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Residents in the Preston Park area have not been adequately consulted by either the Council's licensing authority nor the event Organisers. They have failed to engage with either ward councillor's or the residents association, SKPRRA. Given that this event will directly impact residents of Preston Park including but not restricted to properties on Conway Gardens, Lulworth Avenue and Windermere Avenue, I believe that this demonstrates a lack of understanding of the area and lack of respect for neighbours. Access to the event from Preston ward can be gained through the railway bridge located at the end of Conway Gardens and the station tunnel at South Kenton station. Neither of these entrances are appropriate for the significant number of event day users. South Kenton station has suffered from a lack of investment from Network Rail and does not benefit from accessible access facilities. This would be inappropriate for disabled or partially sighted members of the public looking to attend this event. Furthermore the tunnel accesses limited to 2.4m wide and suffers from inadequate lighting, it would be inappropriate for event goers to line up on either side of the tracks given that this tunnel is used by both pedestrians and active travel users (eg: cyclists and mopeds). Public transport is limited in this area after 22:00. The 223 bus does not have the capacity to support additional event users and frequent works on both the Metropolitan and Bakerloo lines means that event users are likely to rely upon Uber, or bring their own cars. Preston Park does not have nor require a Controlled Parking zone. I am concerned that ordinary residents will be unable to receive family visits due to the influx of incoming traffic. Local roads were not designed to handle the capacity of this event and any increase would create a public nuisance. Preston ward suffers from higher levels of motor vehicle crime. This has been a priority of our Safer Neighbourhood team and ward panel over the past years. It is our opinion that a significant increase in the number of vehicles parked in this area would lead to a spike in theft and break ins. Alongside this event, it is inevitable that drug taking and other illegal activities will take place in the surrounding area. South Kenton station is already known for drug taking and dealing, as a ward councillor I do not believe that this is a safe area for the public to congregate after the event given the clear public safety risks. Given the anticipated dispersal time, local residents are likely to be significantly disrupted and disturbed by people leaving the area. This will impact residents on Conway Gardens, Lulworth Avenue and Windermere Avenue as well as roads in Northwick Park ward. Further nuisance will likely be caused by increased noise and litter throughout neighbouring roads, including Conway Gardens and Windermere Avenue. These roads have not been allocated by the organiser for increased litter clearance and other local roads are likely to be impacted. Under the current application, live music from the event will be permitted until 22:30. This is not in line with local licensing applications such as the Windermere Pub or Preston Pub. Local business operate within strict guidelines that have been agreed to the satisfaction of neighbours. Given the extended hours, I believe that residents would be disturbed by the noise and sleep patterns would be disrupted. It is not acceptable for this event to fall outside of agreed local restrictions that other local business have adhered by for several years. Note: I can declare that on Sunday 12th January, I had meeting with the Cabinet Member Fleur Donnelly Jackson to discuss my concerns. This led to a communication from the organisers on Tuesday 14th January. As of writing this objection, I have not engaged with or responded to the organisers.