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Licensing Section
London Borough of Merton
14th floor Civic Centre
London Road
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SM4 5DX

Dear Sir/Madam

MUSIC EVENT – MORDEN PARK – September 8th – MJMK Ltd

I wish to object to this event on the grounds of:

Prevention of crime and disorder
Public safety
Prevention of public nuisance

We know from the unpleasant experience of last August's Eastern Electrics event just how much went wrong.

People using the streets as toilets, drunken behaviour, appalling levels of noise throughout the day and piles of litter not dealt with along the routes to and from the park.

Some of the worst behaviour was from those who decided to use the local churchyard and retirement home grounds to urinate, defecate and engage in sexual acts! When members of the church's congregation, and employees of the retirement home tried to protect their properties, they were met with abuse and aggression. Discarded bottles, condoms and nitrous oxide containers were found in the grounds the following morning.

There were insufficient entry points to the venue so that queues built up and attendees were climbing over the security barriers to get in. So they went unsearched.

Although MJMK will have learned from Eastern Electrics' mistakes, inevitably there will still be a significant proportion of people behaving badly on their way to and from the event.

We are already having to put up with a two-day rave on 4 & 5 August – we simply do NOT need another one to anger, aggravate and upset local residents.

If the Council needs money so badly, why not get rid of the ceremonial positions of mayor and deputy mayor – and all the trappings and staff that go along with them? That would save a whole heap of money every year.

Yours faithfully

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