to minimise the loss of use of the park for local people and the impact on the environment and wildlife
- hold a significant damage deposit from We Are The Fair that should not be returned if the park is damaged to a similar level as has been seen in previous years
- the council insist that We Are The Fair provide more security personnel to prevent event goers from using the park and local surrounds as a convenient toilet
- each event be considered with a separate application, considering the impact of the previous event.

Yours sincerely

OBJECTOR 34

From: Hamvas, Renata <Renata.Hamvas@southwark.gov.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 9:52 PM
To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>; McArthur, Wesley <Wesley.McArthur@southwark.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: 876833 Peckham Rye Park and Common

Councillor Renata Hamvas

Labour Councillor for Peckham Rye Ward
Chair of Licensing

Subject: 876833 Peckham Rye Park and Common

I am a Peckham Rye Ward Councillor. Peckham Rye Ward encompasses the area of Peckham Rye Park and Common which forms the premises in this application and the areas to the east and south of the proposed premises.

We Are The Fair have held Licenses for the Gala Festival for the last 4 years. The 2020 Festival was cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the date of the 2021 Festival was altered due to pandemic related restrictions. The 2022 Festival would have happened under a 5 year License granted in 2021, but the location has had to be moved due to flood alleviation works taking place in Peckham Rye Common.

I am objecting to this License Application as it is significantly different to previous ones. It is exceptionally vague for this type of application. It is not a fixed term application, nor are there any proposed dates for events within it. Different dates and different locations within the park and common have different challenges and these need to be dealt with in order that the application does not breach any of the Licensing objectives. With this application, fundamental decisions which should be consulted on, will be left to SAG a few weeks before the events are due to occur. This is not a straight application for physical movement of the Gala Festival.

The whole of Peckham Rye Park and Common south of East Dulwich Rd/Nunhead Lane has been applied for as a premise. This is a massive area! Specific layout plans for the actual proposals should have been incorporated into the plans. I am aware that the actual area that We are the Fair propose to hold Gala 2022 is to the north of the café and Children's playground. The build will occupy part of the common for the whole of spring half term, including the long Jubilee Weekend (when the event is scheduled to occur). There is no detail whether the popular children's playground next to the café will be impacted.

There are in the vicinity of 1000 residents along the Peckham Rye East area that would be affected by this proposal, including, the large Rye Hill Estate, Williamson and Aura Court, Solomon's passage (these are flats) and Waveney and other residential streets. The numerous residents who live along this stretch of Peckham Rye East, many of them families with young children, go to play and have fresh air in the park. The timing of the

2022 Gala Festival at the end of the half term rather than the beginning will have a greater impact on those 15-18 year olds studying for public exams. The 2022 Gala Festival location will cause a noise nuisance to the 1000 residents I mentioned above. Could the noise levels please be looked into. Gala did stick to the 70db limit agreed for previous events, but this did result in noise complaints from residents to the south-east of the park. A lower noise limit and other measures to reduce noise escape would be welcomed.

There are no details of the proposed dates for Gala 2023 and beyond, I am aware that that event and 3 subsequent years are already licensed, for the previous location. There are also no details about the proposed other events. I would be concerned that they would be in August when the park/common is used not only by residents including many families but summer play schemes and other activities. The shutting off of the park/common during this time would be a public nuisance. I am also worried about the noise nuisance from additional events. The capacity for the current Gala event is 10,000. This application is requesting double that capacity. This would result in greater nuisance for residents and I am concerned about dispersal from an event with double the number of patrons (would the public transport cope, would there be more antisocial behaviour etc). I am also concerned about greater damage to the park and common with an increased number of patrons and how the repairs of the park can be done with more than one major event per year.

The organisers agreed not to use single use plastics on site. This was on the whole adhered to, however, I did receive complaints about plastic cable ties being left strewn over the park in the vicinity of the festival ground.

Cllr Renata Hamvas

OBJECTOR 35

From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 10:05 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to the Licence Application from 'We Are The Fair' (WATF)
(Application Number 876833)

Good Evening,

I would like to voice my strong objections to the premises application GALA festival from one annual event to three.

My objections are as follows:

- Lack of access to the park for local residents for an extended period of time.
- Noise and disruption to the local area for an extended period of time.
- Impact on biodiversity and wildlife, and damage to the park due to excessive use.

Best wishes,

Maggie

Cllr Maggie Browning
Labour Councillor for Dulwich Hill ward
Chief Whip of Southwark Labour Group

SUPPORTER 1

From:

Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 2:12 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: GALA licence application

Licence Application #876833
Peckham Rye Park & Common
We Are The Fair Ltd

Dear Southwark Council

I'm writing to support this application. As an elderly Southwark resident I found last year's event a great deal of fun and was struck by how many other people were there and enjoying themselves. I'd really like our Borough to continue offering culture and amenity like this to local residents and others.

I have another reason to support Gala. I am a volunteer at the Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers, who Gala asked to be their charity partner at last year's event. They helped us raise over £8,000 for our work and brought us to the attention of their audience of many thousand people. Both the funds and the profile raising are very helpful and many donors expressed an interest in getting involved.

The Gala team struck me as genuinely community-minded and well-meaning. They couldn't have been more helpful. I think they deserve support from the Council and very much hope you will renew their licence application.

Thank you

SUPPORTER 2

From:

Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 10:10 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Licence application 876833 - Support for application

I am writing in support of the application by We are the Fair Ltd to hold a Gala event in Peckham Rye Park and Common this summer. I am a local resident living at

I am supporting it based on my experience of the event and the efficient organisers last year, and as a supporter of the Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers. Although as a pensioner I was quite a lot older than the audience, I attended the event last year because the organisers generously nominated us as their charity for the weekend. This reflected their concern to help the many refugees in the borough of whom there are now even more since the Afghan crisis.

We were supported at the event by Councillor Barrie Hargrove, this year's Mayor, who had himself nominated SDCAS as his charity of the year. He attended for most of the first evening and I know he was - like me - very impressed by the support given, and the positive atmosphere of a well organised event. It helped SDCAS raise over £8,000 - a mix of personal donations and ones from the organisers and the bands. A really heartening outcome showing a genuine commitment to help the most vulnerable in the borough.

I very much hope that their licence application will be approved.

SUPPORTER 3

From:

Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 10:16 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: In support of GALA licence

I'm writing in support of the following licence application:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

I don't live within earshot of the site, but as a trustee of a local charity with which the festival collaborated last year, I have in-depth experience of the way the event was run. The organisers went out of their way to support our work (with asylum seekers and refugees) with no expectation of anything in return. They were hugely energetic and imaginative with their fundraising efforts, and showed every possible sign of being thoughtful and considerate members of the wider community. Arrangements were made thoroughly and in good time and we had clear lines of communication to every level of the organisation. The event itself, large though it was, was extremely well run. I was on the gates raising money, and the atmosphere amongst people I approached was unfailingly friendly. Apart from anything else it was a pleasure to see such a wide variety of people attending.

I very much hope the event is able to take place again this year.

Yours sincerely

SUPPORTER 4

From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 12:00 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: 876833 Peckham Rye Park & Common We Are The Fair Ltd

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to write and make a formal positive representation for Gala Festival hosted on Peckham Rye Park. I believe this festival is an asset to the local area - showcasing independent businesses, supporting young local artists and musicians, publicly displaying Peckham and wider-Southwark in a forward-thinking and positive light.

The festival generates a healthy amount of revenue for local businesses in the immediate vicinity, especially those in hospitality who have been so sharply affected during the past 2 years due to Covid.

I lived on Sternhall Lane and now in Stanswood Gardens, and have personally seen more than 5 of my favourite local independent shops close down due to the trying-economic times of late. I therefore would not want to forgo any opportunity for the businesses who have survived to be excluded from making money over this weekend.

This festival is sensitively and generously produced, with key ecological/sustainability-focused objectives met with care and local residents thought of at every interval.

