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Priory Park application 19/00992/LAPRE

Dear Mr. Foord – perhaps you will pass this to the relevant person as an objection to the Prosecco in the Park application.

I am seriously concerned about this application which states that it is aimed at women and families, but which will have five outlets for alcoholic beverages, and will be open on at least one of the days from 10.00 until 23.00. I find it difficult to equate such a number of alcohol outlets and late hours with the statement that the event is aimed at women and children.

The licensing request is for five years at any time between May and September, and will cover three quarters of the public park, including the cricket pitch (without the cricket square). All will be fenced off. This will prevent the public, whose park it is, from using the public facility. A large number of large vehicles will be accessing the area, which may well cause damage to the grass and ground – we are aware of the damage caused when this happened a few months ago, and the resulting bad condition of the ground – still extant more than six months later. In my view this constitutes a public nuisance.

The area is a residential one, with homes round three of the four sides of the park. Large vehicles and music are likely to cause nuisance and disturbance to some residents who live there. In addition, there is very little parking nearby apart from the residents' parking spaces. Not all of the projected 2,000 attendees will walk to the venue.

At least one alcohol run event in the past year has resulted in street fights with the police being called, and this has caused fear among the local residents, especially the elderly ones. While the present application may be better controlled, the fear is present among the local residents.

The licensing objectives being as follows, I am concerned :

- the prevention of crime and disorder.
- public safety.
- the prevention of public nuisance.
- the protection of children from harm.

I understand that this applicant firm has run this type of event in other towns, but that these have not been within a residential area. There are areas in Chichester which would be far more suitable for this kind of event – although perhaps, with so much alcohol on sale, maybe not aimed at children/families.

Yours sincerely,

