

A. M. WILMORE

TO THE  
LICENCING OFFICER

20.7.2016

Dear Sir or Madam  
OBJECTION LONDON ROAD  
RECREATION  
GROUND

I am writing to object to the  
licencing application for  
entertainment and sale of alcohol  
for consumption on and off  
the premises at the London  
Road Recreation Ground

My objections are that  
consumption of alcohol can lead  
to bad behaviour particularly  
when consumed outdoors.

The Recreation Ground is to  
provide tennis & sport NOT  
alcohol related activities

I believe sale and consumption  
of alcohol at a family orientated  
activity is wrong and unnecessary.  
I do hope this application is rejected

Yours sincerely  
A M Wilmore



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**Patricia McDonald**

**From:** "Patricia McDonald" <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** 29 July 2016 14:27  
**To:** <Derek.Seekings@surreyheath.gov.uk>  
**Attach:** SPRA Licensing Reps Ice Rink & Xmas Market.odt  
**Subject:** APPLICATION BY EVENT BY EVENT LTD FOR PREMISES LICENCE IN RESPECT OF LONDON ROAD RECREATION GROUND, GRAND AVENUE, CAMBERLEY GU15 3QH

Dear Mr Seekings,

I refer to our previous correspondence, and thank you for your help.

Although members of the Southwell Park Residents Association are in the working group for this project, it is the official view of the Association that, unfortunately, the project is fundamentally flawed, for both licensing & planning reasons. Accordingly, I attach the Association's formal representations of objection, which I intend to also deliver in paper form by hand to your offices this afternoon.

I understand the Licensing Hearing may be scheduled for Wednesday 17th August, although it is yet to appear on the Council's Calendar.

Your sincerely, *C. S. McDonald*  
Chris McDonald  
Solicitor & Hon. Legal Advisor to the SPRA

29/07/2016

**APPLICATION BY EVENT BY EVENT LTD FOR PREMISES LICENCE FOR LONDON  
ROAD RECREATION GROUND FROM 1 DECEMBER 2016 UNTIL 1 JANUARY 2017  
FOR PUBLIC ICE RINK & CHRISTMAS MARKET**

**FORMAL REPRESENTATIONS BY SOUTHWELL PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**Introduction**

The Association is taking part constructively in the Council's working group that is preparing for this event. But this has been without prejudice to the Association's right to make representations on the requisite licensing & planning applications. There are still strong concerns about the entire project, and those relating to Licensing are summarised below.

**Unsuitability of Location**

The event is not to be held in the Camberley Town Centre, as claimed by the Council's Executive. On the contrary, the site is within the Southwell Park residential area, and just inside the well-used Recreation Ground. However, its proximity to the Town Centre does mean that it is served by roads that are often congested, especially in the Christmas Season. As such, it is inherently unsuitable for an Ice Rink & Christmas Market, as resultant public nuisances and additional risks to public safety would be inevitable.

**Inadequacy of Application**

Despite their length, the completed application form and accompanying draft event management plan contain insufficient information to provide practical reassurance that public safety would be ensured, and public nuisances avoided or adequately mitigated. There are 2 main defects. The first is an over-reliance on the simple presence of people who allegedly would be able to resolve all problems, without indications of concrete measures that they should & could take to achieve this. The second defect is that the applicant clearly expects the licence to be issued before definitive parts of the management plans have been submitted for final scrutiny, leaving far too high a risk of the eventual arrangements being rushed through without adequate quality control.

Consequently, the Association objects particularly to the lack of practicable noise & lighting mitigation measures; to the failure to have in place an authoritative & robust traffic & pedestrian management plan; to the public nuisance caused by the loss of normal outdoor recreational facilities for at least 8 weeks; and to the lack of positive & reassuring plans for the welfare of visitors, especially children.