I hope that my email has in some way helped to keep this fantastic local annual highlight alive for another year, and employ your team to see how beneficial it is for all in our area over this short weekend, and over the rest of the year.

Yours sincerely,

SUPPORTER 5

From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 11:52 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Gala Comments - 876833

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

My home address is:

I am writing to comment about the Gala Festival and the wholly positive impact it has had on both me personally and also our community. I have seen local businesses selling their wares, it has given me the chance to discover new and exciting food & drink and it also contributes to charity. On top of that, it generates money for the council.

From a personal standpoint I have made many friends at Gala and it has an amazing community of attendees. I have never experienced any sort of anti-social behaviour - if anything the opposite. It brings a feeling of love, support and creativity. I have met people who have become long term friends and the community is a huge part of my life.

Regards,

SUPPORTER 6

From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 12:00 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: FAO: Southwark License

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in reference to the below license application:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

I am a local Peckham citizen (SE5 8JZ) and have been going to Gala for 6 years now. The festival is the best spirited event I have been to and it showcases the very best of South London. From food stalls to musicians, the owners really care about where they have come from. I have never had any issues with those that attend Gala and it's clear that the owners care about promoting a positive culture in South London.

This festival is the jewel in the crown of the South London calendar and it would be immensely short-sighted to remove it from Peckham.

Thanks,

SUPPORTER 7

From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 12:07 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: 876833

Good Afternoon

I am a Southwark resident at

I understand that there is a review of the license for GALA festival:

876833

Peckham Rye Park and Common

We are The Fair Ltd

I have attended the festival since it started in Brockwell Park. It has become substantially better since moving to Peckham Rye. As a 30 year old in the local area, this is an event that people get very excited about and is a great way to get involved in the local community.

The festival supports local restaurants and breweries and I have never experienced any anti-social behaviour when walking back to Ryedale after the festival. Speaking to neighbours on Ryedale, they enjoy when the festival is on as it creates a buzz around the area. A great many attend themselves.

It would be a grave shame if the license was revoked.

Thanks

SUPPORTER 8

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

From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 12:12 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Reference: 876833 Peckham Rye Park & Common We Are The Fair Ltd

Good afternoon,

I am writing to make a positive representation for Gala 2022 and other festivals in the Peckham / Lambeth area.

I live at Upland Road, East Dulwich, SE22 0DE (i.e. extremely close to Peckham Rye, 4 min walk max to Gala entrance). Gala in particular was on for 3 days last year and I could not hear anything from my house once.

I have been going to Gala for a few years and attended other events in the Park. All of these have been brilliant for the community as a whole. It promotes a sense of enjoyment and togetherness with friends from the community and from further afield, something we desperately need after being shut away for 2 years! This is essential for young people, many of whom still work from home.

In addition to this the event must generate good amounts of money for the borough and local businesses as from attending i can see they showcase and use local businesses where possible.

In the years I have attended the festival i have never once seen any anti-sociable or violent behaviour. Something you see at most others.

Gala is a happy and fun festival that inspires and brings together the young (and not so young) and should be seen in a positive light for Peckham and Lambeth.

It has my full support for the future!

Kind Regards,

SUPPORTER 9

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

From:

Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 10:10 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Representation for Application 876833

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to make a representation in respect of application 876833

- Peckham Rye Park & Common, We Are The Fair Ltd.

I feel that the application should be granted as it is a positive, well-organised and culturally significant event that has been successfully run in previous years. Having attended last year and being a relatively local resident, I felt that the attendees were friendly and respectful of the local area, and the management of the event did a great job in the planning and logistics of getting attendees to and away from the site, with good public transport links and sensible opening hours. The event was also useful for local businesses who appeared to be benefitting significantly from the footfall throughout the day. Retaining the event is a good opportunity for the local area and I have no doubt the organisers We Are The Fair and GALA will do as good a job in running the event as they have previously.

Many thanks,

SUPPORTER 10

From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 6:01 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Positive Representation - 876833

To whom it may concern,

I am emailing in support of the application for the license:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

GALA fest is an incredibly important part of the Peckham community. Not only is it generating money for the local borough, businesses and communities. It gives a platform to local artists, organisations and charities. South London is in need of supporting institutions like GALA to keep the scene thriving and give locals the opportunity to celebrate their communities.

GALA is also hugely important in offering jobs, opportunities and support to the young people in Peckham. The festival audience are friendly and well behaved and, to my knowledge, anti-social behaviour has not been experienced.

With those reasons in mind, I support the application.

All the best,

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SUPPORTER 11

From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 5:47 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Letter of support with regards to GALA festival [876833]

Dear Licensing team at Southwark,

I'm writing you a letter in support of the great work that GALA festival does for the community.

Reference: 876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

Having helmed a creative business from Southwark over the last 10 years I am strongly in favour of Gala's continued success in the local area.

Peckham has always been a creative hotspot for music, arts and nightlife - but the pandemic took a huge toll on this sector, with a number of key venues (Bussey, Canavan's) not surviving the lockdown.

This grassroots musical movement has not only provided scores of jobs for local residents, it's also given birth to a wider cultural renaissance to the area, bringing in tourists, developers, investment and culture to the area and funds for its redevelopment.

We must be careful to safeguard this culture to allow future generations to benefit from the myriad of benefits it brings to the area. Whilst I'm also very aware that this spotlight has brought people in from the outside - I would appeal to the licensing team not to bow to the pressure of residents who moved to a vibrant area, then seek to silence this culture.

Our Record label, which is based in Peckham and has toured the world from Glastonbury to Melbourne via Japan and all over Europe and the USA has found a kindred spirit in Gala and has allowed us to further spread the work we do of supporting and championing local musicians.

Because of the vibrancy of this local scene we've also been able to grow considerably as a company, taking on 2 kickstart employees over the last year and providing considerable employment directly as a company but also in the local late night economy through events over the years.

Through the recognition gained from acting as part of this community, I have been afforded the opportunity to platform my peers on BBC Radio 1's residency, the Essential mix, RA podcasts and Mixmag, Boiler Room and DJ mag streams. This reach is huge and it all feeds back into the same pot of creativity that Gala is allowing and encouraging.

Gala has also worked to showcase local businesses, from food vendors to record stores to charities and have created a platform for discussion, community organising and entrepreneurship.

Last years edition of the festival was a beacon of light after a long, arduous lock down period and provided hope amidst the closure of our traditional spaces to perform, socialise and meet new people within the community.

Last years event went off without a hitch - testament to the hard work GALA puts into creating an inclusive, diverse and proactive environment for artists and attendees.

I, along with many of my peers, look forward to many more years of the Gala Festival and hope it can be respected as the flag bearer for a massive cultural movement which it has become in such a short space of time

Yours Sincerely,

Founder / Director

SUPPORTER 12

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 11:11 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: 876833 Peckham Rye Park & Common - We Are The Fair Ltd

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing in connection to the Gala event that is proposed for Peckham Rye Park. I have been a resident of Southwark since 2017, living in Peckham and Camberwell for over 4 years. My current address is SE5 8RH.

As both a local resident and somebody who has attended Gala Festival in previous years, I am personally in support of the festival going ahead. I would like to support the application for their license to allow music events in Peckham Rye Park. In the previous years the festival has taken place, I have only had positive experiences spending time in the surrounding area. It is great for the community and young people living in the borough.

Kind regards,

SUPPORTER 13

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:14 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Supporting the Gala licence.

I would like to register my support for the licence application of Gala Festival (**876833 / Peckham Rye Park & Common / We Are The Fair Ltd**)

Gala is a brilliant little festival and a real compliment to the culture of Peckham and the surrounding area. It takes up a small part of the Rye for a short period and I'd be very sad if it wasn't able to continue running. The crowd is incredibly friendly and I've never seen any trouble associated with the event.

I'm very local to the festival, please see my address below.

