

Subject:FW: Licence Application 18/00992/LAPRE: 'Prosecco in the Park'

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To Laurence Foord, Environmental Health Manager (Licensing), Chichester District Council

Re: Licence Application 18/00992/LAPRE: 'Prosecco in the Park'

Dear Mr Foord

I regret that there is no opportunity in this representation to air wider concerns about the use of Priory Park for events of the kind, and on the scale, of the one under consideration in the above application. However I believe that there are sufficient grounds under the relevant headings for a licence to be refused.

Prevention of Public Nuisance and Prevention of Crime and Disorder.

The event is explicitly alcohol-led. (The film ingredient is not mentioned in the main title - only in the generic subtitle, 'Film, Food & Fizz Festival'.) With six outlets purveying alcoholic drink for six hours on the Friday, thirteen on the Saturday and eight on the Sunday, the likelihood of disorder is considerable; and of crime, far from negligible. This concern, admittedly moderate with regard to activity in the Park itself where stewards will be on duty, relates to the neighbouring residential streets which are not policed. There is no reference to the management of crowds leaving the Park in large numbers once the evening film has finished.

Further matters I would cite under the heading of potential nuisance to the public are (1) the use of generators for power and the consequent sustained disturbance to neighbouring properties; (2) damage by contractors' vehicles to the outfield of the cricket ground - especially if the weather is

inclement - with serious implications for its continued use as a cricket venue boasting a long and important history; (3) the fencing-off of the bulk of the Park, thus denying its use for five days to the citizens of Chichester (beneficiaries in perpetuity of the original gift by the seventh Duke of Richmond) seeking peaceful enjoyment; (4) the near-impossibility of managing unusually heavy traffic in a close residential area, with knock-on effects for already limited neighbourhood parking.

Protection of Children from Harm

'Prosecco in the Park' is billed as a 'family event'. It is surely impossible to reconcile this with the overt promotion and sale of alcohol as proposed. The hours of operation, and the inevitable distractions, suggest that constant supervision of young children will be jeopardised.

Under normal circumstances Priory Park is indeed characterised by its appeal to families. The circumstances outlined by the organisers of 'Prosecco in the Park' are so far from normal that their application should be dismissed, with a recommendation that another, more appropriate, site be investigated.

Finally, I understand that every application is considered on its merits and that the licensing authority will not take into account problems caused in the past, no matter how pertinent or how recent. I also understand that Cllr Martyn Bell is checking with the District Solicitor whether by not taking into consideration information about previous proven antisocial behaviour CDC might be put at risk.

Yours sincerely

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