

### Appendix 3

Representations to Oktoberfest Application from two members of the public:

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From: Ian Mackrell

Sent: 22 August 2021 15:32

To: Regulatory Services <regulatoryservices@guildford.gov.uk>

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Subject: Licensing Application for Oktoberfest Guildford 2021

Dear Madam/Sir

The above Event has submitted a licensing application to cover a variety of undertakings - music, dance, food alcohol etc.

GBC has notified many resident of Guildford of all planned events for 2021 and 2022 - Email from Lysandra McCulloch (Policy Officer - Events) dated July 29th 2021.

This application raises concerns and I object to the following:

1. If food can be served until 23-30, and alcohol until 23-00, then Stoke Park will not begin emptying of attendees until approaching midnight.

This is too late.

The last serving of food and alcohol cannot be later than 22-30.

2. The event license application is not only for 2021, but "in perpetuity."

This is, of course, completely unacceptable.

A new license must be required annually, enabling the local residential areas that surround Stoke Park to consider whether to object, or not.

3. Section 18 of the application mentions copious requirements for both entry, and those involved, fulfilling both the "over 18 age limit" to protect children, and our necessary immigration legislation.

However, this event could easily become a "super spreader" Covid event.

It should be a licensing requirement that only double vaccinated attendees are permitted entry.

I live directly adjacent to Stoke Park, and will bear the full brunt of noise emanating from this event. I fully understand the need and pleasure such an event will provide, and the economic arguments too.

Adjusting the licensing requirements, and tightening the attendee requirements, is the very least GBC can do for its citizens, and, particularly, like me, a resident next to Stoke Park.

Thank you.

Ian Mackrell

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From: Keith Spacie

Sent: 23 August 2021 09:58

To: Regulatory Services <regulatoryservices@guildford.gov.uk>

Subject: Oktoberfest licensing application comments

Thank you for putting notices about this application around Stoke Park.

I have the following comments and objections to the proposal:

My principal objection is the proposed finishing time for the event and how late music will be played and alcohol and refreshments served.

Contrary to the assertion made in the application, Stoke Park is not an 'out of the way' area. It is close to residential areas where many young families live. If the event does not finish until

1130 pm there will be vehicle noise and disruption to residents until nearly midnight - even if the event finishes on time.

Allowing refreshments to be served until 1130 pm to encourage people to buy food outdoors from vans etc as they leave the music/entertainment venue can only increase the likelihood that disruption will continue until well after 1130 pm. It is also worrying that the applicant seeks to justify a licence for sale of food until 1130 pm to facilitate responsible drinking. This implies that without eating as they leave the venue some attendees would not be in a fit state to travel home safely or be trusted to behave responsibly due to the effect of excessive alcohol consumption with potential adverse impact on the neighbourhood. That is clearly in breach of the licensing principles set out in the guidance.

The proposal presents a clear risk of substantial noise nuisance and possible public nuisance in breach of the licensing guidance.

In my view if the event is permitted to go ahead the following conditions should apply and be strictly complied with.

Site to be vacated by all attendees by 11 pm Music, entertainment and sale of refreshments to stop at 1030 pm Sale of alcohol to stop at 1015 pm There should be a reasonable numbers limit. I could see none mentioned in the application.

All too often in the past licence conditions have not been complied with by event organisers and music has continued much later than the licensed hours. This makes the proposed very late finish times all the more concerning.

My second major concern is that the application seeks approval for a 2 day event in perpetuity. A multi-year licence would be objectionable. A licence in perpetuity is a totally unreasonable request which, in my view, no public authority could reasonably grant, particularly when this applicant has no track record of holding events successfully in this location. Any licence granted should be for one year only and the position reviewed with the benefit of evidence of how well any event permitted to take place this year is run.

My third concern is that the event, if authorised, should not be allowed to limit access to the Park by the general public in more than a minimal way and all public rights of way should remain available.

The safeguards which the applicants says will be put in place are sensible and essential. Compliance with these would need to be strictly enforced.

Clare Spacie

Sent from my iPad