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Musson, Martyn

(1)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2019 19:59
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Roundhay Park - Proposed increase in capacity of large-scale events

Dear Sir or Madam,

As a resident of West Avenue in Roundhay, which faces and is adjacent to Soldier Field, I was appalled to read your notice regarding the proposal to increase the capacity of large-scale events in Roundhay Park by a factor of four from 19,999 to 79,999.

I, THEREFORE, STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS APPLICATION.

My reasons are as follows: -

This is a residential area to which vehicle access is already difficult because of the road layout at the Oakwood and also because of the generally congested nature of the roads in this area.

We already have to contend with and endure numerous events and activities taking place in the park, all of which impact on the quality of life of local residents. I have in mind, for example, bonfire night, the Leeds Triathlon, circuses, funfairs, and food festivals, not to mention the 'toot toot' of the road train all day every weekend and school holiday. All of these involve noise, disruption and inconvenience to local residents.

And compounding this are all the illegal and anti-social activities which, in spite of raising these issues on numerous occasions with the police, parks department and the local councillors, are continuing unabated on and around West Avenue and Park Avenue, with no visible enforcement of the park and highway rules and regulations. These include: speeding and drag racing; drug dealing and consumption; littering; parking, driving and doing 'wheelies' on the grass of Soldier Field and in the car park adjacent to the lake; BBQs on Soldier Field burning patches of grass and with smoke drifting into the homes of nearby residents; people relieving themselves in the grounds of our homes; and motorhomes parking overnight near to our homes. On a sunny weekend it is absolute mayhem on West Avenue. Increasing the size and number of events will only make the situation even worse and, in all probability, make it quite intolerable for local residents.

I can only assume that Leeds City Council are making this application in order to run bigger events in the park from which to generate more income. However, this is being done at the expense of local residents and should not be allowed to go ahead. It would be far better if LCC were to address the issues pertaining to the current situation as outlined above.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



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Musson, Martyn

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 April 2019 13:47
To: Entertainment Licensing
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Planning

(2)

Thank you for your email

I can confirm I would like to object on the following issues

1. The Prevention of Crime and Disorder - I am concerned large scale events of this nature will result in increased crime and disorder where I live, close to the park.

I am particularly concerned that no limits to the number of events has been considered.

2. The Prevention of Public Nuisance - at other events eg the bonfire we have problems with noise, litter and parking. We also have the significant inconvenience of road closures.

3. Public Safety - the excess local parking causes risks to public safety by blocking access and visibility to drivers and pedestrians.

4. The Protection of Children from Harm - as above, this is a family residential area and the issues outlined above pose a risk to children.

Thank you

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Musson, Martyn

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 April 2019 10:59
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Objection to the changes to the events license in Roundhay Park

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Not wishing to be a spoilsport and fully understanding the need to raise cash but I object to this open ended plan. I welcome some large events and indeed went to some years ago but they were infrequent and one never got the feeling that the main aim was to make money. Now the times are different and it is all about money so I have no doubt this council will do its best to promote this option once the license is obtained. This license should at least limit the numbers of times it can happen each year otherwise life will become intolerable for those of us who live locally and who cannot use our cars on the few times it currently happens with much smaller events. The level of litter after these events is intolerable also and is rarely properly adequately dealt with as it requires the street cleaning team to coordinate with the park staff, which doesn't seem to happen so even if the park gets sorted after these events the streets do not. In my opinion this license must be limited to no more than 12 events a year as no doubt the smaller ones will also continue and the impact on the park and the immediate community will be substantial.

Regards

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PREM/ 02252/003

Musson, Martyn

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 April 2019 10:31
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Application to increase capacity at Roundhay Park for events

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I am writing to object to this application on the grounds that there is insufficient car parking currently at Roundhay Park and surrounding areas to cope with any further increase in demand by visitors.

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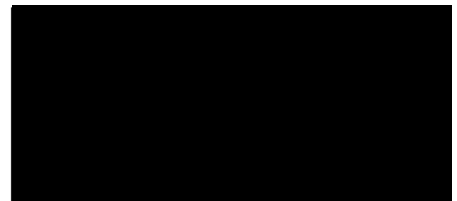
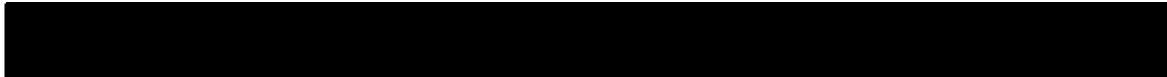
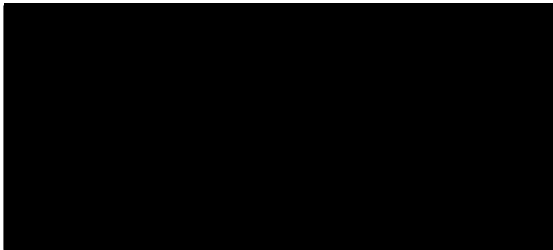
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5th April 2019

Entertaining Licensing Section,
Leeds City Council,
Civic Hall,
LEEDS. LS1 1UR

Dear Sir/Madam,

Roundhay Park: proposed increase in audience numbers

I have noted the proposal to increase the permitted audience numbers from 19 999 to 79 999, a fourfold increase presumably from past events such as Pop Concerts, Firework displays etc.

it would be useful to know how the Council proposes to deal with the increased traffic for the concert.

