

From: Tanya Sothinathan

Sent: 12 July 2018 15:36

To: Licensing

Subject: Re: Objection to the licence application made by Diynamic Festival for their proposed event on Saturday, 8th September 2018 in Morden Park

To The Directors of Merton Council,

I am writing as a resident of the London Borough of Merton, to object to the licence application made by Diynamic Festival for their proposed event on Saturday, 8th September 2018 in Morden Park.

The event for which a licence has been requested is aiming to host 10,000 guests and will likely create high levels of noise and disruption from 7th - 9th September 2018.

Diynamic Festival has only very recently submitted their licence application, providing only 2 months notice of this event. The Council website advises event organisers to provide at least 6 months notice to hold any event hosting over 5,000 people, for the obvious reasons of health and safety planning that are entailed in putting on large events, where significant numbers of people and visitors beyond the local community will be present.

A Cancer Research Mud Run is already scheduled to take place on Sunday 9th September 2018 in Morden Park at 10.30am. This is a charity event at which many families with young children will be present. It will be impossible to set up and make this run safe with an overnight music festival taking place in the same space until the early

hours of the day of the run. The festival will very likely create significant litter and debris, again very likely potentially including banned substances and unsafe material that children are at risk of exposure to.

Events that take place in communities must not allow unnecessary distress and disruption to the community or the plans they already have in place. I am also aware of other informal community events taking place in and around Morden Park in this period which will be significantly disrupted by the proposed festival, to the detriment of the local community.

New local events should promote community cohesion and not significantly disrupt local events that are already planned, so I kindly ask that the requested licence is rejected for the 8th September 2018, for the above given reasons, which encompass all legitimate reasons for preventing a licence being issued, namely that it will cause a public nuisance, be a threat to public safety and put children at risk of harm.

An untried festival with a two month lead time which aims to host 10,000 people is very likely to also lead to crime and disorder, as the required level of security planning will not be possible, exposing local residents to an unacceptable level of risk of harm.

I therefore kindly ask that you reject the licence application made by Diynamic Festival for their event proposed for 8th September 2018 and ask that the company requesting the

licence, postpone this event until the required notice period has been fulfilled and they have liaised with community leaders, police and the relevant environmental authorities to create an environmental impact assessment for their event, so that it is run and managed well at a later date with respect to the community.

With kind thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Tanya Sothinathan

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