

**From:** Charles  
**Sent:** 12 December 2017 23:35  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** RE: Eastern Electrics Festival - WK/201708658 (We are the Fair Ltd)

Hi

I am writing to lodge my objections to the application by "We are the Fair Ltd" for the Eastern Electrics Festival on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

The festival last year was disruptive to residents and local community groups and with the plan to extend the festival to the Sunday in 2018 will only make matters worse.

I believe that festival should not be permitted on the following grounds:

- The festival is too noisy and disruptive to local residents. The noise is nonstop between 11am and 10pm and disruptive to local residents and groups.
- Allowing the extension to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August will prevent the congregation at St Lawrence Church worshipping God (this will affect two of services on the 5<sup>th</sup> August).
- Access to the Church will be virtually impossible due to restrictions imposed (we use the Technical College car park and the lay-by outside the Church).
- St Lawrence has a wedding booked for the 4<sup>th</sup> August (this was booked before the Festival in 2017) and the loud music will spoil the wedding service and the and traffic restrictions will make it very difficult for the bride and family/friends gaining access to the Church (the lay-by and College car park would normally be available)
- Last year the festival goers abused the churchyard by dumping rubbish, urinating on the graves as well as participating in inappropriate sexual behaviour
- There was significant damage to Morden Park which took a long time to recover which spoilt the enjoyment of park users after the festival for many weeks.
- Many festival attendees were already drunk before entering and were able to purchase alcohol on site resulting in anti-social behaviour on their way home
- There was a lot of litter left and the organisers were poorly organised failing to provide sufficient Stewards to prevent this from occurring or clearing the litter up afterwards.
- The organiser did not honour the promises they made last year such as placing Stewards near the church, keeping local residents fully informed, making free tickets easily available.

I request that the Council turn down the application to host the festival in 2018. If the festival goes ahead then it should only be for the Saturday and the organisers should be held accountable for ensuring anti-social behaviour is minimised and penalties imposed for failing to do so.

Regards

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