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From previous experience of similar events with unacceptable noise levels, obstruction of the public highway, rowdy behaviour, litter etc. which force me and my neighbours to leave our homes for the duration of these celebrations I must object to this application. Specifically "prevention of crime and disorder". The organisers refer to the employment of security guards but give no details of numbers, how they will be deployed or even if they will have the necessary SIA accreditation. The aspiration of "minimizing" (as opposed to "eliminating") criminal activity is concerning as it implies residents and attendees must accept some level of crime. This is unacceptable. The vague reference to "things like..." which look as if they have been merely "cut and pasted" from a handbook on how to organise an event give the impression of a lack of experience and professionalism on the part of the organisers. Indeed when one looks at the applicants website they acknowledge that they are a voluntary organisation and in the premature (bearing in mind permission has yet to be granted for it) promotion of this event invite volunteers (presumably untrained) to apply to assist in running it. There is reference to managing drunkenness but there is no application for a licence to sell alcohol. As to "prevention of public nuisance" the curious siting of this event immediately adjacent to houses in Roe Green Village rather than towards Kingsbury Road where access would be easier is puzzling. The noise levels and general disturbance from traffic and crowds to residents particularly myself and others in [REDACTED] (interestingly not marked on the misleadingly inadequate plan submitted) is not acceptable and could easily be minimised if a different part of RGP had been selected. In the promotion for this the organisers confirm no car parking is available but give no details of how to get to the venue by public transport. They also refer strangely to "prebooking a space in a nearby car lot" if people wish to use their own transport- there is no such car lot and inevitably there will be excess traffic in RGV which with its narrow roads will once again result in gridlock. They speak of "managing noise levels" but give no details of the type or numbers of equipment to be deployed or give any indication of familiarity with the regulations relating to the playing of amplified music in a public place much less how they intend to comply with those regs. One might have expected a noise assessment (similar to those required in appropriate planning applications) to be attached though in fairness the licensing people do not require it- a policy which I urge them to change. I have no reason to doubt the good intentions of the applicants but there must be serious doubts as to their ability to run this event satisfactorily. In the circumstances I ask the authority to reject this application.