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Mr Knowles-Leys

Thanks for your email regarding the Gin Festival and I appreciate the applicants attempt to answer our concerns but I do not believe that the issues that I highlighted in my original objection have been addressed.

Great play is made regarding the noise and of the gesture to shorten the time by 15 minutes, however this is not the major concern nor is the size of the marquee and its securing to the ground.

The major fact is that it is still a drinking event. Visitors will be onsite for 4 hours so on the basis of one drink every half hour means they are likely to be drinking a third of a bottle of gin with inevitable consequences.

There is no detail as to how they will manage the crowds once they leave, eg the detail as to number of marshalls, their location and what authority they have to police or control those leaving. Without this detail I do not believe our concerns have been addressed and that it will result in a public nuisance and antisocial behaviour both in the immediate vicinity of the park and the wider Chichester area. It will no doubt add to the Friday and Saturday night chaos routinely seen in South Street.

At the Octoberfest Mr Stephenson was in charge of the event, he made two comments to us, one, that he would ensure that the leaving guests would be controlled and secondly, that he felt that Priory Park due to its proximity to local residents is not a suitable location for these types of events. What has changed?

As to Mr Stephensons thoughtfulness to local residents at Octoberfest they were dismantling the site at 2.30 in the morning. Not very considerate. There is no mention of start and end times on the Friday and Sunday and whilst that is not a licensing issue we would want assurances that activity in the park will not start before 8.00 and will not continue after the event finishes and that breakdown will take place on the Monday.

CDC continue to use their 'Chichester Vision' for justifying these type of events. The increased level of antisocial behaviour does not add to Chichester's attractiveness and is not mentioned in the Vision Statement.

For the reasons cited above I will not withdraw my original objection.

Guy Knight



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