Thanks

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SUPPORTER 14

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:14 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: License Application 876833 - Gala Festival

Hi there

I'm writing in respect of the following license application:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

I am a local resident living at

I have been to this festival a couple of times but haven't been every year. I cannot recommend the organisers enough as to how they conduct themselves. Their communication with residents every year is absolutely meticulous and you genuinely get the feeling they are a festival for the community rather than simply exploiting the community. It was one of the first festivals to go ahead following unlocking (kudos to Southwark Council for letting that go ahead) and it seemed to go smoothly.

The crowd when I've been has always seemed local and friendly, as have many of the artists performing which gives South East London something to be proud when the majority of music events these days seem to be more and more in East London. It really is a weekend that many thousands of local residents look forward to.

As a resident of Peckham that lives metres away from the Rye, I wholeheartedly support the licensing application for the festival to go ahead.

Yours sincerely

SUPPORTER 15

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:13 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Application 876833 comments

In support of application:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

Hello, I've heard that there have been some negative responses to Gala Festival in Peckham Rye Park. I wanted to add to the positive voices, as it's a wonderful little music event that we have been to multiple times and dearly wish to go this year.

We recognise the local music legends, food businesses and general local-friendly vibe of the event, and this is part of why we love it. It would be really sad for this event to be not allowed to go ahead, and even more likely that a non-local focussed one pop up in its place. Personally, we haven't encountered any negative aspects to this event taking place before.

My partner and I live at: . We're very local and we love this event.

Regards,

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Co-founder & Head Brewer

+44

SUPPORTER 16

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:13 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: 876833 Peckham Rye Park & Common We Are The Fair Ltd

Hi,

I wanted to add my positive remarks for Gala Festival in Peckham Rye park. It is a fun contained festival and highlight of my and man local friends summer.

I suffer from Cerebral Palsy and the fact that I can easily attend a festival on my doorstep, instead of travelling far to rural outskirts is great.

There is always a fun calm atmosphere to and from the festival.

I live at

Peckham
SE15 3SL

Cheers,

Production Manager

Mob:

SUPPORTER 17

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:12 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Gala Festival

Hello my address is

SE15 4JR

I am emailing about Gala festival 2022! It's such a lovely festival which I think really brings the local community together to celebrate music! It's not an anti-social crowd at all and I didn't see any damage after last year's festival. It's so important for us to have things like this happening as we have had such a hard two years.

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

THANK YOU

SUPPORTER 18

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

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:10 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Southwark application support 876833

Hiya,

I just wanted to email to express my support for the Gala Festival that happens in Peckham Rye Park. I've grown up in the area and lived here for 23 years and the positive reaction as a local community has been lovely! I can't wait to attend this year and every year that follows.

Thanks!

SE15

SUPPORTER 19

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 1:57 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: 876833 Peckham Rye Park & Common We Are The Fair Ltd (GALA Festival) - Comments

APPLICATION DETAILS:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

FULL NAME / HOME ADDRESS:

Hello,

I'm writing to share my support for GALA 2022.

Being a resident who lives a 5-minute walk away from the site, I leapt at the chance to attend GALA last year. After a really tough 18 months, having a festival on my doorstep was just the tonic.

GALA brings a whole host of great DJs, artists and bands to the Rye and with that come the crowds of people from all pockets of London, the UK and the world!

These crowds help by supporting local businesses and cast a spotlight on this wonderful part of London for three days.

The market for these kinds of festivals is saturated in other parts of London (e.g. Hackney), so it feels good that Peckham gets a bit of love this time around!

I know there might be issues of other residents around here about noise, etc. however, I think it's vital that just for three days we can make the most of celebrating what's great about our city and country, rather than clamping down on it.

I trust you will consider GALA's license with an open mind and subsequently approve it.

Kind regards,

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SUPPORTER 20

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 1:45 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Gala - Positive Recco

Hey,

I am contacting you to let you know why I support Gala's application permits.

They support our local Peckham culture and local businesses, the crowd is always friendly with no anti-social behaviour. Their application reference is: 876833
Peckham Rye Park & Common, We Are The Fair Ltd.

My address is flat

Thanks,

SUPPORTER 21

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 1:43 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Licence application - 876833

Hi there,

I'd like to register my support for the following licence application:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

I'm a Peckham resident and live at . I fully support their application - it brings people to the area (meaning local hospitality venues also benefit from it taking place) and the atmosphere last year all around the Rye Park area was lovely; the crowds were friendly and didn't cause any trouble.

The festival itself also put a strong emphasis on their work with local charities and other important topics (such as harassment and environmentally friendly rubbish policies) so I'd say they are an asset to have in our community.

Kind regards,

SUPPORTER 22

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:22 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Application 87683 Review - Statement

Hi there,

I hope you're well.

I am writing regarding the license review for Gala Festival (Application 876833, Peckham Rye Park & Common, We Are The Fair Ltd)

I am a Southwark resident living right next to Peckham Rye Park () and was living here last year when the festival took place.

There were no disruptions to mine and my neighbours' daily life and the festival promoted a lovely atmosphere in and around Peckham. Further to that, the organisers were prompt in making us aware of any potential disruptions and clearly set out the plan and schedule they had, so are clearly considerate of the local area and residents. In addition to this, the festival is really crucial in supporting local businesses and culture so I hope it's something that can continue for a long time.

Thank you for reading.

Best wishes,

SUPPORTERS 23 & 24

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:27 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Representation in support of licence application 876833, We Are The Fair Ltd

To whom it may concern -

My partner _____ and I would like to acknowledge our support of the licence application 876833, made by We Are The Fair Ltd for Peckham Rye Park & Common.

We are both local residents close to Peckham Rye - our home is on _____ Street, a key thoroughfare for attendees of the GALA Festival travelling to and from the train station. We've never had any issues with excess noise or antisocial behaviour in any of the years that the festival has been running.

We are also local business owners, with our shop _____ very close to the Rye on East Dulwich Road. The festival brings boosted trade and a host of new customers to our business, many of whom return after the festival is a distant memory.

Finally, we have also attended GALA as punters (we're both in our 40s so it's not just a young person's game!). We were very impressed with the eco-friendly efforts made on site, including no single use plastic and the ongoing clean-up we witnessed.

We see the event as a positive addition to the area and hope it will continue for many years.

Kind regards

Director,

SUPPORTER 25

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:23 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: GALA - License Application

Dear Licensing Team,

I would like to express my support for the following application:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

The GALA festival supports both culture & local businesses in the surrounding area and, having attended the festival previously, I know the fellow attendees to be friendly and respectful. I believe that losing GALA would be a huge blow to the local area and I, as a local resident, fully support its continued contribution to Southwark's thriving cultural scene.

Kind regards,

Address:

SUPPORTER 26

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:21 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: 876833

Application details:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

Hi there,

I live at SE15 5EB.

I'd like to submit my show of support for the above licensing application, specifically for Gala Festival held on Peckham Rye Park.

As a resident of the area, I believe the festival brings significant benefit to the community. They support local culture, and local businesses within their festival, whilst bringing tourism to Peckham's local businesses. The crowd at Gala festival are uber friendly and sociable, and of all the London festivals I went to this summer (I went to 3 others), they were by far the most conscientious of the lot. I witnessed no anti-social behaviour and witnessed Gala festival interacting with local residents with grace online.

Lastly, they bring a great dose of culture to the area. Peckham is an area of London that does and should pride itself on its excellency in the arts, especially music. Whilst we have some great venues and music, Gala brings a brilliant element to this. Its great value for money, is great for residents, and brings great value to the area.

Thank you

SUPPORTER 27

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:19 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: 876833 - Application Support

Dear Southwark Licensing,

I wanted to write in support of the license application for Gala Festival (876833, Peckham Rye Park & Common, We Are The Fair Ltd).

It is an annual event where it supports culture, local businesses, is a friendly crowd with no anti-social behaviour and would be a shame for the local area and community to lose out on this. It would be a shame to lose out on an event that supports upcoming talent and culture and diversity in the arts space.

Residents tickets are always sold out in support of the local event.

