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**Sent:** 10 Jun 2019 12:49:10 +0100  
**To:** Laurence Foord  
**Subject:** Licence Application 19/00882/LAPRE  
**Importance:** High

Dear Mr Foord,

Application Reference: 19/00882/LAPRE

Licence Category: New Premises Licence

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Object

I note that Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires a Local Authority to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in the district.

I also note that Chichester District Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2016-2021 recognises that licensed premises have a significant potential to adversely impact denser residential areas, and affirms that the Licensing Authority wishes to maintain and protect the amenity of residents from the potential consequence of the operation of licensed premises.

'Gin in the Park' is a commercial event that is driven by the sale of alcohol, creating a heightened risk that at least three of the four objectives of the Licensing Act 2003 – namely the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, and the prevention of public nuisance – will be undermined when patrons exit Priory Park and enter the narrow residential streets surrounding the Park, especially during the evening of Saturday 7 September.

The violent disorder among some departing patrons of the Oktoberfest in Priory Park last October – street fighting that required the attendance of three police units – has given rise to justifiable concerns among residents about 'Gin in the Park'. During that Oktoberfest fracas, householders in St Martin's Square were fearful of stepping into the street and there were elderly residents in tears, frightened by the yelling and screaming and uncontrolled aggression outside. This was a profoundly unpleasant, undeserved, and at times highly intimidating experience.

The link between alcohol consumption and anti-social behaviour is well established. When additional factors such as large numbers of people within a confined residential area are added to the mix, the potential for crime and disorder increases significantly.

Neither the applicant, nor Chichester District Council, has submitted a plan showing how they intend to police the streets neighbouring Priory Park during and immediately after 'Gin in the Park' on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 September in order to safeguard the interests and security of local residents.

In the absence of such a plan, I object to the application.

Sincerely,

Edward Milward-Oliver



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