

Party 1

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 11:38 AM

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

Cc:

Subject: We are the Fair Ltd Premises License application for Peckham Rye Park

Dear Licensing

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I look forward to receiving acknowledgement of my objection and to the re-running of the application process with notices that are not defective.

Regards

Party 2

31/03/2021

Complaints and feedback - Compliments, comments and complaints
Ref No. 1651539

Your Details

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First Name	██████
Surname	██████
Address 1	████████████████████
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Town	██████
County	
Postcode	██████
Email	████████████████████
Contact Number	████████

Do you want to make:

Please choose	a suggestion?
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Please tell us the name of department or service you are contacting us about:

Department or service	Licensing and Parks /Recreation
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Please give details of your complaint, suggestion or compliment, explaining why you are dissatisfied or pleased with the service or response you've received. If it's a complaint please tell us what you would like us to do to put things right:

Details	I am responding to your consultation re the licensing of Peckham Rye Park for the Gala Festival at the end of August 2021. As a resident of 33 years living over 1km away from the proposed festival area, and as a daily dogwalking user of the park over those years, I have previously found that the festival caused substantial damage to the park grounds, with grassland churned up by heavy moving machinery. taking a year to recover. Plus the deep bass frequencies of the music, which is not to everyone's taste, travel over a wide area and constitute in my view a noise nuisance. This event may bring licensing income to Southwark Council, but at the expense of damage to local grounds and irritation to residents living near Peckham Rye Park.
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Party 3

From: Peckham Rye Park

Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 9:44 AM

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

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displayed correctly has been addressed separately and directly by the Licensing Team. We were informed by Southwark's Licensing department on the 27th March 2021 that the notices were deemed to be compliant.

We understand that Peckham Rye Park is a valuable outdoor space for the local community and as event organisers we work closely not only with the Parks team but the Friends and other key stakeholders to ensure that any disruption and inconvenience is minimised. In terms of denying access to an area of the park to members of the public, this is not a matter that is of concern with regards to upholding the Licensing objectives. Southwark Council's Events Team have decided that the Park is suitable and available to hire for event use and we have entered in to a hire agreement with them.

Should social distancing still be a requirement at the time of this event, it is highly unlikely that GALA will take place. Festivals and events of this nature are not viable if social distancing is required. The Pilot events that that took place earlier in May as part of the Government's research in to mass gatherings did not feature social distancing and data from these events will inform the wider guidance for future events. We will continue to monitor the situation, follow the guidance and implement any mitigation measures required.

Although the application requests permission for Regulated Entertainment and Sale of Alcohol to occur on four days of the week (Mon, Fri, Sat, Sun) the application is conditioned to allow a maximum of *three* event days per year only, with Monday activities restricted to Bank Holiday Mondays. There is no intention to operate the Premises on four days per year. The exact days that the Premises will be used will be agreed with the Local Authority and Safety Advisory Group at least 12 weeks in advance.

Similarly, with regards to operating hours, the hours sought on this application are the same as those granted in 2019, there is no extension to hours of entertainment, sale of alcohol or opening to the public.

With the conditions that are attached to the licence and additional measures in place we hope that any disturbance to yourself, other residents and Peckham Rye Park will be kept to a minimum.

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We Are The Fair

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Although damage to the ground is not specifically relevant to upholding the Licensing objectives, we appreciate that it is of concern to local residents and park users. As event organisers we strive to ensure our events take place with minimal disruption. We take all necessary precautions to protect the ground from event related activity in order to ensure that any negative impacts are mitigated.

Unfortunately in 2018 we experienced a difficult de-rig with very heavy rain, long delays to the collection of onsite cabins, and ineffective litter clearance. We acknowledged these issues and ensured that reinstatement works were scheduled and completed promptly following the event. To speed up the process of reinstatement works we contracted with Ideverde directly to manage these works, rather than contracting via Southwark Council. We were also determined to make further improvements through setting a goal to leave no trace.

Improvements were made ahead of the 2019 edition of GALA and the provision of additional protective and contingency measures put in place ensured that ground damages were avoided in 2019. WATF received positive feedback from the council and local residents regarding our reduced environmental impact and prompt clear up of the park. Reinstatement work has since been completed on the pavement and tarmac.

As part of the hire agreement for the use of the park we also pay a considerable sum to Southwark Council as a damages deposit. This amount is held by Southwark Council until the handover back to the Parks team at the conclusion of the event. Any damages caused by us during our hire period are repaired using our damage fee to cover the costs.

We are sorry to hear about your concerns regarding noise and the disturbance you experienced during the last event. If granted, this Licence will be conditioned to minimise the potential for noise nuisance. Conditions 35 – 45 of the Premises Licence application refer specifically to the management of noise and include the provision of a Noise Management Plan. The conditions also require Noise Consultants to be present on site during the events to monitor sound levels ensuring remedial actions can be taken promptly and Db levels are not exceeded. During the event our team operate a noise hotline dedicated to the local community and we are able to respond promptly to any concerns regarding sound levels.

In 2019 the two days of events that took place (Gala Festival and Jam on Rye) received a total of 5 calls to the event 'hotline number' relating to noise. The post-event Noise Compliance Report confirms that at all times the decibel levels that were recorded throughout the two days were compliant with the levels specified in the Noise Management Plan. Of the 3 representations we have received regarding this application you're the only person to raise concerns regarding noise from the event. It is also pertinent to note that no representation has been received from Southwark's Environmental Protection Team (responsible for noise nuisance).

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The area of the site that is to be used has been agreed with Southwark's Events and Parks teams, both have confirmed that the space is suitable for our intended use.

We pay a considerable fee to hire the park with a further damage deposit also paid, prior to us arriving on site. This deposit is used by Southwark to cover the cost of any repairs that are necessary should we cause any damage to the Park or grounds whilst operating the site under the terms of this Premises Licence.

In terms of the exact dates of the events taking place, this application has been conditioned such that these dates must be agreed 12 weeks in advance with the Local Authority and the Safety Advisory Group. Historically the events have taken place over the last Bank Holiday weekend in May. However, due to the pandemic, the organisers require more flexibility should restrictions be in place that prevent the event from taking place at a particular time of the year. In 2021, the event will be taking place on the 30th, 31st July and 1st August.

The hours sought by this application are in line with Southwark's published Licensing Policy and are considered appropriate. The terminal hours for both Regulated Entertainment and the hours that the Premises are open are within those suggested by the guidance. The hours sought on this application are the same as those granted in 2019, there is no extension to hours of entertainment, sale of alcohol or opening to the public.

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/assets/attach/7473/Statement-of-Licensing-Policy-2021-to-2026-FINAL.pdf>

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