

PARTY A

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 June 2010 21:37
To: Regen, Licensing
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Thames Festival licence applications

Dear Sir / Madam,

As local residents and also the board representing the residents of [REDACTED], we would object to the Thames Festival licence applications as they stand.

We are particularly concerned about the blanket application until 22:00 on both Saturday and Sunday evenings for a whole range of activities both indoors and outdoors. If Thames festival organisers had specific programmes in mind, they might perhaps consider involving and speaking to the relevant local residents to see if any particular concerns can be mitigated, and any compromise found.

Live music, dancing and films performed outdoors would mean serious noise pollution for local residents at Benbow House, 20 New Globe Walk and along Bankside e.g. at Provost's Lodging during their day of rest. Local residents had suffered from loud amplification / amplifier speakers used before at unacceptable sound levels and continuously for many hours, and query if they are really necessary for live music and the enjoyment of the audience.

The organisers should be sensitive to this section of the river given the high residential density as compared with other sections with more offices. Sunday evening is also particularly inappropriate for events such as this, as local residents do live here and are entitled to rest especially after a noisy Saturday, before work on Monday. Weekend evening (i.e. Saturday) is perhaps more understandable. We would propose restrictions on the type of activities (especially outdoors) and shorter operating hours (especially on Sunday) for the residential sections of the Thames. These events could potentially be arranged in front of offices along the Thames, minimising the impact on local residents.

As well as the actual festival, please be mindful that there will be set up and deliveries required before and after. Bankside section of the Thames has already reached saturation point, with severe congestion and noise pollution with delivery trucks and traffic.

Finally we hope that the police, fire services, traffic section have all been consulted on public safety as we understand that there were serious safety issues in previous year given the sheer number of people who attended.

To reiterate, we object to the blanket applications as they currently stand, allowing the organisers the freedom to arrange films, music and dance outdoors, potentially with amplification, for 10 continuous hours on both Saturday and Sunday with no consideration for the quiet weekend rest of local residents. We find the current applications unacceptable and would push for appropriate restrictions to be placed in the licences.

Yours sincerely,
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