

Dear Members of the Licensing Committee,

This objection is submitted as the result of similar large-scale event at Roe Green Park which was poorly controlled, resulting in significant public safety issues, damage to parkland and serious disruption to residents. The local community directly experienced the consequences of inadequate controls, or non-compliance and lack of enforcement of those controls on traffic, parking and safe pedestrian conditions. Local residents remain concerned that similar failures will occur if this application were granted.

I write to formally object, and request that this letter be treated as a **formal representation**, to the licensing application for the proposed Holi Festival to be held at Roe Green Park in March 2026, Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 March between 12 noon and 7 pm, including set-up, sound checks, and any amplified activity commencing from 10:00 am.

My objection is made on the grounds that the application fails to adequately promote the licensing objectives of **public safety, the prevention of public nuisance, the prevention of crime and disorder, and the protection of children from harm.**

1. Public Safety – Traffic, Parking and Perimeter Control

Objection 1.1 – Lack of on-site parking

Roe Green Park has no designated public car parking facilities. It is therefore entirely foreseeable, notwithstanding Kingsbury Station and nearby bus routes, that a significant number of attendees will arrive by private vehicle and park on surrounding residential roads or the park posing a risk to public safety. Evidence from the previous event supports this.

Objection 1.2 – Risk to pedestrians, residents and emergency access

This is likely to result in severe congestion on narrow residential streets, obstruction of pavements, dropped kerbs and residential driveways, unsafe conditions for pedestrians (including children, elderly residents and disabled people), and restricted access for emergency vehicles and essential services. These impacts represent a serious and unacceptable risk to public safety.

Objection 1.3 – Lack of perimeter wide traffic and security control (including set-up periods)

The proposed traffic and security arrangements appear to apply only within the enclosed event footprint. There is no effective outer perimeter fencing or access control for the wider park or surrounding residential streets, despite these being the areas most affected by event-related vehicle movements and pedestrian flows.

Crucially, the application also fails to demonstrate that appropriate traffic, security and enforcement controls will be in place during set-up, build-down and sound-check periods, when large vehicles, contractors and equipment are likely to access the site and surrounding areas. These periods present significant and foreseeable risks to public safety and residential amenity but are not adequately addressed.

Objection 1.4 – Evidence from previous events

A prior event at Roe Green Park resulted in numerous vehicles being driven over grassed areas in an uncontrolled and chaotic manner, creating dangerous conditions for pedestrians, attendees and the local community. This demonstrates the foreseeable consequences of inadequate perimeter and traffic control. The current application does not explain how such incidents would be prevented from recurring.

Required conditions (if the application were to be granted):

1. A comprehensive traffic management plan covering the **entire park and surrounding residential streets**, not just the fenced event area
2. Vehicle exclusion measures preventing access to parkland and grassed areas
3. Active stewarding and enforcement at all park access points and affected roads, **including during set-up and dismantling periods**
4. Resident parking protection measures
5. A confirmed Council and/or highways enforcement presence throughout event hours and associated build and breakdown periods

2. Prevention of Public Nuisance – Amplified Noise and alcohol

Objection 2.1 – Excessive amplified noise in a residential area

The proposed use of amplified sound throughout both days of the event presents a significant risk of public nuisance. Roe Green Park is surrounded by residential properties, and sustained high-volume amplified music and announcements over extended daytime hours will inevitably disturb residents.

Objection 2.2 – Lack of justification and control measures

The application does not justify why amplified music at this level is necessary on a stage within a fenced small area of the park that will be heard throughout the park and beyond, at a daytime, family/children-oriented cultural festival.

Objection 2.3- The application does not clearly specify how noise levels will be controlled, monitored, recorded and enforced. No monitoring locations have been identified or how they will be regularly checked.

Required conditions (if the application were to be granted):

1. A clearly defined maximum noise limit at the nearest residential locations, set **below levels normally permitted**
2. Continuous real-time noise monitoring at agreed residential boundary locations
3. Recording and retention of all noise monitoring data
4. An identifiable on-site noise management officer with authority to immediately reduce volume
5. An independent Council enforcement presence during event hours

2.4- Light Pollution and Safety at Sunset

Objection 2.4 – Light pollution and public safety at dusk

Reduced natural light at dusk significantly increases safety risks, particularly where vehicles may be driven across grassed areas and open parkland in an uncontrolled manner. This presents a serious danger to pedestrians and children.