Best,

SUPPORTER 28

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:19 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Positive Licensing Representation

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to support Gala Festival, held on Peckham Rye during the summer. Not only do they support local businesses and musicians, it's imperative culturally to create exciting new venues and spaces for young adults. Gala draws a wonderful crowd into the heart of Southwark, putting SE firmly on the map musically.

Reference application:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

Sincerely,

SUPPORTER 29

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:16 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Application 876833

Hi

I would like to add my support to the licence application by Gala Festival.

The application details are:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

The festival brings many positive benefits to the area, including supporting local businesses, attracting great PR for Peckham, utilising the park to its full potential and driving income. I live quite nearby and the festival goers generally seem friendly with no anti-social behaviour.

It would be a great loss if the licence was denied.

My address is:

Thanks

SUPPORTER 30

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:11 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Support applications

Hi

I would like to support the application for:

GALA festival

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

It will be good for the vibrancy of area and community

I am owner resident of:

Your sincerely

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SUPPORTER 31

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:28 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: GALA Festival

Hi there,

I am emailing regarding GALA Festival's application to hold their festival in Peckham again this year.

I am in huge support of the festival, it has a great benefit for not only culture and local businesses, but having attended last year's event the crowds were super friendly and respectful and I experienced no anti-social behaviour.

The application details are:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

My home address is:

SUPPORTER 32

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:31 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Support for application 876833

Hello,

I am emailing in reference to the following license application:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

I am a resident of Peckham (address:) and fully support this application.

I attended this event last year and plan to attend again this year. It exemplifies all the reasons why I choose to live in Peckham and should be considered an asset to the community. Local businesses were supported both from the selection of performers and vendors. It was a great showcase for local talent.

The event was well run and everything went smoothly. The attendees and atmosphere were great (especially compared to similar events I have attended elsewhere!). When the event finished it was quick and easy to get out of the venue. The disruption to the local area was minimal after the event - my street had no issues at all and we are right by the station.

I hope you decide to accept this application.

Best,

SUPPORTER 33

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:32 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Representation 876833

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

I am a nearby resident, and would like to add my positive comments about the Gala Festival.

I feel the GALA FESTIVAL is a very positive addition to the events in the area. The actual festival is well run, the attendees do not cause trouble, and they leave no trace after it is finished.

More importantly - the event is a celebration of the musical and food talent from the area, and is great way for local people to come together.

It is very important after Covid that we have these kind of events locally.

We are in a our 50s and enjoy going to this festival. Please make sure it continues.

Thanks

SUPPORTER 34

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:34 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: 876833 License application comment

Hello there,

I'm writing in support of the license application for the following:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

I wholeheartedly support this application and the GALA event as a whole. Having been a Peckham resident for over three years, the importance of small business and local enterprise is invaluable to the community, and what makes Peckham a fantastic place to live. My partner and I, who have lived here for a few years, attended the event in 2021 and it was truly a remarkable experience. After a long time spent indoors through the pandemic it felt joyous to come together and enjoy world class entertainment at our local park. The event was incredibly well-managed, and as a young female I felt safe and supported at all times. I can't wait to see the event return this summer and support my area, local artists and businesses.

My home address is:

Best wishes,

SUPPORTER 36

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:36 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Note in support of Gala/We Are The Fair

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to you in respect of the license review for the Gala Festival for We Are The Fair Ltd - **876833**

My family and I live at [REDACTED] - our home is situated just over 200M from Peckham Rye Common.

We think that the Gala festival is a fantastic addition to local life and the benefits it brings seem to greatly outweigh any inconvenience.

It is a festival whose music acts are curated with great care and attracts people locally and from around London who have a love for this specific type of music. I have attended the event one day each year, and been around on the other days. While in attendance, I have witnessed no antisocial behaviour at all; quite the opposite. Plus the staff and stewards at the event do a great job at keeping everybody safe, and orderly.

The music obviously needs to be loud in the festival, but We are The Fair do a great job and reducing the sound pollution beyond the event. As stated, we live very close to the Common and in previous years, we have been able to hear the music softly in our garden, and not at all inside our house.

The organisers do a first-class job in making the site good after the event. Litter is cleared up quickly and they seem to really care about putting the environment back to how it was as quickly as is possible.

Please allow this event to continue. It would be such a shame to lose this.

Many thanks

SUPPORTER 37

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:56 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Positive Representation: 876833 Peckham Rye Park & Common, We are the Fair Ltd

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We are the Fair Ltd

I am submitting a positive representation regarding GALA festival. I live in southwark at the following address:

Last year I attended the festival and was blown away by the efficient staff and level of organisation at the festival. I had friends who had travelled from all over the country to attend the festival, staying in local AirBnBs and spending money in local pubs and restaurants (Banh Banh in Peckham, The East Dulwich Tavern, The Actress, The Bishop and En Root). Furthermore, as a local resident, on the days that I did not attend, I felt as though the crowds were incredibly respectful and controlled effectively, minimising disruption to the local area.

I feel that Gala is an asset to Peckham, placing us on the map as 'a place to be'.

Thanks,

SUPPORTER 38

From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 5:41 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Gala Festival

Hi there,

here, the venue manager of . Just putting my two cents in for Gala Festival 876833, Peckham Rye Park & Common, We Are The Fair Ltd as a positive representation. Events of the scale of Gala really help the local music and venue community gain traction on a world stage and provide local artists with important bookings, as well as business for local venues in an important time. We have experienced no increase of anti-social behaviour during the festival.

Thanks for your time!

SUPPORTER 39

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:59 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: In support of application 876833 Peckham Rye Park and Common

Good afternoon,

I hope this finds you well. I'm writing in regards to an ongoing application 876833 to Peckham Rye Park and Common from We Are The Fair Ltd. As a local Peckham resident (address below), I strongly urge you to grant their application request without delay. I attended GALA festival last summer and I was blown away by how efficient and respectful the festival team were – the whole weekend was a complete joy from start to finish. The atmosphere around Peckham Rye over the three days was unrivalled and I believe the festival has become one of the local cultural highlights of the year.

We Are The Fair were also totally dedicated to supporting new South-East London talent, and therefore provide a platform for emerging artists that is so needed. Without small-scale festivals like GALA, the London music landscape would look very different. As the festival ended by 11pm each night, there seemed to be very limited disturbance to local residents and I didn't witness any anti-social behaviour. On the contrary, the attendees were simply happy to be back enjoying live music after being denied it for 2 years. With your help, I very much hope we will continue to enjoy this amazing event in the future.

With very best wishes,

SUPPORTER 40

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 1:01 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: License Application: 876833 Peckham Rye Park & Common We Are The Fair Ltd

Good afternoon

I understand that some local residents have objected to the Gala Festival, details above.

The event brings in huge trade for local businesses, the festival-goers are a friendly bunch and I have never seen any evidence of anti-social behaviour. The organisers always ensure the area is thoroughly cleaned, and last year they organised transport away from the site (I believe).

We're talking about only two/three days in the year – it will be a real blow to local businesses and residents who like to attend if the event is cancelled because of a few old grumps.

I live approximately three minutes from the Rye. When the wind blows in a particular direction, music can be heard but it is very quiet, not intrusive at all – nowhere near the level of the noisy hedge trimmers used by our curmudgeonly, complaining anti-festival neighbours, from 9am weekends March to October.

Please do not revoke the license.

Regards

Managing Director

SUPPORTER 41

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 1:40 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: License application review

Dear Southwark council,

**Re. Application 876833
Peckham Rye Park & Common
We Are The Fair Ltd**

I am emailing today with regard to the license application review for GALA music festival (specific application details as above). I am in full support of the application / festival as I believe it supports culture and local businesses, as well as promoting Peckham and the surrounding areas of Southwark. The music, culture and 'nightlife' (albeit, the proposed festival takes place mostly during daytime hours) has suffered severely during the course of the COVID-19 pandemic - WE MUST SUPPORT THESE ENDEAVOURS NOW!

