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15th May 2023

By email to licensing@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

Dear Sirs

I am writing to strongly object to the granting of **licensing application M206741**.

My objection is based on the grounds of anticipated noise from the music, dancing, departing vehicles and also the likely rowdy/anti social behaviour of alcohol fuelled attendees to an all-day/night event designed to specifically celebrate with beer and other Germanic drinks.

The context for my objection:

We live in The Spinnakers, Mount Pleasant Road, overlooking Poole Park, The Kitchen and the green space where the proposed Oktoberfest tented event is to take place.

The proposal for a license for live and recorded Oktoberfest music and dance for three consecutive days until 22.00 /23.00 hours fills us with horror, even before we consider it's associated with a drinking festival, which inevitably results in loud, unfiltered or even anti-social behaviour.

Our house is less than 50 metres from the green space to which this application applies and we already have direct experience of loud music and assembled groups from events which have and continue to take place here - though none of them so far have been directly based on an alcohol oriented event or planned to go on so late.

We endure:

- 1) Dolphin marching bands and their continuously, repeated performances and associated microphone announcements. It attracts big, family based crowds over an Easter weekend for an event that supports the community. They fortunately finish around 17.00 although are over three days though the set up of tents, sound and secure enclosure equipment is often begun late into the preceding night and/or early the first morning waking up residents here.
- 2) Dragon boat races - two dates last year comprising very loud, often repetitive, music and drums with enthusiastic encouragement to the competitors and crowd over a loud speaker, again fortunately finishing before 17.00 though the set up of tents and sound equipment is often begun early on a weekend morning waking up residents here. It is, however, a charity event, benefiting the community.
- 3) An Asian festival with stage, competitions, many food stalls and very loud music. This usually finishes early evening though the set- up of tents, stage, stalls, loos, and sound equipment is often begun early on a weekend morning by enthusiastic, chatting

volunteers....again waking up residents here. It is, however, a charity event, benefiting the community.

- 4) The Neon run and disco – a community support event that draws a huge gathering from late afternoon into the night accompanied by loud announcements and very loud dance music to motivate and encourage participants.
- 5) The week long open air cinema – running films morning, afternoon and evening during school holidays to assembled audiences outside our home at a volume that does not require us to leave home to watch.
- 6) The pre 9 am build up to the Park Run opposite our property ensures we know it is Saturday every week and we now have Yoga Instruction right outside our bedrooms first thing on Sunday mornings destroying any chance of that lie in too!

Even during cold weather with windows shut these events can prove very annoying when you cannot isolate yourselves from the repetitive sounds, music and announcements, or even hear your own television. However, we recognise that we have chosen to live near this beautiful, community space, and these tend to be charity or community based events to support local people. Despite our personal inconvenience we applaud these efforts and the public park is the perfect space.

As an aside, being advised where we can see a timetable of those events approved by BCP each year would help us enormously to cope/make alternative plans - will you provide this, please?

The proposed Oktoberfest event does not fit the same criteria as the above charity/community based events. It does not support the community in any way that justifies inconveniencing the immediate residents neighbouring Poole Park.

It is a commercial event that that could be delivered at any of the many existing licensed venues that already exist in the Poole area and which are still struggling to recover from the effects of Covid and the cost of living. Therefore it will be competing for revenue with the town's existing traders and lease payers.

If it is an income generating scheme needed to rejuvenate BCP's own funds, then the council has a number of other outdoor amenity venues of a size to accommodate marquees which do not have residential neighbours either overlooking or within earshot where such an event could be housed.

I have talked a lot in my objection about noise from organised events. However, in addition to the organised and (approved?) events above we are frequently subjected to random fireworks, groups gathering at night in the children's playground, late night music from people parked in cars outside The Kitchen and/or who also rev engines, sound horns, sing and shout until the early hours of the morning, sometimes tearing up the grass with their cars.

This happens throughout the year but more regularly during the summer months. It is not something that is too much a bother during the day, but the annoyance is this anti-social behaviour usually does not start until after about 10 pm.

It is often compounded by the sound of people drunkenly walking through the park late throughout the night talking, laughing, clearly with no sense of either how loud they are when under the influence or how sound carries at night. Maybe because it is dark they have no awareness there are homes the other side of the park fence. We regularly hear the entire conversations of people who

decide to rest on the crazy golf course between us and The Kitchen. Regrettably we also witness the frequency of their urination there on what will be used as a family amenity the next day.

Imagine how much this is likely to increase as a result of the type of event you are proposing a few feet away.

I am not against either alcohol or loud music. In fact our household exactly fits the bill of the target audience described in the planning application – mature adults – who are also beer drinkers by choice and who regularly attend live music events throughout the country, at Baiter, Upton, the BIC, the Pavillion etc. it is with this experience of what occurs at music events serving alcohol and our experience of noise and anti-social behaviour at the proposed venue I am making what I feel is a very informed objection.

The granting of this license will be another three days, but more importantly nights, when we can't hear ourselves think in our own houses, even with the doors and windows closed.

I hope such a rounded explanation will provide food for thought and the considered denial of this license. I look forward to hearing from you regarding the outcome.