**Noise**

The live & recorded music at the ice rink, beer lodge & bandstand on the tennis courts are obvious sources of noise nuisance to nearby dwellings. Yet no noise limits whatsoever at the thresholds of specified dwellings have been set: no monitoring equipment has been proposed: and methods of distinguishing between, and abating when necessary, the various noise emissions have not been specified. The noises from the public address system, the traders & the crowds of customers also have to be accounted for, as have those from generators if it proves impracticable to install an electricity sub-station. The Association's view is that the combination of intrinsically noisy activities and the proximity of noise-sensitive premises would inevitably cause a noise nuisance.

**Lighting**

The Recreation Ground is normally unlit outside daylight hours. No scheme to avoid light pollution of nearby dwellings by the proposed floods & festoons of the event management has seemingly been contemplated, even though the potential nuisance is obvious. No specific means of lighting control of individual funfair amusements & traders' stalls have been put forward, as opposed to a

general exhortation to respect the ambience of the event. Again, the view of the Association is that there would inevitably be light pollution, especially during evening hours.

### **Traffic Management**

The out-of-Centre location beside a key shoppers' access route means that the vehicular & pedestrian traffic generated by the proposed attractions would clash with, not complement, the normal Christmas traffic. In the Association's view, this conflict is irremediable. The Traffic Management Plan prepared so far is best categorised as "Emerging". The temporary extension of the local roads' CPZ applied for to the highway authority would merely extend the hours of control into the evenings and to Sundays: it would not suspend the lengths of 2-hour or unlimited waiting available without permits to eg Event visitors, contrary to the assurance given to the Residents' Meeting on 27 April. Also the highway authority has yet to even advertise the requisite Temporary Traffic Order.

It has been belatedly recognised that, despite the AA Signs for the Park Road/Park Street and London Road direct routes to the multi-storey car parks, there would be severe vehicular congestion at the staggered junction of Southwell Park Road/New Southern Road/Firwood Drive. The presently proposed solution is to ban all 3 right-turns at this junction. This would require clearance by, and another Temporary Traffic Order from, the highway authority. It would cause great inconvenience for local motorists & ordinary Christmas shoppers. The notion that diverted eastbound traffic should go northwards along New Southern Road and then turn round at the Charles Streets' roundabout is plainly hazardous & futile. It would take vehicles twice through the pinch point of the 'bus/taxi & pedestrian interchange outside The Atrium, that ironically is on the designated Pedestrian Route to the Event. Such a proposal obviously needs a safety audit that in turn would require traffic forecasts & modelling which cannot be done in time.

With regard to the Pedestrian Route, the Association foresees conflict along the northern footway of Southwell Park Road between Southern Road & Grand Avenue between eastbound Town Centre visitors and westbound Event visitors. Further to the west along Southwell Park Road, the 2 temporary vehicular accesses to the licensed premises, across designated parking spaces & opposite the mouth of France Hill Drive, would also be disruptive.

### **Impact on Recreation Ground**

No particular thought seems to have been given to the loss of recreational facilities to local people for at least 8 weeks, even though this would be by definition a public nuisance. The Pavilion & Quiet Garden would be taken over, and the all-weather tennis courts would be out of action. Traders Stalls would be erected on some of the permanent flower beds: and a length of shrubbery between the courts and Southwell Park Road would be grubbed out for a temporary access. This rather thoughtless stance epitomises somewhat the underlying attitude taken towards real, lasting local amenities.

### **Welfare of Children & Other Visitors**

These would be largely family-orientated and child-friendly attractions, and yet priority has not been given to the submission of the child protection plan. The relative lack of concern for children also seems to be reflected in the rather cavalier attitude towards the provision of toilets, of which children require a relatively generous number with space for chaperones. The documents submitted so far seem to admit that the proposed number of toilets would be, in contrast, inadequate. The actual locations of the toilets, & baby-changing facilities, are completely omitted from the submitted plans, as are the proposed medical & other welfare facilities.

These Representations have been approved & authorised by the Chair & Vice-Chair on behalf of the Committee of the Association.

