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**Subject:** Proposed music festival, Morden Park, 8/9/2018. Objections. Ref: WK/201803623

To whom it may concern: Ref: WK/201803623

I would like to voice by objections to the proposed festival on the following grounds:

1. Short notice- there is insufficient time for residents to be informed about this proposal and to voice their objections.
2. Timing: along with the forthcoming Eastern Electrical event on 4/5th August, this event will involve fencing off a large section of Morden Park, for up to 7 days. This means that that section of the Park will be unavailable for families, dog walkers etc to enjoy, during the school Summer holidays. This is hardly beneficial to residents.
3. Noise disruption. Morden Park is in the middle of a residential area. Last year's Eastern Electric Event was only for one day, not 2, and was very disturbing to those residents who live nearby. Bearing in mind that there are weddings taking place at both the Registry Office and St Lawrence Church on September 8th, this will cause distress and disruption to couples who should be celebrating their marriages, and not worrying now about whether to cancel them or move venue. Will there be any compensation available for them?
4. Appalling behaviour of some festival goers. A small minority last year made life miserable for local residents. In St Lawrence Churchyard, people were urinating, defaecating and committing lewd acts. They left the churchyard in a disgusting state, with used condoms, etc. To prevent this happening on 4/5th August this year, St Lawrence Church is having to organise a rota of volunteers, many elderly, to patrol the Churchyard for 12 hours on both the Saturday and Sunday, offering festival goers advice and directions and giving out bottles of water. This is a major commitment which we do not want to have to repeat again on September 8th. Manor House Care Home overlooks the Churchyard and this kind of behaviour is very distressing for older people to witness. And who is going to pay for the clean up afterwards?

I really feel that Morden Park is an inappropriate venue for such events. It does not benefit local residents and in fact, causes them distress. The Receptionist at the local Travelodge was traumatised by some of the behaviour that she witnessed during last year's event.

If you value the opinions of local residents, please do not grant this licence.

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