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**Subject:** Objection to Premises License Application

Good afternoon,

Please find attached Southwark Police representation in regards to the application for a New premises licence for the venue Crnaval Del Pueblo Asocoacion, The Great Lawn, Burgees Park SE5 0AL.

Kind regards,

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**Date: 11/07/2023**

**Re: CARNIVAL DEL PEUBLO ASOCIACION – The Great Lawn, Burgees Park, SE5 0AL**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Police are in possession of an application from the above for a new premises license for the sale by retail of alcohol, and for the provision of regulated entertainment. The premises for the application is The Great Lawn, Burgees Park.

The application refers to the use for the premises as below and requests the following opening and operating times;

Open to the public;

Sunday – 1100hrs – 2300hrs

Supply of Alcohol – 1100hrs -2130hrs

Regulated entertainment – 1100hrs – 2300hrs

**The application states ,“We wish the licence for these premises to be renewable at a similar time annually. This event is for a festival on Sunday, 20th August 2023 and we host this event annually. This year, we are expecting 5,000 people at any one time. However, our intention is to upscale the event in the future so we are choosing to apply for 10,000 people now, to ensure we can use the licence for a longer period (hence no end date). The premises are a section of The Burgess Park called the Great Lawn, close to Chumleigh Gardens, off Albany Road and so an outdoor setting. There will be a gazebo bar with chairs and tables and a cold vehicle chilling drinks over night. There will be food stalls/vans closing at 9.30pm. There will be a main stage with Latin American live orchestra music from folk to salsa and we will monitor the sound level throughout the day. There will be a marquis too within which pre**

**recorded Latin music will be played and some drumming for dance workshops and free style dance. ”**

The application suggests that the premises will be hosting potentially 5,000 people at any one time on site and there is a view for this to increase to 15,000. The applicant has not provided an event management plan which would assist in addressing the concerns that police have in relation to issues of access and egress from the location, security plans, and items pertaining to the licensing objectives. It is a concern that there are such a high volume expected in the park as this could cause an increase in crime and disorder as well as causing significant nuisance to local residents, and harm to the visitors, particularly children and vulnerable adults. The timings sought by the applicant are also excessive in regards to the regulated entertainment and closing times and this too would have an effect on crime and disorder.

I also note that the application for the premises license is also for Sundays only, however this is quite vague and needs to be addressed if the licence will be for a single Sunday annually, or if this will be for numerous predetermined dates throughout the year.

The Police object to this application as it is believed that if the license is to be granted in its current form it would have a negative impact on all of the licensing objectives in particular that of the Prevention of crime and disorder. The excessive operating hours, the lack of an event management plan and suitable dispersal policy, the high patron numbers all require attention from the applicant and suitable control measures need to be provided.

Submitted for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely

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