C S McDonald  
Solicitor & Honorary Legal Advisor 29 July 2016

**Paula Barnshaw**

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**From:** Melvyn Hayward [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 29 July 2016 15:06  
**To:** licensing  
**Subject:** Camberley on ice  
**Attachments:** Letter to Surrey Heath July 2017.pdf

Dear Sir,

I enclose my comments on the Application for Camberley on Ice, objecting to the Application.

Yours faithfully,

Melvyn Hayward

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**MR & MRS MELVYN HAYWARD**

TEL: [REDACTED]

email: [REDACTED]

**FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2016**

Dear Sir

**License Application by Event by Event Ltd for the provision of Camberley on Ice event, on London Road Recreation Ground, Grand Avenue, Camberley GU15 3QH**

I wish to object to the granting of a licence for this event as the venue is not suited to the type of event proposed. It is in centre of a residential area and the resulting noise, light pollution, number of attendees, and attendant facilities would be better suited in a non-residential area. Specific comments are set out below on the application and Event Management Plan.

It is also obvious from the Main Site Plan (Appendix A) that the ice rink itself is a small part of the event and the main attractions are to be the traders, bandstand, and beer lodge.

**Application**

The Application sets out very little detail apart from the times that certain activities will take place. It appears to have been completed without care as the detail on Live Music (Box E) and Recorded Music (Box F) are the same, resulting in the detail on live music not making sense. No noise levels are set out (as they were in the original application which was withdrawn) and apart from "ambient" there is nothing to state where they are to be measured and how. (The Event Management Plan does say "Due to the proximity of local residents and the type of music on offer at the event, expert and proactive noise management will be in place to prevent and noise nuisance (sic)." This seems to be incomplete.)

Under Performance of Dance (Box G) N/A is placed in the box for non-standard timings. This is a positive comment. However, in boxes E & F the boxes are left blank and thus, no such commitment can be deduced.

**Box I** for Late night refreshments is left blank. The Event Management Plan says that there will be "Skate Lodge with food and drink facilities;  
Christmas Market consisting of 15-20 stalls."

Is this an omission from the application?

**Box J** states that alcohol will be sold for the purpose of consumption both on and off the premises. In the original application there was to be sales for consumption on the premises only; to permit sales for consumption off the premises is a recipe for unruly behaviour and trouble. It states that alcohol will only be sold until 9 pm at night; there

is no suggested variations which is to be welcome but there is the likelihood that a further application will be made later for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day until the proposed closing time on those dates. If the application is granted, which is to be regretted, then a condition that no later application will be entertained.

**Box L** shows the times the event is to be open from 11 am to 9.30 pm (half an hour after closing of entertainments). However, in the Event Management Plan it says:

Event Time: 11:00 – 21:30 Daily Opening  
New Years Eve 21:30 - 24:00  
New Years Day 00:00 - 02:30.

As the application for the licence is until 1st January 2017 this latter timing would be outside the licence.

There is nothing in the box for non-standard timings.

### **Event Management Plan**

This is described as a "first draft of this document and so is a working document which will be developed over the coming months in preparation for the event"; this is not a proper basis for the application to be decided. Many of the sections are marked TBC.

### **Introduction**

This states that "As this event is new this year, observations and control measures will be based on experience from similar events". Have the applicants run similar events or are they using experience of other organisations? The comment that they "will draw heavily on experience of external staff who have a sound operational understanding of the site" would seem to show that it is the first time they have run this type of event.

It goes on to say "The intention is to ensure a safe and worthwhile event for the audience, participants and all those involved whilst also giving added value to the Camberley Christmas shopping offering and driving additional trade to the commercial centre of Camberley". There is no mention of ensuring that it causes no disturbance to the local neighbourhood.

Sec 23 of SHBC Statement of Licensing Policy 2016 - 2021 says that "Applicants will be expected to demonstrate in their operating schedule how they intend to be good neighbours to residents and to other business interests in the area. In addition applicants will be expected to propose practical measures to prevent disturbance to local residents and to indicate what action will be taken to prevent or reduce noise emanating from the premises".

