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

Subject: objection to application for premises licence no 38729

Dear Madam, Sir,

I object to the requested premises licence for a cultural event with sale of alcohol at Gladstone Park in August 2026, application number 38729. My grounds for objecting are the following:

Prevention of crime and disorder

Gladstone Park and surrounding areas already suffer from a concentration of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour, particularly in the Summer months, including episodes requiring police attendance and remediation works at public expense. Besides the frequent vandalism of trees and public property in the park, I point your attention to an open-air rave with alcohol and loud music organised in Summer 2025 along Kendal Road, at which residents, who had come to ask for more considerate behaviour, were threatened with a large knife. There also have been multiple instances in the past years of people gathering with cars and behaving violently towards residents, requiring police attendance. Licensing the sale of alcohol in a large area of the park exacerbates such issues and is likely to lead to disorderly incidents on the day.

Maintenance of public safety

The site is unsuitable for large gatherings of this kind, as it is hemmed in between a live railway line, a busy road and built-up areas. Incidentally, the map supplied with the application omits to show the railway line (replacing it with a non-existent path), the residential properties built up on Kendal Road and Anson Road (replacing them with trees). It includes a "Cricklewood Community Centre" which does not exist in or near that location, if at all. It is deeply concerning that these important aspects of the location, each impacting safety and security in different ways, are omitted from the application. This fundamentally misrepresents the application that is brought to you for consideration and is likely to result in unsafe situations.

Prevention of public nuisance

The proposed event location is in the middle of a very residential area, bordering directly on the residential properties on Kendal Road (omitted from the map supplied with the application, and replaced with trees), Anson Road (omitted from the map and replaced with trees), and Mark Twain Drive/Gladstone Village (omitted from the map and replaced with trees). It is also likely to impact the residential properties on the Oman Avenue Estate, which has been cropped off the mapped area. Provision of amplified music all day and into the evening is incompatible with the right of the people who live in these properties to the quiet enjoyment of their home, making this area unsuitable to events of this kind. The map supplied with this application is very misleading, as it omits all the residential properties impacted by the application and presents them as open space.

An event such as this is likely to cause an increase in littering, already a huge problem in the park in summer months. While the application refers to the collection of litter, it does is quiet as to the disposal of collected litter. Previous events, including the recent Scouting event in Gladstone Park on 19 July, resulted in large amounts of duly collected litter being left around bins at the park entrances, rapidly leading to intense pollution due to the interference of foxes and other wildlife with the waste. This spread of litter causes a significant degradation of the public environment, impacting all other users of the park, and imposes an unacceptable cost on the Council which has to keep paying for cleanup.

Protection of children from harm

The location where the event is planned is in intensive use every weekend for children's sports, including football and rugby matches. It should be noted that this part of Gladstone Park is one of the very few open spaces in the wider area where such activities can be held. Displacing these healthy activities is in itself a harm to the children impacted. Moreover, any space left to them will be degraded due to the presence of inappropriate activities including loud music and drinking.

For the above reasons, I ask you to please refuse this application.