I attended the festival last year and found it to be very well organised with great crowd-control (especially at the end of the event), as well as a lot of fun!

I really hope that the application will be approved.

Please could you keep me updated?

Many thanks!

With best wishes,

SUPPORTER 42

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 2:22 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Licensing application 876833

Hi there,

I'm emailing in support of licensing application 876833 (Peckham Rye Park & Common, We Are The Fair Ltd). I live at _____, London, SE15 4RB.

I think the event being planned is a great way to support local artists and businesses whose livelihoods were decimated by the Covid-19 pandemic. It was great to see the event run last year. I spoke to many attendees and artists from the local area who had been hugely looking forward to the festival, so I hope it can continue this year! I also went to Peckham Rye park the day after the festival last year and found that the park and surrounding areas were very tidy. All the attendees I met were very friendly and I couldn't hear any noise disruption. I know my neighbours felt the same!

One of the best things about Peckham is the strong support and tradition of independent artists and culture. The event is a great way to highlight this, it would be a real shame for a small number of objections to deny the whole community the chance to benefit from the proposed event!

Many thanks,

SUPPORTER 43

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 2:24 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Support for local event

Hello,

I am writing in support of a local festival, Gala, which is due to take place in June 2022.

The details of the event are as follows:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

I attended the event last summer, and wanted to vouch for it as a great cultural event in our local area. The event was very well organised and peaceful, it was very low impact on the environment in terms of creation of plastic and other waste. The event brings together world class musical performers and other experts on musical culture, to allow local people to gather and celebrate.

I was also impressed that the event prioritised local participation, by offering discounted tickets to residents and also supporting local record labels and artists.

The event finished by 10pm and festival goers were able to leave the area quickly, safely and easily, and I saw no poor behaviour from anyone in attendance. There was a very peaceful and positive atmosphere.

I would encourage the council to renew the license for Gala festival, so this event can continue to thrive and bring so much enjoyment and cultural diversity to our area.

Thank you,

Address:

SUPPORTER 44

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 2:53 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Gala Festival Support

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

Hi,

I believe that the license for Gala is being reviewed, presumably due to complaints, I am not sure.

I am a local resident who grew up in Fenwick Grove (near the Gowlett pub) and now has a flat on Goose Green. My nearly 70 year old mum still lives in Fenwick Grove, which is very near the festival, and she has not once complained about Gala taking place. My flat is on the main road which various festival goers use and I have never experienced negative behaviour linked to Gala being on.

Over the years my friends and I have been to various festivals across London and we all think that Gala is the best (we are 37 for reference and we've been twice). The crowd is a fantastic mix of all types of people of all ages, races, sexual orientations etc... it's a very inclusive and positive event. Absolutely everyone that I have seen or met at Gala is happy and friendly, and I have never seen any anti-social behaviour; in fact the festival security have nothing to do with such a friendly crowd and are dancing along with the rest of us! Of course there is noise associated with the festival and there is an exceptionally high number of people in the streets before and after the event which could irk some residents, but I haven't seen anyone behaving poorly.

It would be a great shame to cancel Gala's license and lose such a vibrant local event, and I do hope that the positive feedback such as this enable the festival to continue.

Many thanks

SUPPORTER 45

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:40 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Application No. 876833

Application No. 876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

My address:

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to offer my comments on the above proposal.

Having been a resident very close to Peckham Rye Park for more than 3 ½ years, I can say that the events held on the park during the summer months over the last few years are well organised and a pleasure to witness. All the events that I have witnessed (and attended) support local businesses, they are extremely friendly and I have never witnessed any anti-social behaviour. Based on what I have experienced to date, I would suggest that the summer events should continue to be permitted on the park this year and following years.

Kind regards,

SUPPORTER 46

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 1:02 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: GALA festival license application

Hi there,

This is an email to say I fully support the application for Gala festival at Peckham Rye park:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

GALA has been going on for a few years now and brings incredible opportunity to the area. In the forms of financial gain for local businesses, a platform for local musicians and a great time for residents and more that want to get involved.

I have never seen any anti-social behaviour from the people that visit the site and the team that put it together always share clear information with residents about what's going on and tidy the site well when they leave. They do a sterling job!

Music culture should be embraced! Especially after a pandemic when a lot of the people in that industry struggled.

My address is:

Many thanks,

SUPPORTER 47

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 1:08 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Gala Festival

With regard to the above festival due to be held in Peckham Rye Park this summer, details:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

I wanted to offer a positive voice to this festival taking place.

I have attended this festival for a number of years, from it's original home to it's current location, and I am thrilled that we have an event like this in our local area.

The festival itself is a an amazing inclusive event that showcases local talent as well as worldwide artists, it is a safe space for all that attend, and as a queer person, there are very few festivals that I feel 100% comfortable attending, in fact, this is probably the only festival I would comfortable attending and know that I can be myself.

In the many years of attending I have never witnessed any anti-social behaviour, any violence, and as a local who uses the park daily have always been impressed about how quickly the festival is broken down, with very little trace that there was an event there.

Taking into consideration the benefits to the local economy, especially our food and beverage business, I can only think that Gala Festival is something that Peckham should be proud of hosting.

Thanks a lot

SUPPORTER 48

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 1:33 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Gala 876833 Peckham Rye Park & Common We Are The Fair Ltd

Hi I'd like to show my support for this.

I am a resident living across the road at it is great having a festival so close for all the local residents that you don't have to travel ages on the tube for.

It brings a lot of business to the local shop hardings on the day of the festival and is nice to see such a great atmosphere in the local bars on the day of it with all the fancy dress and colours.

Please don't revoke the licence its such a blessing

SUPPORTER 49

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 2:05 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: 876833 Peckham Rye Park & Common We Are The Fair Ltd - Support

My full name is .

Many thanks,

On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 12:10 PM

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> wrote:

Hi there,

I'm writing to support application:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

My home address is .

I strongly support such an even for multiple reasons:

- It celebrates Peckham and brings in more people to contribute to the local economy and businesses.
- It's great for us local people, we have an amazing event to either attend or be employed by.
- Gala champions local businesses and charities.
- Gala attracts respectful people, I've never witnessed or heard of any anti-social behaviour.
- These kinds of events are what the UK is best at, it's harder and harder to set them up because of loud, voices of complaint from people who don't understand or appreciate it, even though it's only 3 days (not nights) of the year. The council should find it important to champion such an event and continue to help Peckham become one of the UK's best cultural hubs.

Thanks for your time.

Best,

SUPPORTER 50

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 3:43 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Gala Festival 2022

Dear licencing team,

Re: 876833 Peckham Rye Park & Common We Are The Fair Ltd

I understand that you are considering the licence application for the Gala Festival this year. As a very close neighbour of the festival (I live at) I wanted to add my voice in support of the festival and allowing it go ahead. Although I have not personally attended it, since it has been running there has been no negative impact that I have noticed. The attendees have not been any trouble at all. Apart from the days that the festival is underway, it is hardly noticeable that there is a festival taking place. There is some loss of use of a particular (small) area of the park while the festival issuing set up and dismantled however, Peckham Park still has a considerable area of space to use and after the site has been dismantled, apart from the churn of the grass, which seems to recover well, there is little to show what has just happened.

The music is in no way uncomfortable or intrusive (I quite like it) - (I also have an allotment locally and when I am there and the festival is underway, the music is only noticeable when the wind blows!

I am wholly in support of you allowing this festival to go ahead.

Kind regards

SUPPORTER 51

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 4:41 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Peckham GALA 22 - Support for license application

Dear Southwark licensing team,

I am sending this email to submit a positive representation in regards to the license application review for Peckham GALA '22.

The application details are:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

My home address is:

I believe this application should be approved; it supports local artists and the culture for which Peckham is famed (nationally and internationally). The event organisers are making efforts to improve sustainability which should be regarded as an inspiration to other similar festivals and may influence attendees to adopt a more sustainably-minded lifestyle - which benefits the borough.