The event is scheduled to operate until 7:00 pm, which on Sunday 8 March coincides with sunset at **5:52 pm**. The use of artificial lighting has the potential to cause light pollution affecting nearby residents and park users.

The absence of a detailed lighting strategy or lighting impact assessment is a significant omission.

Required conditions (if the application were to be granted):

1. Restriction of lighting intensity and direction
2. Lighting limited strictly to what is necessary for operational safety
3. Shielding to prevent light spill beyond the event footprint

2.5 Litter, Waste Management and Damage to Park Infrastructure

Objection 2.5 – Litter, waste and environmental impact

The application fails to provide a clear and enforceable plan for litter clearance, recycling or food waste management during and after the event, across the **entire park**, not just the fenced event area. This lack of control will lead to safety concerns for the public.

Objection 2.6-The application also fails to address the risk of damage to grassed areas, pathways and park infrastructure caused by vehicles, equipment and heavy footfall. There is no clarity on preventative measures, reinstatement obligations or financial liability.

Required conditions (if the application were to be granted):

1. A comprehensive litter, recycling and food waste management plan covering the **entire park**, including a full post-event clean-up
2. Ground protection measures and strict vehicle controls to prevent rutting and surface damage
3. A binding condition requiring full reinstatement of any damage to park land or infrastructure, at the organiser's expense

3. Prevention of Crime and Disorder – Sale of Alcohol

Objection 3.1 – No justification for alcohol at a daytime family event

The application provides no compelling justification for the sale of alcohol at a daytime, family/children oriented cultural festival taking place in a public park.

Objection 3.2 – Increased risk of disorder and antisocial behaviour

Alcohol consumption would significantly increase the risk of crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour, particularly as attendees disperse into surrounding residential streets.

Objection 3.3 – Absence of police presence or formal engagement

Given current pressures on police resources, it is unlikely that a continuous police presence would be available at the event. However, the application does not demonstrate any formal engagement with the Police Licensing Team or provide for scheduled police visits, contingency attendance or agreed protocols. Even limited police visibility or planned site visits would be beneficial in deterring crime/antisocial behaviour and providing reassurance to residents and attendees.

Required conditions (if the application were to be granted):

1. Removal of alcohol sales, or strict limitation of the hours within which it is sold
2. Formal liaison with the Police Licensing Team, including agreed escalation procedures and provision for police visits.

4. Protection of Children from Harm**Objection 4.1 – Loss of park use and unsuitable environment for children**

The proposed event would deter normal play and recreational use of Roe Green Park for families and children over the weekend, replacing it with large crowds, traffic congestion, high noise levels and alcohol consumption all detrimental to children.

5. Procedural and Community Impact Concerns**Objection 5.1 – Inadequate notice and consultation**

Insufficient notice, limited time for residents to comment as notices were apparently put out over the Christmas and new year period.

Objection 5.2- Inadequate consultation with those effected by event

It is a strongly held view by local communities that there has been a lack of meaningful timely or transparent engagement with local councillors, residents or community groups in the area, and the application does not set out such robust engagements and we have no knowledge as to why a similar event before Christmas resulted in such danger, disruption and chaos.

Objection 5.3- Licensing Objection – Unclear event location within the park

The application's plan does not clearly identify the precise footprint of Roe Green Park to be used for the event. The submitted plans are vague, difficult to read and lack sufficient detail to establish the exact boundaries, layout or proximity to residential properties and park facilities. They show a car park area that does not exist as such. This makes it impossible to properly assess impacts relating to noise, lighting, crowd movement, safety, waste management and public nuisance.

Conclusion

For the reasons set out above, I respectfully request that the Licensing Committee **refuse the application**, or alternatively impose **stringent, enforceable conditions**.

If any conditions are granted, I further request that:

- Enforcement is active **before, during and after the event**, including set-up and dismantling
- All conditions are clearly defined, widely published and circulated
- **Compliance is actively monitored on site by the Council or relevant enforcement authorities from beginning to end.**

Yours faithfully,

19 January 2026