Good Afternoon,

I am writing to express my support for the application for Secret Cinema in Gunnersbury Park for the following reasons based on the four licensing objectives.

The prevention of crime and disorder
- The nature of the event as an arts and cinema based event which is fully ticketed is unlikely to attract disorder where appropriate safeguarding surrounding alcohol sales etc are implemented.

Public Safety
- Ticketing will restrict access to the site to those who genuinely wish to attend
- The licensing application details appropriate measures that any average attendee would expect to be subjected too and would duly expect comply with.

The prevention of public nuisance
- The event would be held in the south-eastern corner of the park, furthest from any residential properties and closest to the more commercialised areas focussed on Chiswick Roundabout and the eastern end of the Great West Road.
- The area is well served by public transport which would aid dispersion of attendees following the event.
- Appropriate measures have been outlined within the application.

The protection of children from harm
- By restricting attendance to over 18s and requiring proof of age would achieve such aims alongside the other measures detailed on the application.

For these reasons I express my support for this application.

Whilst I appreciate that this is not a licensing consideration, the event would support the vitality of the park and also promote the Borough and surrounding areas to a wider audience. This would be an excellent event for the Borough, which should be encouraged where appropriate mitigation measures to comply with licensing objectives are submitted.

Yours faithfully,

Sam Smith
Many Thanks
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From: CrawdaddyClub Richmond
Sent: 20 March 2018 16:29
To: Licensing <Licensing@hounslow.gov.uk>
Subject: Secret Group Event - Gunnersbury Park

Att'n Miss Nicola Harbor,

With reference to the proposed event taking place 2 August - 2 September I'd like to place on record a number of objections.

At a meeting discussing the Love Box Festival we were promised by David Bowler (Head of the CIC) that there would be a minimum 3 week respite from events taking place in the park. By proposing to put on this event shortly after Love Box for the whole of August which effectively means that 2 months out of three full access to the park will be limited.

To have two major events back to back in a highly residential area is totally unacceptable.

I have read through the very professional application by the Secret Group and have come to the conclusion that it is highly optimistic and somewhat naive at best, misleading at the worst as regards to the impact on residents. With previous experience of the annual MELA there was a huge noise impact to the degree that I wasn't able to sit in my garden and had to shut all the windows to avoid it despite living quite some distance from the venue site. There was also some low level anti social behaviour with visitors to the Mela urinating in residents front gardens including my own.

In response to the four licensing criteria:

- There is an increased likelihood of higher crime/drug taking/drunken behaviour.
- Leading to public safety issues.
- Noise levels and parking in the area will create a public nuisance. - The defined timing of a 23.00 finish WILL have a serious impact on local residents over a whole month. It will take a minimum of 30-45 minutes for the area to be cleared.
- Children will be at higher risk by intoxicated visitors around the area.
Despite the stated aims of the organisers to limit problems with alcohol staff at these events tend to be young temporary staff employed only for the period of this event and are unlikely to challenge everyone who looks under the age of 25. What can they do stop someone over 18 buying alcohol for others under age?

- The plans show 8 separate bars which is an indicator that the organisers plan is to maximise alcohol sales. If this is promoted as a community event these bars should be halved to limit drunken behaviour.

- There is a very detailed sound management system in the document, however there is no mention of actual decibel limits. Why?

Finally, I would be in favour of a community event taking place under the following conditions:

- The event to last not more than 2 weeks and at least 3 weeks after Love Box including the set up and take down periods allowing users of the park full access as promised by David Bowler.

- Non-amplified music only

- Alcohol sales to be limited by decreasing the number of bar outlets

- On site security trained in spotting drug sales/use with police presence to deal with infringements

- Event to finish not later than 22.00 on weekdays and 22.30 at weekends.

Mike Rivers

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The licence included a condition that all medium, large and special events will have a gap of a minimum 21 days.

That suggests the park will be free for twenty one days of disturbance from or by events.

I refer to Love Box and Citadel as this is pertinent to my objecting to the Secret Group’s application for the Secret Cinema Event. I am aware that Love Box and Citadel event is a fait accompli.

Though there is exactly twenty one days between the Citadel Event on 15th July and the first Secret Cinema event on the 6th of August (though the application is from the 2nd August) what seems to have been ignored is the disturbance to the park that will be created by these events. There is an eleven day build for Love Box/Citadel followed by three days of the event, and then four days pull out, a total of seventeen days. Two days before the completion of the Love Box/Citadel pull out the Secret Cinema build would, if given permission, start. The construction period is eighteen days followed by, over four weeks, twenty three days of events, and then five days pull out. This also includes the use of the Park on the August Bank Holiday. This is a block of sixty eight days in the Summer, the busiest time for the park as a general local amenity, with five days of respite when Secret Cinema has its days off.

This hardly concurs with the spirit of the councillors’ joint statement, referred to at the beginning of the letter. It appears both misleading and disingenuous.

Bearing in mid the above, and the fact that these events will possibly bring in to the area up to 225,000 people, it is also hardly in the spirit of the statement in the minutes of the Joint Advisory Panel dated Friday 27th January 2017:

“Whilst it was acknowledged that the park would need a sustainable income stream, members agreed that this income generation should not be to the detriment of the lives of its closest neighbours and those who enjoyed the amenity of the park”

I believe the Secret Cinema event, will be detrimental to the local everyday users of the park and a general intrusion on the peace and quiet of local residents. For this and the reasons stated above I object to the Secret Group application for the Secret Cinema event.

Yours Sincerely

Neill Richardson
02 – 04 - 2018