After a difficult time for such events during the COVID-19 pandemic, we should be doing everything possible to encourage vitality and creative spirit for the sake of the population's mental wellbeing, as well as ensuring that young people are attracted to London which will facilitate ongoing prosperity and success. This event is contributing directly to that vision and should be allowed to go ahead as intended.

Best wishes,

SUPPORTER 52

From:

Sent: Friday, March 4, 2022 9:50 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Application :876833

Dear all,

My name is _____ and I writing to express my fully support to the GALA festival application (876833, Peckham Rye Park & Common, We Are The Fair Ltd).

I moved to the UK in 2011, since then I have been living in Peckham/Dulwich area. I have witnessed so many changes, for good, over the recent years. A key part in that process has been played by Arts and Music, and particularly GALA Festival.

I live in _____, very close to the park and it is a joy to see every year how the festival keeps growing and growing. They look after the residents offering access to cheaper tickets and supporting the local businesses. It is also a meeting point for those who live in the area.

I've been always proud of this corner of South East London but those type of events make me even prouder. This year, friends from different areas of London are coming to enjoy this family/chilled vibes festival, spending their money and time in our lovely area.

GALA Festival also support local artists, I've seen Oscar Jerome, Alfa Mist or Poppy Ajudha playing in that park.

Best

SUPPORTER 53

From:

Sent: Friday, March 4, 2022 10:36 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Gala at Peckham Rye Park

Good morning,

I wanted to reach out to express my support and appreciation of the Gala festival in Peckham Rye Park.

I have been going to the festival since it started 4-5 years ago and keep coming back because of its great music and friendly crowds. The festival prides itself on supporting local culture, hiring lots of local artists and acts to play. As a result, many of the people that attend the festival are locals and for that reason, it has always been a wonderful place to meet fellow locals, talk about our shared love for local music and generally just enjoy each other's company.

Of the 4 times I've been I have not witnessed a single bit of anti-social behaviour. People are there because they all share a passion for the great music, food and entertainment that Gala put on. And for that reason, people are not there to get drunk and disorderly, they're there to enjoy the great atmosphere Gala is so good at delivering.

I know I share the opinion of a lot of people in Peckham, Brixton, East Dulwich, Nunhead and many other surrounding areas that Gala festival is a centrepiece of local South East London culture.

Application details:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

My home address:

SUPPORTER 54

From:

Sent: Friday, March 4, 2022 10:59 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Application 876833

Hi There,

Just emailing to lodge my support in this matter for the festival team at Gala. I've always found Gala festival to be incredibly welcoming and safe each year, and I think the approach they take to arranging the festival is considerate and conscientious.

It shows the local area in a great light.

Many thanks,

SUPPORTER 55

From:

Sent: Friday, March 4, 2022 1:26 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: positive representation for GALA festival!

Good afternoon

I've heard that GALA festival's license is being looked at and wanted to submit my full, unconditional support for this event. I live directly next to the Rye and have had no issues with this festival in the past. It is a wonderful day for all the local residents, with a very friendly crowd, and have never heard of antisocial behaviour in/around the park as a result of it. The park is always returned to us promptly and in good condition, unlike other park day festivals I've lived close to in the past.

They also distribute a huge number of affordable tickets to local residents which I've made use of in the past and is a wonderful perk of living close to the event.

I seriously hope you can see the positive impact this event has on the local area and will grant their license in full as usual.

My registered address is

Regards

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SUPPORTER 56

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

From:

Sent: Friday, March 4, 2022 12:56 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Gala Festival

Dear Southwark council,

I am writing regarding the following application:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

I understand there have been concerns raised regarding the music festival GALA.

I am making the express effort in writing now to voice my full support for the festival having attended several consecutive years in a row. The festival itself is, in my opinion, the most unique and friendly festival in London. It adds positively to the culture of Peckham and the local area. I have invited friends from a far to previous festivals who have since been repeat visitors and also revisited Peckham multiple times supporting local businesses.

I plan to attend this summer. And look forward to many more.

Kind regards,

SUPPORTER 57

From:

Sent: Friday, March 4, 2022 12:46 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: GALA - application 876833

Dear Southwark council,

I am a resident in the area living at
last five years.

. I have lived in the area for the

I am writing regarding the following application:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

I understand there have been concerns raised regarding the music festival GALA.

I am making the express effort in writing now to voice my full support for the festival having been several consecutive years in a row. The festival itself is unique in that it is, in my opinion, the most friendly festival in london. It adds positively to the unique culture of Peckham and the local area. I have invited friends from a far to previous festivals who have since been repeat visitors and also revisited Peckham multiple times and supporting local businesses.

I plan to attend this summer. And look forward to many more.

Regards,

SUPPORTER 58

From:

Sent: Friday, March 4, 2022 8:44 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: 876833 Peckham Rye Park & Common We Are The Fair Ltd

Dear sir/madam,

I love gala festival and am writing to highlight some of the reasons I think it is such a wonderful event.

- Gala gives young people in Peckham something to get involved in.
- Gala works with and showcases local businesses, communities and charitable organisations.

In my experience, behaviour is always good and there is very little anti social behaviour.

Best,

SUPPORTER 59

From:

Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 2:37 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Licence for Gala event

Hi, please see below for some comments regarding the Gala festival in June.

Personal Details:

[Your Name]

[Your home or business address]

License Application Details:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

I'm a volunteer at the Southwark
as part of the team raising funds.

and attended the Gala festival last year

I wanted to voice my support for the team and the event and ask that the licence be granted again. The team were extremely supportive of us as a small local charity, and helped us raise £8,000 - a significant sum for any organisation but especially for a small charity. They helped us understand the best way to approach people, were incredibly proactive and organised in the run-up to the day, and friendly to us once we arrived.

They checked in with us all day, made sure we had what we needed and helped us raise the maximum amount of money. We were also able to raise our profile among younger people in the borough, who are not always easy to reach.

No other big festival held in Peckham has ever (to my knowledge) asked us to be part of their event and to me this spoke volumes about their interest in and regard for the local area.

As parks will always be used for big events like these, I'd really strongly ask that this team is granted a licence.

Thanks

SUPPORTER 60

From:

Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 5:38 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Gala Festival

Hi,

I'm writing to you regarding keeping Gala festival at Peckham Rye.

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

I believe it has lots of positive effects on the local community. The crowd are real fun, loving and friendly people who are just there for a good time. Nothing else like this happens in Peckham and I know lots of residents around me look forward to Gala since it began! I can't say I have ever seen any anti-social behaviour at all. Purely happy faces. I believe it supports local culture and perfectly fits with the pace that Peckham has become.

Please don't take it away!

Kind regards,

SUPPORTER 61

From:

Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 5:05 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: 876833 Peckham Rye Park & Common We Are The Fair Ltd

To whom it may concern,

I just wanted to voice my support for Gala Festival which I feel to be a great way to support local business with a great crowd and most importantly supporting culture. I live on Grove Lane, SE5 8ST and benefit from being a Southwark Resident and the joy this event brings me and my housemates and strongly support the event. I hope you all agree.

Best,

SUPPORTER 62

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2022 12:42 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Gala Festival - 876833 (License Application)

Hi

I am writing with regards to Gala Festival and its license application:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

I am a Southwark resident and live at . I wanted to express my support in the application of this license primarily because of the positive impact it has on generating money for the borough council and local businesses. It has always been an important event to me and my housemates (there are three of us all in our twenties) and we attend every year. It's important that the Council permits events like this to occur which gives young people something to get involved in and become part of. Having been for the past few years, I have also never witnessed any anti-social behaviour and I know that it's an integral annual event for local businesses and also charities.

Thanks,

SUPPORTER 63

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2022 4:06 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Support for Gala Festival

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in support of Gala Festival.

The application details are:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

As a resident living adjacent to the park in
to the festival.

I'd like to give my full backing

Gala is an extremely well-run event that brings a diverse range of music, food and people.

