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Sent: 17 July 2018 12:15
To: Licensing
Subject: MUSIC EVENT IN MORDEN PARK 8 September - MJMK Ltd

Apologies - when I sent my objection in last night, I neglected to add my address. I have now done so and made some other amendments - please can you therefore accept THIS version, and delete the one sent last night (16 July). Thank you and sorry to be a pain!

I wish to object officially to the granting of a licence to this event, on the grounds of (a) prevention of crime and disorder; (b) public safety; (c) prevention of public nuisance; (d) safeguarding of our children

We know, from last year's rave in August 2017, that there will be a totally unacceptable level of anti-social and criminal behaviour and a threat to health and safety - not forgetting the noise element = environmental pollution.

Concert-goers last year used the streets, local church yard and retirement home driveway to urinate and defecate. There were used condoms and nitrous oxide capsules/containers found in the churchyard immediately after the event. Do we really want a repeat of this? (PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER and PUBLIC SAFETY issues)

Concert goers had already been drinking on their way to the venue - so were already intoxicated before they even entered the grounds. And, by the time they left the grounds some 10 or 11 hours later - well - the less said the better. (PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER)

The level of noise was, in some areas of Morden, appalling. Local residents (including those in Lower Morden Lane and Hillcross Avenue) spoke of their homes "vibrating with the noise". But we are being told that the noise was "within acceptable levels". Acceptable to whom, might I ask? People who don't live in the area, no doubt. I understand that some ex-military personnel, living in Haig Homes (Green Lane), suffering from PTSD, were badly affected by the loud noise levels and this did not improve their condition. (PUBLIC NUISANCE AND PUBLIC SAFETY)

Litter was strewn along the roadway, leading to and from various public transport stations to the venue. (PUBLIC NUISANCE)

May I remind the Licensing Committee that Morden Park was left to the people of Merton/Morden, in perpetuity, by Gilliat Hatfield.. It is very unfair that, with both the Eastern Electrics event AND this newly proposed rave from MJMK/Dynamic, the park will have a large no-go area for approx. 4 weeks - all during the school holidays - when we are supposed to be encouraging our children to play outside AND GET EXERCISE - in an effort to combat growing obesity amongst the young. In addition, the damage done to the park has still not been properly remedied which is a PUBLIC SAFETY issue, especially when it comes to SAFEGUARDING LOCAL CHILDREN.

And what happens to the Cancer Charity fun-run which is due to take place on Sunday 9th September in Morden Park??? And the couples who have weddings planned at both Morden Register Office and St Lawrence Church? It is far too late for any of them to re-arrange their plans.

Local residents are already having to put up with the two-day rave on 4 & 5 August. Are you seriously contemplating inflicting yet another such event on them only a few weeks later? This is unfair and unjust. I know Merton Council is desperate to make money, but this is simply unacceptable.

In addition, you are expecting the emergency services to turn up, once again, to cover the event, monitor it and act accordingly? I'm sure they have better ways of spending their time. (THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY ELSEWHERE IN CASES OF EMERGENCY AND INSUFFICIENT NUMBERS ABLE TO ATTEND AT ANOTHER LOCATION)

I attended the meeting with MJMK last week: although the usual assurances and platitudes were uttered by their enthusiastic - and very pleasant - team, we all know what will happen on the day. We've been there, bought the t-shirt.

I hope you will turn down this licence application which has been submitted at such short notice, contrary to Council's own guidelines.

Thank you.

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