Yours faithfully,

Jocelyn Wheeler

Tania Jardim

From: Barry Barrett [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 May 2023 17:31
To: Licensing Com
Cc: symsr@pooleconservatives.org; symsmo.office@parliament.uk
Subject: Application Ref: M206741

Categories: Karen

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to object in the strongest possible terms to the granting of the above licensing application on the following grounds:

- It is a completely inappropriate location for such an event as a Beer Festival, (Oktoberfest as they want to call it). The location (The Kitchen) in Poole Park is very close to residential housing and on previous occasions when they have had live music it could clearly be heard from outside the park and where we live, in Mount Pleasant Road, even with closed doors it drowned out our TV. To have music, which inevitably will be played at an excessive volume, from 17.00 to 23.00 for three nights in a row is an act of extreme anti-socialism and selfishness demonstrated by a complete lack of regard for the comfort of local residents and indeed the wildlife for which Poole Park is noted. Additionally, the event would not be over at 23.00 The music will stop but the departure of so many people will create antisocial noise long after the doors have closed.
- The applicants state that they are aiming the event at a mature audience, but do not make mention of the fact that any beer festival is a profit making venture aimed solely at selling as much beer as possible, and no matter what demographic of the audience, it can only lead to excessive drinking.
- What about security and how effective will it be? Will drinkers be allowed to spill out into the park, thereby adding to the noise levels. Will the alcohol be served in glasses or plastic containers. If glass there will undoubtedly be breakage in the park, representing a danger in particular to children and to wildlife. If plastic it will mean a negative effect on the local environment as some is bound to end up in the water, thereby further polluting a lagoon that is already suffering from an excess of litter and plastic items.
- As local residents living by a park that is rarely policed we already suffer from loud and disturbing volumes of radios in cars late at night, together with miscreants shouting and screaming as they pass or occupy the children's play area after it is supposedly closed. It is also well known that drugs have been a problem in the past in the park, and I believe that a beer festival in the middle of a residential area will only compound and add to the anti-social behaviour witnessed and/or heard emanating from the park at night.
- I am not a killjoy by any means, but I strongly object to this event being forced upon us if the application is granted as we also have the right to a quiet weekend in our own properties. It is an event that would without question be enjoyed by a good many people, but it is an event that should be held in a more appropriate location where incessant noise would not be a problem. Why do the organisers want to hold this event at this location. I believe they also own or franchise the other food and drink location in the park, The Ark, and even though this too is hardly ideal, it would probably have less impact upon the surroundings.
- Surely local residents and also the bird and animal wildlife in the park have a greater right to peace and quiet than a commercial event which pays no attention or consideration at all to those around it?

I ask that you let sense prevail over the event organiser's environmentally unfriendly application and refuse it. I have copied our local MP, Sir Robert Syms, on this emailed objection as I know he has the interests of the people of Poole at heart and is aware of the preferences of his constituents in all areas encompassed by him.

Kind regards,

Barry W. Barrett
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BH15 1TU

Tania Jardim

From: Margaret Grundy [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 May 2023 18:51
To: Licensing Com
Subject: Octktoberfest at Poole Park.

Categories: Karen

Dear Tania Jardim.

I have been living in Mount Pleasant Road for the past 35 years. Poole Park is a great place and is widely used throughout the year and is meant for people to enjoy.

Over 35 years there have been several events when the noise has been excessive but it has only involved one evening. However the Okterberfest planned for 1700 -2300 for three nights is excessive. If it is held in a marquee the noise will not be contained.. Poole Park is not a suitable place for this event.

I sincerely hope that the BCP Licensing Committee will refuse this application.

With regards,

Margaret Grundy (Dr)

Tania Jardim

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 May 2023 10:13
To: Licensing Com
Subject: HJS application for Poole Park

Categories: Karen

With regard to the above Beerfest application, I live opposite Poole Park in Horizons apartments. I object to the above application on several fronts:-

1 Noise from live music and loud speakers is amplified by the lake and reverberates in my flat even with all doors and windows closed and is often noisier from drum beats than it actually is in the park. I tested this with Dragon races.

Three days of noise is not going to help my health.

2 More policing will be needed especially later in the evening.

3 It will cause more traffic in the park and Parkstone road which is busy anyway and difficult to cross now.

4 where will everyone park? the car parking is very difficult both in the park and on Parkstone road at normal times.

5 who will pay for the park to be cleaned each day to reduce rubbish being spread over the land and water.

As a council tax payer I object to more noise in our area as we already have several events in the summer which spoil the use of our gardens.

Thank you from [REDACTED] Horizons, BH15 2FR

Tania Jardim

From: Sue Aspden [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 May 2023 17:46
To: Licensing Com
Subject: M206741. Oktoberfest

Categories: Karen

I am writing to object to the above application as I understand that the event will be very close to our properties at the Spinnakers. I am concerned that the noise from the event will prevent local families from getting peace and quiet for 3 nights. The event is scheduled to finish at 11 pm and undoubtedly the noise and anti social behaviour will continue for an extended period afterwards.

As residents we often experience noise disturbance in the park late at night and in the past, we have even had difficulty reporting noisy daytime events and action being taken. This proposed event will be an added problem and quite unacceptable for us and our fellow residents.

Peter and Sue Aspden
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Sent from my iPad