Bent Park Services, Civic Centre Licensing Services

Engineers Way, Wembley,

Middlesex HA9 OFJ

20 the July 2021.

Dear Sir/madam,

Re: <u>Premises Licence Application by Informed Associates</u> <u>Comedy Fest in respect to Roundwood Park, Harlesden</u> <u>Road, NW10 3SH.</u>

Dates: Sat 28th, Sun29th and Monday30 the (Bank Holiday Weekend)

On behalf of members of Harlesden Business Association, we strongly oppose this application. Our reasons are as follows:

- 1) This event would be advertised on social media around the country.
- 2) As a result of 1 above thousands are likely to descend on Harlesden over those 3 days.
- 3 Roundwood Park cannot possibly cope with large groups.
- 4) The Police cannot crowd control an event like this.
- 5) Brent Council do not have toilet facilities in Roundwood Park to cope with the expected crowds.
- 6) The Park is in a residential area and families living around the park will use the bank holiday weekend to walk, exercise, picnic and to entertain their young children.
- 7) Car parking will be a nightmare for shops and residents in Harlesden, Willesden, Kensal Rise, Dudden Hill and Monks Park
- 8) The streets and front gardens of residents will be used as toilets.

- 9) The common belief of businesses and residents is that this event is being planned as an alternative to the postponed 2021 Notting Hill Carnival.
- 10) Harlesden cannot cope with an event as planned.
- 11) As a former committee member of Notting Hill Carnival, I am aware that an event such as this one take months of planning with Police, Council Officers and Stakeholders.
- 12) Volunteer Groups have worked hard this year to clean up litter in Roundwood Park and Harlesden. It would be an insult to their efforts to allow our local park to be desecrated over this weekend.

Lastly, we have one of the highest percentages of non-vaccinated persons in the country. To allow this event to go ahead will be a disservice to our community and to the overstretched NHS.

Please do not grant this licence.