There is no mention of this document in the Event Management Plan.

### **Event Overview**

It states that the capacity is TBC. However, later on it states that "The capacity of the park is to be limited to 1000" but no explanation as to how this has been arrived at.

### **1.3 Location Overview**

It states that "The venue is a public park but will be fully enclosed with a perimeter fence during the times of operation". It is assumed that it will be fully enclosed during construction and break up (15th November to (9th January 2017). This is a considerable time for residents to be deprived of the facilities.

There is the suggestion that there will be no parking problems as " Little in the way of disturbance to local traffic is expected with the majority of attendees expected to arrive on foot.

Public Transport links are considered good with regular trains and busses on to mainline destinations available".

How can they make the assumption that the majority will arrive on foot? Also the suggestion about transport links is a matter of opinion. Trains are half hourly to Ascot or Aldershot during the day, but in the evening are hourly. Local busses are reasonably often during business hours but many services end around early evening.

As noted above, there is the comment that "Due to the proximity of local residents and the type of music on offer at the event, expert and proactive noise management will be in place to prevent and noise nuisance". This sentence is incomplete and does not make sense.

### **1.5 Roles and Responsibilities**

There is no mention of ensuring that there is no disturbance to the local neighbours.

#### **1.5.7 Onsite Medical Provider**

Medical Operational Plan has not been drawn up and is TBC. Decisions on the license should not be made on policies that are to be drawn up.

#### **1.5.9 Surrey Police**

"Surrey Police will provide a management structure for the event as in previous years. The organisers do not expect any additional police resources to be required for this event but welcome local neighbourhood officers to include visits to the vent (sic) as part of their usual duties".

As this is the first time the event has been held, how can previous years experience be utilised?

## **2 Build and Break Planning**

It states "What follows are some basic guidelines outlining the measures that will be put in place to ensure adherence to these regulations and to ensure a suitable site for the general public during the event dates and times.



"TBC

"A complete Construction Phase Plan can be seen in **APPENDIX TBC**"

**As this is meant to conform to** (CDM15) the details need to be agreed before the license is considered.

### **Site Infrastructure**

#### 3.1.2.4 Power

TBC. The means of providing power is not set out. Generators running 24 hours can be very noisy and will give off polluting fumes both of which can be annoying to local residents. This is a major concern and should affect the decision of the license.

#### 3.1.2.5 Lighting & Special Effects

"Lighting Towers in site deemed unnecessary as ambient light will be via directional floods and festoon lighting (sic)". It is proposed that floodlights will be used. The setting up and siting will be crucial in ensuring no light pollution and annoyance to neighbours.

There should be a blanket ban on lighting towers being substituted at a later date.

#### 3.1.2.7 PA Specifications

TBC. Again, this information is essential before any license is considered.

#### 3.1.2.10 Sanitary and Waste Management

The provision of 1 disabled toilet is not thought sufficient, as they will also be used for baby changing.

#### 3.1.2.11 Litter and Waste Disposal

There is no mention of rubbish collection on streets outside of the site as rubbish will be discarded by people leaving the site en route to their transport or home. This cannot be left to the Council's usual contractors which does not cover all local streets. Leaving this to the procedure set out in 3.4 (below) is not sufficient.

#### 3.1.2.12 General Site Lighting

Structurally mounted flood lighting will be deployed across the sites to create a good ambient light level. Exact details of all site lighting are marked on the final site map. This conflicts with 3.1.2.5 Lighting & Special Effects.

#### 3.1.1.4 New Psychoactive Substances

This includes "Cursory body searches will take place at these entrances. Visitors who are found to have drugs on them will either be refused entry (if a personal amount) or will be escorted by the Police to the Police tent for process under Criminal Law (if a larger amount)". However, in 1.5.9 there seems to be an implication that there will not be police routinely on site.