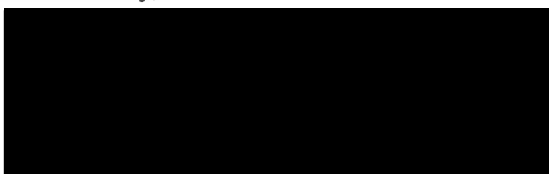
This raises concerns for adjoining properties access and safety from our past experiences, particularly the random parking of cars and crowd behaviour.

We live [redacted]
to [redacted] and on such occasions, many people attending and seeking parking spaces would block our drive entrances and residents' access to and from their garages Then vehicles would drive over the footpaths and park over our landscaped lawns leaving ruts and damage. This land is in joint ownership of the [redacted] and every one of the [redacted] for its upkeep and for landscape gardeners to maintain the landscape.

With subsequent Events and Bonfire Nights being moved away to Soldiers Field, including large areas of field car parking this problem diminished but the Notice of such a large increase of concert attenders, and the staging of the Pop Concert by Ed Sheeran which may have prompted this intention, our worries are raised and I, and on behalf of [redacted] request that if the large numbers are to be expected that the Council will arrange for parking and traffic control for those occasions. [redacted]

[redacted] Leeds.

Yours faithfully,



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White, Emma

From:

Sent:

To:

Subject:

08 April 2019 16:48

Entertainment Licensing

Comment for variation

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Entertainment Licensing Section,

Leeds City Council,

Civic Hall,

Leeds,

LS1 1UR

Dear Entertainment Licensing Section

RE: application for a 'Variation to increase capacity for Roundhay Park grounds for large scale events from 19,999 to 79,999'

I love that that Leeds City Council are looking for more large events to feature in Roundhay Park but I fear that it could become disruptive to those who live near to and use the park if made too frequent.

In principle, I do not object to the extension. However, the inconvenience is considerable especially with road closures, diversions, coning orders and the sheer volume of people to the park and surrounding areas. Having grown up with the large events of the Rollings Stones, Michael Jackson, Robbie Williams etc, I know that the benefits are also great as we have the pleasure of big names, big events and lots of prestige right on our doorstep.

As a resident that lives close to the park, I would like to request that some of this money from these events is reinvested back into the park and not left to the likes of volunteer groups to clear up afterwards or scabble around to find the funding. The fact that the volunteer group, Friends of Roundhay Park have had to find funding for tennis courts, children's playgrounds, gravel paths and left to clean up rubbish left around the park shows that there has been an under investment for many years in Roundhay Park.

I also implore you to look at minimising the amount of waste that is generated from these events as much of the rubbish that is created stays in the park for many years through careless discarding. Plastic free festivals should be demanded of any promoters who wish to use the park for events

I implore you to:

- Ensure that the number of large events (over 50,000 a year) is limited annually, minimising disruption to residents and visitors
- Earmark funding from the events for reinvestment back into the park
- Ensure a robust waste management strategy is in place.

Yours sincerely



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Musson, Martyn

PREM / 02252 / 003

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 April 2019 09:14
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Change to license Roundhay Park

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Dear Sir/Madam

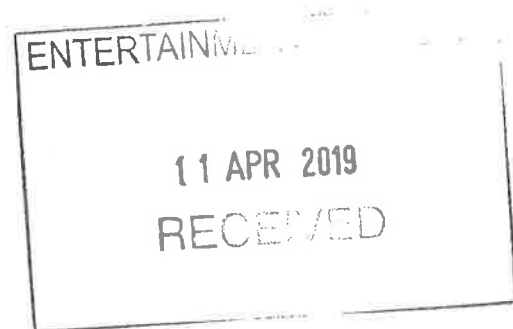
I wish to express my objection to the proposed changes regarding increasing the numbers that can attend functions at Roundhay Park.

