

Pub in the Park Licence Application 20/00579/L

I was puzzled by the rather vague notices on Westgate Fields referring to a possible 3 day event with no details of exactly what type of event or when. I contacted the CDC Licence Department who cited the above application number (I do not understand why this reference number was not attached to the public notice). I now understand that it is proposed to hold a Tom Kerridge event "Pub in the Park", which their website quotes as occurring from Friday 14 August through to Sunday 16 August 2020. The "Pub in the Park" website also implies there will be music at the event. As a resident close to Westgate Fields, I wish to state that I object strongly to this application.

First, I do not understand why CDC should be supporting such a commercial event, which is parachuted into the city as a block package and which does **absolutely nothing** to promote or encourage any of the **existing** commercial businesses within the city. The existing pubs and restaurants are suffering and hard pressed at the best of times and after this lockdown will be desperate to get back into normal operations. The very last thing they need is the imposition of a "celebrity" package designed totally to promote Tom Kerridge and to take business away from local pubs and restaurants. CDC should have **nothing** to do with such "bought-in" packages but should rather promote and support local activities.

Regarding the location of the event, I understand that it was originally intended for Oaklands Park, (a much bigger and more spread-out venue than Westgate Fields). Why was it decided not to continue with that proposal?

Examining the contents of the application, I am surprised that the application does not include any details at all about the event nor any analysis of the likely impacts on the surrounding area and the environment. Are these meant to be specified in a later application document?

In particular, how many people are expected to attend (maximum impact), and what are the traffic/parking arrangements, What use, if any, is to be made of adjacent facilities at Chichester College or Westgate Leisure Centre? Is there an environmental impact statement or a noise pollution analysis? What are the proposals for clear up and the return of the area to normal use and conditions?

In the absence of such information and clarification, I have had to rely on the Pub in the Park drawing (v1.0 dated 06.04.20) for the remainder of my comments, The event area can be divided into two sections:

- VIP and Times tents, toilets, yurts etc located south of the College Access road
- and the Tom Kerridge chef demo stage and campsite north of that road.

I am particularly concerned about the latter area which borders the conservation area along Westgate.

In this residential area, **within 100m** of the event boundary, you will find:

- Marriott House (a carehome with up to 93 residents, mostly elderly)
- Mount Lane, nos. 1-4 (Town Houses)
- St Bartholomews Close - nos.1-23 (mixture of houses and flats)
- Tollhouse Close - nos, 1-25 (block of luxury flats and townhouses)

In addition, **within 250m**, there are the houses along Westgate, plus the houses and residential blocks of flats in Henty Gardens, in all making at least another 100 residences that will certainly be impacted by the event activities.

The drawing also mentions a campsite in the north west corner of the site. I understand that this will be for the use of the organisers' staff rather than the general public. However, one must question allowing **any** camping so close to residential properties, especially when there are hotels and other accommodation in the city, who would be only too pleased to receive more guests and get some local benefit from such an event.

In summary the activities proposed should be inappropriate and **NOT** be allowed to take place in such a quiet part of the city. Please refuse this application.