### **3.3.7 Security and Stewarding**

"A Crowd Safety Management Plan will be drafted by the provider and this will form Appendix 'A' to this document. Please see the Event Timeline for delivery date".

This needs to be available before the license is considered.

### **3.4 Egress**

"Egress is the most potentially dangerous part of any event as the high levels of pedestrian and vehicle movement alongside a high degree of intoxication possible within the audience can create a highly hazardous situation".

"At site closure stewards will also be dispatched to the external route from the site to the town centre to ensure minimal possible disruption to local residents and to monitor any refuse that is generated by the departing crowd so a clean up can be arranged".

There needs to be stewarding from the site to other roads used by those leaving, not just to the roads back to the town. Also, not just at site closure.

### **4.3.5 Event Conditions**

The publishing of the codes in the document could lead to them being used by people trying to cause confusion; they should be kept secret and only known to those using or receiving them.

Under Condition Red, I note that Brighton Police will assume control of the site. This shows that the plan has been cobbled together from another event without ensuring that it is site specific. (see 1.5.9)

Yours faithfully



Melvyn Hayward

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**Paula Barnshaw**

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**From:** Cyril Pavey [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 29 July 2016 15:19  
**To:** licensing  
**Subject:** Ice rink

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Ms Paula Barnshaw  
Licensing Officer  
SHBC

Dear Ms Barnshaw

Application for premises licence: London Rd Recreation Ground (LRRG)

We submit the following observations on the application. (As you know, the east side of the northern end of The Avenue borders the LRRG.)

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#### PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

The statement in the EMP that "Surrey Police will provide a management structure for the event as in previous years" is not understood.

The proposal to prolong the event to 2.30 am on the morning of Sunday 1 January 2017 is without precedent and quite unacceptable. No other "official" event in Camberley has ever been allowed to go on so long. It is extraordinary that that proposal was not knocked on the head in the early stages of discussion between the Event management and the Council. The idea that the LRRG in the midst of a residential area is a suitable place to celebrate the New Year is outrageous. There should be no extension of hours on 31.12.16.

We are extremely concerned about the live music element of the proposal. The application form confirms that live music will take place both indoors and outdoors. The applicant is required to give details including the type of activity to be authorised and further relevant details e.g. but not exclusively, whether the music will be amplified. No such details are given. The applicant has simply repeated in the live music box the answer given elsewhere in relation to recorded music. In that respect the application is clearly defective; another reason why the licensing process should be suspended and the application returned to the applicant to be filled in correctly.

The EMP does not make clear what the "additional entertainment on the bandstand" will be. Will it be noisy?

No information has been provided to the public about precisely how loud the different types of music will be and over what distance they are likely to be heard. (At the public meeting we queried the latter point; there was no clear answer.) "low ambient level" is too vague. Will we be able to hear the music in our house with all the doors and windows shut? Noise travels further at night. What exactly are the noise limits mentioned in the application. "Due to the proximity of local residents and the type of music (what type?) on offer... , expert and proactive noise management will be in place to prevent and noise nuisance." That provides no reassurance at all. I doubt whether our definition of noise nuisance matches that of the organizers.

It is naive to imagine revellers will respond to a request to respect the residential nature of the district when they have paid money to enjoy themselves and are fuelled by alcohol. Crowds are by their very nature noisy and the presence of music will do nothing to promote moderation.

We believe that we and other local residents are likely to suffer considerable nuisance from the extra traffic and demand for parking that the event will generate. The lure of free parking in the town centre car parks is unlikely to deter significant numbers of motorists from trying to park nearer the LRRG. (It is apparently a fact that some motorists employed in Camberley whose employers provide free parking in town centre car parks prefer kerb-side parking in roads like The Avenue in order to make a quicker get-away!) The EMP actually aims at "increasing the festive traffic...in the Camberley area! The "strong incentives to encourage attendance on foot", whatever they might be, are extremely unlikely to be effective, particularly on a dark winter's evening with small children in tow. The idea that the "majority of attendees [are] expected to arrive on foot" is pie in the sky. The reference to "...regular trains...on to mainline destinations" reveals startling ignorance of the Camberley train service.

