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Premises (New premises application for a festival on Sunday, 20th August 2023, to be renewable at a similar time annually. For the provision of live music, recorded music, performance of dance, Entertainment similar to live/recorded music, (all on & off the premises): Sun: 11:00 - 23:00 Sale of alcohol (on the premises): Sun: 11:00 - 21:30 Opening hours: Sun: 11:00 - 23:00)

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

The local South American community & friends are guilty of many crime and disorder and public nuisance offences, to the detriment of the local residents of Burgess Park and have been doing this for years!, with the protection from some organisations. They should not be rewarded for their criminal ASB behaviour.

Last year event was out of control, music levels were sky high, no real music level management. They would not listen to events team member; to whom I spoke to that day complaining about the music levels, no special telephone was available for complaints of any kind. Event team member promised a number would be texted to me so I can pass it on – never received it.

If this event is allowed this year, it will be much worse than last year, they would use all of Burgess Park west, near the lake. They have 4 stages facing in all direction of Burgess Park indicated on the map – one very close to Albany road; they will be drinking all day, the noise levels will be off the scale on the Albany road & St George's way. No one will be able to escape the wall of music around the park.

Southwark's event team members, who will be present, will struggle to control the music & noise levels and off course no telephone number to complain about the events music levels. St Georges way will smell like a toilet. How do the residents make any complaints against the festival? I fear that the festival organisers will ignore noise complaints and any directions from the events team member to control music levels and other ASB.

The duration of the proposed festival at 12 hours is far too long, other festivals get 10 hours, 12-10pm, it will get dark sooner next month, sunset on 20/8/23 is 8.16 pm! With darkness after 9.15 pm, after dark, there is more chance of trouble especially with all day drinking being allowed. Is there any security or police present at the festival to control ASB, drunkenness and criminal acts?

The sale of alcohol is a major thing for the festival, they drink to get drunk regardless of the consequences, similar to the ASB illegal music parties in the park, night-time to dawn, that we have experienced over the years.

If festival goes ahead, they plan to set the ground work on Saturday, that's when the ASB illegal music party take place right next the festival. Will the organisers report this to the police or just ignore them and we have yet another night of ASB illegal music parties near wells way, like last weekend.

If the festival goes ahead, the organisers must have strict control over the level of music, drunkenness and ASB from festival goers, with tight security to keep the peace. Noise complaints must be investigated properly not ignored. Southwark's team event member must be involved with controlling music levels and noise complaints – should the organisers not listen to the event team member, shut down the music. They cannot treat the event team member with contempt like the police and park wardens.

Background information

The local South American community and their friends have been and currently are engaged major ASB activities which are criminal acts, within Burgess Park.

This ASB activity has been ongoing since before the pandemic, hence the park management needed the residents help to get an injunction in place in Burgess Park. After the pandemic, they restarted their ASB criminal activities beginning in springtime, and are occurring on a weekly basis over the weekends.

They even had a giant ASB party on the Saturday when the Windrush 75 Festival was taking place on 24-25 June weekend, that finished after 6 am after dawn – the police were called and attended but to no effect, they still carried on till dawn! Check the police and the Burgess Park management for details.

On the weekend of 1-2 July, they had another illegal ASB party. About 2+ am, two different groups are walking down Albany road, drunk, playing music at max level on smart speakers. The result is many people down the road are woken up, with several shouting at the South American groups to turn off the music, they ignored them off course. These people live on the Albany road.

They have held very large illegal ASB parties which could be heard both sides of the park, Albany Road & St Georges way; on a weekly basis over the weekends; they start after dark or when the park personnel go home and finish at dawn the next day. Very loud music levels from illegal portable speakers, instruments & PA systems are par for the course as while as drinking large volumes of beer to get blind drunk, also have illegal barbeques and use the bushes around Wells Way for their toilets.

Countless residents have called the police and reported them over the years – they carry on regardless with impunity & arrogance suggesting to us residents that they are being protected from prosecution.

The Burgess Park management are fully aware of the local South American community's ASB & law breaking but it seems that they are powerless to act against them – why have they not been given the powers to do this? Park wardens, park users and residents who tried to speak to them are meet with arrogance and threats of physical violence after a time, because they know they are protected.

The park manager and police can provide the necessary stats and details regarding their regular law breaking in Burgess Park. They also have ASB activities during the day time, very loud ASB music via smart speakers; they pay lip service to the park wardens warning them about the ASB music levels when residents ring & email them to complain about the ASB music levels. They have threatened the park wardens trying to do their job! I was threatened myself recently and had to call the police, who arrived quickly but believed the groups lies, so they got away with it again.