Despite living about 50 metres from the entrance to the festival I've never had any trouble with noise or mess. The staff and festival attendees have always been pleasant. The infrastructure disappears as quickly as it pops up.

As a patron of last year's event I can confirm there was a unique atmosphere of friendliness and accessibility unseen in other London festivals. Everyone is smiling. Everyone is looking after everyone else.

Gala's schedule of eclectic artists from around the world attracts people from all areas of London society. It goes some way towards transcending class, background and age norms through its wide spectrum of genre-hopping bookings.

Through highly visible posters around Peckham Rye and a strong social media campaign it tries to ensure that all the voices of the community are heard.

The site brings many of the culinary delights of Peckham's high street with a consistent effort to include local businesses in the action through on-site food and drink stands. A beef burger I had last year was particularly delicious.

Long live Gala!

Best wishes,

SUPPORTER 64

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2022 6:41 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: 876833

Re: 876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

Dear Sirs,

I am writing as a local resident to support the proposal above.

Music festivals in the area have for a long time brought employment opportunities, entertainment and support for charities in the local area.

The community music festivals engender is part of what makes living in london wonderful and unique, and long may it continue.

I hope the above application is approved.

Yours sincerely,

SUPPORTER 65

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

From:

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 2:13 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Support for GALA festival licence application 876833

Application 876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

Dear Southwark Licensing Team,

I am writing to voice my support for GALA festival 2022 on Peckham Rye Park.

As a Peckham resident, I can say with confidence that GALA is an important asset for the neighbourhood. The festival supports local talent, it supports a diverse community of cultures and it also gives a great platform for the LGBT community in the area. The festival also brings works class music and artists into the heart of Peckham something which I believe is extremely important for the ongoing growth of Peckham's musical legacy.

The festival brings money to the area by promoting local business. I can also say from experience that it's a safe environment for young people to enjoy themselves in.

Gala is a great festival that should stay in Peckham Rye park!

Thank you

SUPPORTER 66

From:

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 2:43 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Letter to support licence application: 876833

To whom it may concern,

Please see below a letter to support licence application: **876833**

Peckham Rye Park & Common We Are The Fair Ltd

I just wanted to share with you some positive thoughts & experiences that myself, family and friends have all experienced with We Are The Fair Ltd. t/a Gala Festival.

Gala festival is a fantastic event based in Peckham Rye park. The event collaborate with local people by employing them for work on site and local food vendors.

Over the last few years where Gala has been held at Peckham Rye park it built up a fantastic reputation as good energy festival with a really nice and friendly crowd.

The clean-up efforts post festival have been remarkable, unlike others that are hosted in Lambeth where I used to live where rubbish would be left on streets for weeks.

It's a contained site and the entry and exit of the festival is very smooth running which means there's rarely people loitering on the streets trying to get in or out.

Last year Gala festival teamed up with a charity that supports asylum seekers and refugees with skills training which had great on-site presence and raised a considerable amount of awareness & money for the charity.

They continue to focus on sustainability efforts focusing on environmental and social impacts to the community and beyond which I feel is a really refreshing approach for a London music based festival.

They also work with a local female based radio station bring in local female talent. Last year they had a whole tent dedicated to this on the Saturday. As a woman it's wonderful seeing a festival promote women in such a way, particularly within an industry that is so heavily dominated by men.

Living in Southwark I really support this festival and their ongoing work, it's been marvellous watching them grow and I'm intrigued to see what more they have to offer.

All the best,

SUPPORTER 67

From:

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 12:17 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Reference: 876833 Peckham Rye Park & Common - We Are The Fair Ltd

Reference: 876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common - We Are The Fair Ltd

I understand that the license application for Gala Music Festival is being reviewed this month therefore would like to write to you in support of this festival continuing to be held on Peckham Rye for the foreseeable future.

I'm a local resident that lives on Friern Road and have attended Gala festival in the past and plan to go again this year. The festival is approximately a five minute walk from my house which I see as an added bonus – it really is a luxury to have a five minute walk back home afterwards.

As a music fan, I've been to many festivals over the years and was extremely impressed at how well organised Gala was when I attended for the first time. Not only does the festival engage and support several local businesses by showcasing local breweries and food suppliers, it also helps to boost the income for many shops, restaurants and pubs in the area, supports local charities and does as much as possible to limit the environmental impact of the festival by encouraging the people attending to re-use plastic glasses rather than using disposable one time plastics and by providing several re-cycling points around the festival that are clearly marked.

I personally have never experienced any anti-social behaviour at Gala and as female in my mid-fifties have always found the festival to be welcoming and inclusive despite being in the later part of my life.

It will be a real shame if this festival was no longer held on Peckham Rye because it's a great event that also engages some of the younger residents by giving them something good to look forward to and get involved in.

Festivals help bring people together to celebrate music – after the last two years we've all had with COVID, we need things like this to be held locally in order to bring some kind of normality back to life again. I fully support this festival staying on Peckham Rye.

Kind regards

SUPPORTERS 68-70

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

From:

Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:23 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: In support of license application- Gala festival

Hello,

I'm emailing in support of GALA Festivals' current application to Southwark Council.

My housemates and I moved to Camberwell back in August 2020. It was great to attend GALA, and experience Peckham at its fullest, after a year of being stuck inside. Since the event, we've been more inclined to visit the Peckham area with the great pubs/ restaurants and shops. After the last two years, events like GALA allow residents to get back and socialise in a safe environment.

The attendees and staff of the event were super friendly and helpful. We felt safe throughout and could enjoy the festival without worry.

This was written collectively by myself and two housemates who attended GALA.

The application details:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

Personal Address:

Sent from my iPhone

SUPPORTERS 68-70 part 2

From:

Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 10:36 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: In support of license application - GALA Festival

Hello,

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This was written collectively by myself and two housemates who attended GALA.

The application details:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

Personal Address:

SUPPORTER 71

From:

Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:30 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject:

Hi Team,

My name is _____ am a homeowner at _____ and am a resident of Peckham for the last 10 years.

I understand there's an application for a Licence to allow music events in Peckham Rye Park. I want to offer my support to the application, as I've never experienced any issues during or post festivals happening there and it's nice for the local music community, young people and Peckham's cultural collectives to have stuff happening on this amazing space, of which we're lucky to have anyway.

The details for the application are
876833
Peckham Rye Park & Common
We Are The Fair Ltd

Many thanks

SUPPORTERS 72 & 73

From:

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:10 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Application no. 876833

Hi there

I am writing from . I live very close to Peckham Rye and I am fully in support of Gala festival. It brings so much positivity and culture to Peckham when it is on. It is amazing for young people to finally have an amazing music event to attend, without trekking to East London! They clearly make an effort to work with local businesses and artists and I think it is an event that Southwark can be proud of. Long may it continue.

&

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

SUPPORTER 74

----- Forwarded message -----

De:

Date: mar, 8 mar 2022 a las 17:50

Subject: Licensing

To: <licensing@southwark.gov.uk>

Hi,

I am a Southwark resident () and I'm writing in reference to an application being made to Gala Festival. The application details are:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

I feel like the successful application would be a huge benefit for the local business owners. The festival brings a huge footfall through Southwark who otherwise might not pass through. It also works with charitable organisations in the area and there haven't been any incidents of antisocial behaviour as a result.

Thanks,

SUPPORTER 75

From:

Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:02 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: PL reference 876833 - Peckham Rye Park

To whom it may concern

I am writing regarding a premises licence application with the following details:

876833

Peckham Rye Park

We are the fair Ltd

My name is _____ and I live at _____.

I believe this PL application is for Gala festival to take place and possibly increase to an additional event in future years.

I think Gala is a wonderful event, with an inclusive atmosphere. They do everything they can to try and make everybody feel a part of the event.

I've lived here for several years and it has always been very well operated, the audience have been polite and friendly and there's a good clean-up operation in place. I can of course hear it on the days it is on, but that's only a few days of the year during summer and its nice to hear things going on and see people in the area enjoying themselves.

