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**To:** Business Licence <business.licence@brent.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Representation in respect of the license application for events in Gladstone Park August 26

**Dear Licensing Officer**

**Licensing Act 2003 – Representation in respect of the application for events in Gladstone Park**

I write to object to Mr Raju Neupane's application for a premises licence to permit events in Gladstone Park on every Saturday and Sunday in August, amended 1 July to an application just for the 1 and 2 August only. The application is for the sale of alcohol, dancing, and live and recorded music between 1100 and 2200 on both days.

I live [REDACTED] the proposed event site on Kendal Road and will be directly affected by the activities proposed. My representation is made on the basis that granting this application would undermine the licensing objectives set out in the Licensing Act 2003.

**1. Prevention of Crime and Disorder**

I object to the inclusion of alcohol sales within this application.

The southern side of Gladstone Park, where these events are proposed, already experiences incidents of anti-social behaviour requiring police attendance. Introducing the sale of alcohol into this location, in conjunction with entertainment attracting significant numbers of people, is likely to increase the risk of disorder and anti-social behaviour both within the park and in the surrounding residential streets.

Nearby there are already ongoing problems with anti-social behaviour in the Willesden Green, High Road and Dollis Hill Station areas. The application contains insufficient

evidence to demonstrate that the proposed operation can take place without increasing the risk of crime and disorder in and around Gladstone Park.

## **2. Public Safety**

The proposed location is unsuitable because it lies immediately adjacent to residential properties and within an area of the park that is heavily used by families and children, particularly at weekends for football and informal recreation.

In particular I am concerned by the accuracy of the documentation submitted with the application. The submitted site plan does not show any of the residential properties along Kendal Road, instead depicting trees where houses are located. This calls into question the reliability of the applicant's assessment of the impact on neighbouring residents and the adequacy of the proposed control measures.

The park, in particular the area proposed for this festival site is normally used by family groups and organised young football coaching. The application provides insufficient reassurance that these competing uses can be managed safely. The interaction between children using the park for recreation and an event involving alcohol sales, amplified music and large numbers of attendees raises legitimate public safety concerns.

As the proximity of residential properties has not been accurately represented, I would suggest it is difficult to have any confidence that the impacts of the application, and the proposed mitigation measure have been properly assessed by the applicant.

A screen grab from google maps satellite view is attached for comparison with the applicants plan.

## **3. Prevention of Public Nuisance**

This is my principal objection.

The application seeks permission for live and recorded music for up to **eleven hours** on a Saturday and Sunday in August immediately adjacent to residential properties. The failure of the submitted site plan to accurately demonstrate the proximity of a large number of houses puts into question the veracity of the claims in the application about the placement and monitoring of noise sensors.

Residents are entitled to the reasonable enjoyment of their homes. Kendal Road contains families with young children, elderly residents and people who work throughout the week and rely upon Saturdays and Sundays for rest and quiet enjoyment.

The proposed closing hour of 22:00 does not represent the end of the disturbance. Noise will inevitably continue while:

- attendees disperse through surrounding residential streets;
- conversations, shouting and vehicle movements occur after the event;
- litter is collected;
- staging, equipment and infrastructure are dismantled and removed.

The resulting disturbance is likely to extend well beyond 22:00.

In determining this application, the Licensing Sub-Committee is required to have regard to Brent Council's Statement of Licensing Policy as well as the statutory guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003. The failure by the applicant to recognise the close proximity of houses to the proposed festival site renders this application inconsistent with Policy 10 of the Council's Licensing Policy as it fails to credibly demonstrate adequate measures to limit noise disturbance to neighbouring residents in this predominantly residential location.

In addition I would suggest that the application, by failing to record on the site plan the close proximity of residential property **is wilfully misleading the committee** about the potential impact on residents.

#### **4. Protection of Children from Harm**

The proposed event area is regularly used by children for football and other recreational activities throughout weekends.

Gladstone Park is an important public open space where children should be able to play in an environment that is safe and appropriate for family recreation. Introducing repeated events centred on alcohol sales, amplified music and dancing into this part of the park is incompatible with that use.

The applicant has not demonstrated that this site is suitable for the proposed licensable activities, given its immediate proximity to residential properties and an area of the park heavily used by children

## **Conclusion**

For the reasons set out above, I respectfully request that the Licensing Sub-Committee refuses this application because the applicant has failed to demonstrate that the licensing requirements can be met.

The proposed site is wholly unsuitable for events involving amplified music and the sale of alcohol because of its immediate proximity to residential properties and an area of the park heavily used by children and families. In particular, the application fails to demonstrate that public nuisance can be adequately prevented or that the sale of alcohol can be managed without increasing the risk of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.

Should the Licensing Sub-Committee nevertheless be minded to grant the application, I request that it imposes stringent conditions, namely reducing the hours of operation, prohibiting or severely limiting the sale of alcohol, and require evidence of the noise monitoring at the nearest residential properties.

