

OTHER PERSON A

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 8:04 PM
To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to licensing application -Burgess Park

Dear Licensing Team,

We object to the licensing application for Burgess Park (8000+ people from September 2022 onwards) for the following reasons:

1. Antisocial behaviour, violence and noise

There is very good reason to believe that an event of this scale will result in a significant and real risk of antisocial behaviour, violence and excessive noise over a prolonged period.

In the summer of 2020, Southwark obtained an injunction following a series of unruly events in the park. The injunction order, which ran for 12 months, prohibited amplified music, lighting equipment, marquees and groups of more than 20 people after 9pm. All of these activities fall part of the proposed application. The injunction also covered violent behaviour and carrying a weapon. Sadly, there is a history of antisocial behaviour in the park: hence the injunction. The council will also be aware that the bi-annual funfair in the park often sees violent incidents. It seems that if the council is to make money, then they will tolerate those activities.

2. Transport/ surrounding roads

The roads in and around the park already suffer from heavy congestion during the summer months. Often the roads which are used for access to the park are completely blocked with cars parked down both sides, traffic head-on and unable to move. How does the council expect the local bus and road links/ parking to manage an influx of this size?

3. Litter

During the summer months, the park suffers from high levels of litter at the weekend. An event of this size would inevitably result in even more litter.

The park is an enviable green space with wildlife in and around the lake which the litter endangers.

4. Residential area

Burgess Park is in an urban area, with housing around all the park. The noise and amplified music will cause unnecessary stress to those living in the vicinity.

5. Children

The site of the proposed event is right beside the children's playground. Why? Has any thought been given to the impact it will have on the children and their use of that area over the weekend when there is an 18+ event next to it?

The council has recently given up significant parts of the park for commercial use-filming, adverts and so on. Access to parts of the park is then inevitably reduced with significant damage to the grass (for example, the area where the lawn has been fenced off for 2 years but then filming was permitted upon and it is fenced off again). Burgess Park is an important open green space in Southwark. The proposed event should look for an alternative venue where the above issues are not a concern.

Yours faithfully,

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OTHER PERSON B

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 9:53 PM
To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>
Subject: 877012 objection

We strongly object to proposal as it could have a detrimental effect on both residents living in the area and the park's wildlife.

The park is a place of relaxation and also meant as a family friendly recreation space not for large uncontrollable gatherings which has the potential to ruin the habitat that has taken years to cultivate. Allowing thousands of people to trample through the delicate eco system causing stress on the park's wildlife especially as the swans and other birds are currently nesting is not in our opinion justifiable.

We know through experience that alcohol and large gatherings raises the potential of violence and drug abuse that could lead to injury or damage to residents and their property or something far more serious as has happened in the past. Added to that there is the issue of noise pollution.

We suggest that there are far more appropriate venues catering for large gatherings other than using the park.

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OTHER PERSON C

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 8:55 AM
To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to Licensing Application: 877012

License

Application: <https://app.southwark.gov.uk/licensing/LicPremisesAppliedDetails.asp?systemkey=877012>

Dear Licensing Team

I write to submit my objection to the licence application being considered by Southwark Council for several 8000 (or 9999, the application is unclear) person events to be held in Burgess Park across a number of years.

I welcome the event to the Borough. But please don't provide a licence for it to be held in Burgess Park.

The proposed event should be held indoors within a venue which already holds the necessary licences.

The lack of specific detail in the application form submitted by the company (several key decisions about the proposed event will be taken after a licence is granted!) means I can only provide very general objections to this application. I do so below.

The park is a unique place which needs to be valued for its peacefulness and accessibility.

Council staff and local volunteers spend so much time carefully maintaining the gardens of the Park, ensuring they are an environment in which plants and animals can grow and thrive.

This environment needs to be cherished, celebrated and valued as a green space. Burgess Park is a place of refuge from the crowds and noises of the city.

The idea the Council is now going to allow (indeed to encourage) 9999 people to trample across and destroy significant parts of the Park is devastating.

I understand finances are very tight for almost all local authorities but please don't sell out our public green spaces for commercial use.

The Council should be reconsidering its licence to the circus, not expanding its roster of commercial organisations which use our green space in ways which inevitably destroy them, in the best case scenario on a temporary basis and on a more likely basis on a permanent basis, with bird songs and soils permanently altered.

At things stand, the Council does not have the resources to properly warden the Park. Loud, amplified music is often played well into the small hours of the morning, keeping residents awake during the weekdays and weekends.

With the council unable to properly enforce current regulations, it is inevitable public nuisance, crime and disorder will occur if such a large event is permitted. This is especially so with the drug and alcohol policies and licences being proposed. Burgess Park, a local green space surrounded by residential homes, is simply not an appropriate location for such a "festival" event.

The Council is well aware of the disruption and two stabbings that occurred when 600 people took part in a water fight in the Park a few years ago. The crowd then was only 1000-1500 people.

Please say no to the use of Burgess Park for this event. And please do help the organiser find an appropriate indoor venue to accommodate their event within the city.

Yours sincerely

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OTHER PERSON D

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 4:51 PM
To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>
Subject: object to Licence Number: 877012

Dear licensing team,

I am writing to submit my object to licence number 877012.

I strongly object to festivals and large scale events being held in Burgess Park. Already there are many informal gatherings in the park that cause much disruption to local residents. Large events should not be taking place.

This would cause much damage to the excellent gardens and to local wildlife, especially to the pond, which is an important habitat.

It would encourage antisocial behavior in the surrounding areas, especially since Burgess Park is not well connected with train stations and does not have the infrastructure to support such large crowds.

Please say no to the use of Burgess Park for this event.

Yours sincerely,

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OTHER PERSON E

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 6:46 PM
To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to licensing application -Burgess Park

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OTHER PERSON F

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 7:10 PM
To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>
Subject: Burgess Park Licensing application no. 877012

Dear Sir,

I am writing to STRONGLY object to this application being granted. The residents surrounding Burgess Park have been plagued by the anti social behaviour in the park, without having to contend with a large event such as this. WE LIVE HERE AND HAVE NO WHERE ELSE TO GO. The Council are well aware of the problems that the residents are continuing to have, due to not having enough resources to "police" the park.

The park has now become a No go area for some, with frequent muggings, and stabbings, and more recently a rape.

We now have a pair of swans nesting, and other wild life to consider, THEY ALSO DO NOT HAVE ANY WHERE TO GO.

And as for allowing alcohol, this is just a recipe for disaster.

There will also be a parking problem, and our vehicles as in the past will be damaged.

If you allow this event to happen, I can guarantee it will not end well, and then questions will be asked as to why this event was allowed to take place.

Yours faithfully,

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OTHER PERSON G

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2022 9:15 AM
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