The applicant proposes to provide additional services to prevent congestion and parking controls to protect local resident access. Realistically, it is hard to see what they can do. The event is bound to generate extra traffic. Is there to be admission for residents only to The Avenue, Southwell Pk Rd, Woodlands Rd etc? There is no indication as to how parking controls will be enforced.

#### GENERAL

The lack of precise information thought the application on matters of pressing and legitimate concern to residents must reduce confidence on the matter to its lowest possible level.

We urge the authority to decline to grant the application.

Yours sincerely

Elaine and Cyril Pavel

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Ms Paula Bernshaw  
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#### **PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE**

The statement in the EMP that "Surrey Police will provide a management structure for the event as in previous years" is not understood.

The proposal to prolong the event to 2.30 am on the morning of Sunday 1 January 2017 is without precedent and quite unacceptable. No other "official" event in Camberley has ever been allowed to go on so long. It is extraordinary that that proposal was not knocked on the head in the early stages of discussion between the Event management and the Council. The idea that the LRRG in the midst of a

residential area is a suitable place to celebrate the New Year is outrageous. There should be no extension of hours on 31.12.16.

We are extremely concerned about the live music element of the proposal. The application form confirms that live music will take place both indoors and outdoors. The applicant is required to give details including the type of activity to be authorised and further relevant details e.g. but not exclusively, whether the music will be amplified. No such details are given. The applicant has simply repeated in the live music box the answer given elsewhere in relation to recorded music. In that respect the application is clearly defective; another reason why the licensing process should be suspended and the application returned to the applicant to be filled in correctly.

The EMP does not make clear what the "additional entertainment on the bandstand" will be. Will it be noisy?

No information has been provided to the public about precisely how loud the different types of music will be and over what distance they are likely to be heard. (At the public meeting we queried the latter point; there was no clear answer.) "low ambient level" is too vague. Will we be able to hear the music in our house with all the doors and windows shut? Noise travels further at night. What exactly are the noise limits mentioned in the application. "Due to the proximity of local residents and the type of music (what type?) on offer... , expert and proactive noise management will be in place to prevent and noise nuisance." That provides no reassurance at all. I doubt whether our definition of noise nuisance matches that of the organizers.

It is naive to imagine revellers will respond to a request to respect the residential nature of the district when they have paid money to enjoy themselves and are fuelled by alcohol. Crowds are by their very nature noisy and the presence of music will do nothing to promote moderation.

We believe that we and other local residents are likely to suffer considerable nuisance from the extra traffic and demand for parking that the event will generate. The lure of free parking in the town centre car parks is unlikely to deter significant numbers of motorists from trying to park nearer the LRRG. (It is apparently a fact that some motorists employed in Camberley whose employers provide free parking in town centre car parks prefer kerb-side parking in roads like The Avenue in order to make a quicker get-away!) The EMP actually aims at "increasing the festive traffic... in the Camberley area! The "strong incentives to encourage attendance on foot", whatever they might be, are extremely unlikely to be effective, particularly on a dark winter's evening with small children in tow. The idea that the "majority of attendees [are] expected to arrive on foot" is pie in the sky. The reference to "...regular trains... on to mainline destinations" reveals startling ignorance of the Camberley train service.

The applicant proposes to provide additional services to prevent congestion and parking controls to protect local resident access. Realistically, it is hard to see what they can do. The event is bound to generate extra traffic. Is there to be admission for residents only to The Avenue, Southwell Pk Rd, Woodlands Rd etc? There is no indication as to how parking controls will be enforced.

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The lack of precise information ~~throughout~~ the application on matters of pressing and legitimate concern to residents must reduce confidence on the matter to its lowest possible level.

We urge the authority to decline to grant the application.

Yours sincerely

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