

From:Edward Milward-Oliver
Sent:25 Jun 2019 11:11:59 +0100
To:David Knowles-Ley
Subject:Re: 19/00882/LAPRE LI - Priory Park Priory Lane Chichester West Sussex
Importance:High

Application Reference: 19/00882/LAPRE

Licence Category: New Premises Licence

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Object

Dear Mr Knowles-Ley,

Thank you for your email of 24 June 2019 and the enclosures.

I appreciate the efforts of Ms Nikki England to address widespread public concern arising from the proposed 'Gin in the Park' event in Priory Park on 7-8 September 2019.

However, the devil is in the detail. One of my key fears is the heightened risk of public disorder in neighbouring residential streets among departing attendees who may be intoxicated. Ms England has undertaken to provide "additional security to patrol the nearby streets to ensure residents feel safe". The link between alcohol consumption and anti-social behaviour is well established. Given recent events, and the seriousness of concerns about the risk of crime and disorder, I require further information before I will consider amending my objection.

01: How many security personnel will be deployed in the neighbouring streets at any one time?

02: What is their professional standing - are they Security Industry Authority (SIA) accredited and fully vetted?

03: Which streets will they patrol?

04: During what hours will they patrol the streets and with what frequency?

I note that while the presence of so-called security patrols may - if in the right place at the right time - provide an early warning of trouble, SIA licence holders have no more rights than an average citizen.

The public affray in St Martin's Square during last year's Oktoberfest that required the attendance of three police units, and the death last week of a man felled during a bar fight

in Butlin's Bognor Regis, remind us (if it were needed) of the potential and sometimes fatal consequences of alcohol-related disorder.

Finally, since submitting my original objection to this application, two additional factors have come to my attention that heighten concerns about alcohol-sales-driven events in Priory Park: public acknowledgement by Chichester Police of an increase in anti-social behaviour within the city, and strong anecdotal evidence of growing drug abuse within the city. I feel strongly that these contextual matters must also be considered at the hearing of the Alcohol and Entertainment Licensing Sub-Committee.

Regards,

Edward Milward-Oliver

On 24 Jun 2019, at 3:08 pm, David Knowles-Ley <Dknowles-Ley@chichester.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Act 2003
Mr Henry Clark
Priory Park Priory Lane Chichester West Sussex
Case Reference Number: 19/00882/LAPRE
Premises Licence Application

I write regarding the above Premises Licence application relating to Priory Park, Chichester.

As you will be aware, the representation period concluded on 12th June 2019. I can confirm that we received a total of 15 representations, all from members of the public, two of which are in support and 13 in objection. Given the number of objection representations received, we are now in the process of arranging a date for a hearing of the Alcohol and Entertainment Licensing Sub-Committee at which the application may have to be considered and determined.

However by way of mediation, Ms Nikki England, agent as acting for the applicant Mr Henry Clark, has provided the attached documents and has asked that we forward these to you for your consideration. The documents include a general response to a number of points that have been raised, a separate document outlining a number of additional steps that it is proposed to implement in order to promote the four licensing objectives along with two references.

Having read the additional information that has been provided, I would be most grateful if you could please confirm by no later than the end of this Friday (28th) as to whether in principle you would be prepared to withdraw your representation in light of the additional information and assurances that have been given. Ms England has confirmed to me that she is fully agreeable to additional conditions being attached to any Premises Licence

granted based on the contents of the '*Premises Licence – Additional Licensing Objectives Information*' document referred to above.

Naturally once a hearing date has been arranged, a notice of hearing will be issued.

Yours faithfully,

David Knowles-Ley

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