Please let me know if you need further details.

Many thanks

SUPPORTER 76

From:

Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1:03 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Gala Festival Suuport

Application Details: 876833, Peckham Rye Park and Common, We Are The Fair Limited.

Dear Southwark Council,

I am a Peckham Resident () and have lived in Peckham for 6 years. I wish to record my support for holding of Gala Festival in May this year. This festival has been a fantastic cultural addition to the area in recent years, also aiding local businesses. Since the pandemic there have been a raft of music venues which have not reopened. This has left a dearth in venues for young people to enjoy the area's vibrant musical output.

I look forward to the festival's positive impact on the community returning again this year.

Kind regards,

SUPPORTER 77

From:

Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 4:11 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Support of the Gala Festival

Dear Southwark Council,

I wish to write in support of the Gala Festival as it has come to my attention that the license for this festival is under review.

I live at _____ and the entrance to the festival is right outside my property. I have attended a few days of the festival and found it to be a very well organised event, creatively curated and with the community and the environment at the heart of the festival.

On the days I have not attended, I have not once been disturbed by the music or any of the festival goers, as I think it attracts a friendly crowd of music enthusiasts who are conscious of their surroundings. The music ends at a very agreeable time, so I do not see why local residents should be too disrupted by this.

I think it would be a massive shame for the local music scene if this festival ceased to exist - the festival organisers do a fantastic job and it is well received by many.

Please let me know if you need any further information. See the reference below:

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

Best regards,

Resident at

SUPPORTER 78

From:

Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 3:00 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Application 876833

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

Dear Licensing Team

I am a resident at _____ and am writing in relation to the above licensing application.

I have been living at this address for over 4 years and write to express my support for the application.

In previous years I have attended the festival which brings together young people in the local community, promotes the area and supports local businesses. It is in my view an asset to the local area and provides young people with much needed entertainment. The festival was well organised, safe and trouble free.

In more recent years when I have not been able to attend (as I now have a young family) I have not experienced any trouble or disturbance, despite the proximity of my house to the festival site. I have always been impressed by how quickly the area is restored once the festival has finished.

It would be a huge loss to the area and younger community if the festival is not permitted to continue.

Kind regards

SUPPORTER 79

From:

Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 3:07 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Application No. 876833

Hi there,

Email regarding:

Application No. 876833
Peckham Rye Park & Common
We Are The Fair Ltd

I live in Southwark at _____ and I am writing in support of Gala festival. It is an asset to the community and an event we can be proud of. It supports local talent and provides some much needed temporary employment for young people in the area.

We should be supporting independent music events like this as much as possible to ensure Southwark is an attractive cultural area.

Kind regards,

**Peckham Rye Park & Common
We Are The Fair Ltd**

All the best,

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Youth Platform Coordinator

SUPPORTER 81

From:

Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 8:14 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Peckham Rye Park Gala Music Festival - 876833

To whom it may concern

I have heard that there is a resident's consultation going on regarding Peckham Rye Park being used for Gala music festival.

Application Number: 876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

I would like to share my view on it as a local resident. I live a hundred meters or so from the festival, and have to say I think that it adds considerable value to the area. The area is vibrant and alive when the festival is on, with little to no disruption to our lives as local residents. I imagine it generates money for our borough but it also adds to the vibrancy and culture of Peckham. The park is a common space, and what better way to enjoy it in the summer. I really hope that the festival continues to take place here!

Thank you

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SUPPORTER 82

From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 11:04 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Peckham Rye Park & Common

Hello,

I am writing to you regarding the resident's consultation going on regarding Peckham Rye Park around Gala music festival.

Application Number; 876833
Peckham Rye Park & Common
We Are The Fair Ltd

I would like to offer my support to the application. We have not experienced any anti-social behaviour, actually the opposite everyone that we met going to the festival was super friendly. It was actually one of the reasons we purchased our property, which is right next the park, as the festival creates such a good atmosphere and adds so much culture to the area.

Thank you

SUPPORTER 83

From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 4:04 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: We Are The Fair Ltd license proposition

876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

To whom it may concern,

I have been made aware of a resident's consultation concerning the use of Peckham Rye for the Gala music festival.

As a resident that lives directly *overlooking* the park, I would like to offer my support towards the application and make my stance clear - that I would be more than happy for this to go ahead.

The festival occurs biannually at most and is a great opportunity to generate both money and exposure for our borough, which is always positive. Since Peckham also hosts such a young demographic, I believe we need to be proactive in creating spaces and events for the younger people in our community, the Gala festival is a perfect example of this.

While there will no doubt be a small portion of residents who are against these types of events taking place due to fears of noise, disorder, etc., in my experience of the festival over the years, I have not encountered any anti-social behavior, with everyone in attendance simply having a good time.

Best,

SUPPORTER 84

From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 4:53 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: 876833 - Peckham Rye Park & Common - We Are The Fair Ltd

Importance: High

Dear licencing team,

EMAIL ON BEHALF OF

– OWNER OF

PUB

RE: 876833

Peckham Rye Park & Common

We Are The Fair Ltd

I am writing to submit a positive representation for GALA 2022 Festival.

I support this festival for a number of reasons. The event generates money for local businesses such as mine, as well as for the borough council. It is an opportunity for young people in Peckham to get involved, whether that be through playing music themselves or working at the festival. It showcases local businesses as well as community groups and charities in the area.

Finally, I have attended GALA myself last year and had a wonderful time, not experiencing any anti-social behaviour at all. All other people attending were friendly and just wanted to have a good time.

Please let me know if you need any more information.

SUPPORTER 85

From:

Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 7:05 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Support representation: We Are The Fair Ltd, Peckham Rye Park and Common, Peckham Rye, Peckham, London, SE15 3UA (application number 876833)

The Licensing Unit
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160 Tooley Street
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licensing@southwark.gov.uk

Representation in support of the following application:

We Are The Fair Ltd, Peckham Rye Park and Common, Peckham Rye, Peckham, London, SE15 3UA

Application number: 876833

Dear Sirs,

I support the above application and urge the licensing sub-committee to grant the application.

This representation pertains to all four licensing objectives.

I am a local resident whose residential premises ***directly overlooks*** Peckham Rye Park and Common.

1. Prevention of crime and disorder

I feel that the applicant has sufficiently addressed the prevention of crime and disorder licensing objective. I do not believe that the proposed operation of the premises would give rise to significant crime and disorder, and feel that the measures presented in the application are sufficient. Further to this, during multiple prior events at the park I did not notice any crime or disorder / anti-social behaviour associated with the event – either during the event or afterwards when attendees were dispersing (and when one might expect adverse incidents to occur).

2. The protection of public safety

I feel that the applicant has sufficiently addressed the protection of public safety licensing objective. I feel that the public safety / health and safety measures presented in the application are sufficient. To my knowledge multiple prior events at the park didn't give rise to any public safety concerns. I have no reason to believe that events going forward would present public safety concerns.

3. The prevention of public nuisance

During prior events at the premises I have not been disturbed by noise nuisance. Whilst I could hear music from the events, it was not at a level that was intrusive, caused nuisance or led to any loss of amenity. The event location may actually move closer to where I live under the newly proposed licence, however I am confident that if the Noise Management Plan is adhered to (which we assume it has been in previous years), then no public nuisance will arise due to events held under the proposed licence. I feel that the applicant has sufficiently addressed the prevention of public nuisance licensing objective.

4. The protection of children from harm

I feel that the applicant has sufficiently addressed the protection of children from harm licensing objective. I feel that the child safeguarding measures presented in the application are sufficient. To my knowledge multiple prior events at the park didn't give rise to any child safeguarding concerns. Further to this, I attended the family friendly events held in prior years by the applicant with my young daughter and would have no hesitation in doing so again.

In addition to the above, I feel that the event is great for the local community and businesses and a real benefit to Southwark. It is wonderful to have such a well-run event being provided in Peckham and we fully endorse this application.

Yours sincerely,