As a person who lives very close to the park there are numerous reasons for my objection which includes the unimaginable congestion that the increase would involve and the health and safety issues that would accompany the unreasonable increase. Also I am concerned about the potential damage such an increase would cause to the park that so many of us enjoy. The local residents tolerate the inconvenience caused by large events at the moment such as concerts, triathlon and bonfire night but any further increase in numbers and larger events would be intolerable and I hope that you will consider the comments made in your final decision.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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PREM/02252/003
Musson, Martyn

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 April 2019 02:41
To: Entertainment Licensing
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Proposed change to the events licence in Roundhay Park

(9)

Dear Sir/Madam

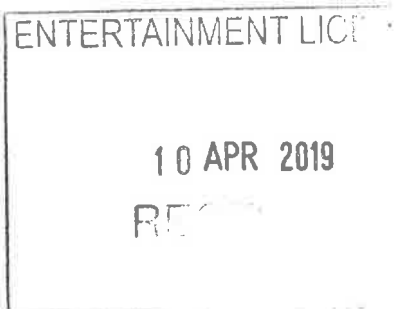
We are writing to strongly object to the proposal put forward by the Council to change the events licence conditions for Roundhay Park. The proposal is to allow large scale events to take place at Roundhay Park for up to 79,999 people. The park and the existing infrastructure are not suited for such large scale events. The disruption that will be caused by these events will also have a significant impact on the residents neighbouring Roundhay Park.

Roundhay Park is well used as an area available for individuals and families to use the park for exercise, picnics and general enjoyment of its tranquility. It is also used regularly for events such as food festivals, the triathlon, circuses and the annual fireworks evening. These events require the use of Soldiers' Fields for parking. While these events do produce substantial noise and litter across the area, as a resident living near the park these smaller scale events are accepted as part of the park being well used and meeting a range of needs. The park, its infrastructure and neighbouring residents seem to cope with the disruptions caused. However, changing the numbers so that the park accommodates up to 79,999 people is neither workable nor acceptable to us. The impact of large events will produce enormous noise throughout the area, increased litter and will have a major traffic impact on the surrounding area of the Park.

We have only today become aware of this notice of intention by the Leeds City Council. The closing date for representations is 18 April 2019. Can you please acknowledge receipt of this representation.

With thanks
Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]



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Musson, Martyn

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 April 2019 20:17
To: Entertainment Licensing
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Licensing application for Roundhay Park

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I'm writing to express my concern about this licensing application for Roundhay Park, and the proposed major increase in event size.

While I've no objection to the Ed Sheeran concert as a one off, I think such large scale events are to the detriment of the park and the neighbourhood. I have witnessed the results of large scale events in parks in other cities, and I think it is very hard to host events on such a scale without serious detriment to a park as a natural environment/ public space and to the neighbourhood generally. At their worst they represent privatisation of public space and loss of a valued public amenity. I would not like to see these events become a regular occurrence.

Issues I would highlight include:

- * Damage to the grass /park grounds which may take weeks/months to repair
- * Traffic congestion
- * Noise levels (especially for young children, pets, shift workers etc)
- * Litter
- * Nuisance eg people using private gardens as toilets, vandalism
- * Limited access for residents, emergency vehicles and refuse collection
- * Disruption to public transport

I have copied this to Roundhay Councillors.

Best wishes

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(11)

Entertainment Licensing Section
Leeds City Council
Civic Hall
Leeds
LS1 1UR

12th April 2019

Dear Sir / Madam

Objection: Re: Licensing Act 2003 Notice is hereby given that Leeds City Council have made an application under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 to vary the premises licence held in respect of the premises known as **Roundhay Park, Princes Ave, LS8 1DE**

Propose to vary the terms of the existing licence to apply Variation to increase capacity for Roundhay Park grounds for large scale events from 19,999 to 79,999. Also to include all areas within the designated boundary.

I am very concerned about this application, and am writing to object, for a number of reasons including:

- 1) The Radio 1 Love Parade on Soldiers Field, in July 2000, for which there was no control over the numbers of people admitted. We have been told that there was as into what went wrong at the event.
- 2) It has brought to our attention that at Robbie Williams concert, in September 2006, saw a large number of huge articulated lorries being parked on West Avenue for up to a week before the event, and after.
- 3) This is a residential area not geared up to holding huge events, and the traffic congestion, parking, and restricted vehicular access for residents on an increased scale is not acceptable.

Page 2 of the current application indicates that in 2006 Roundhay Park held a licence for 79,999 however decreased it due to lack of demand for large scale events.

Presumably the previous capacity for 79,999 was for the Robbie Williams concert in 2006, and this variation to the licence is needed for the planned Ed Sheeran Concert in Roundhay Park on 16-17th August 2019.

I would be grateful if you would act on the above concerns.
Yours sincerely

[Redacted Signature]



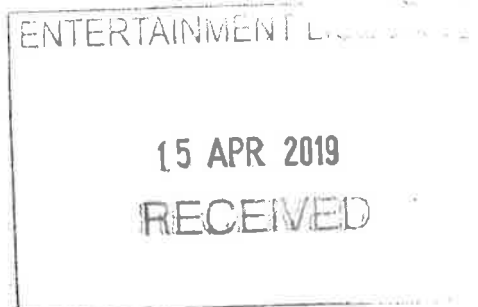
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11th April 2019



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1) The Radio 1 Love Parade on Soldiers Field, in July 2000, for which there was no control over the numbers of people admitted. The event was very poorly managed, and there had to be a massive clear-up for weeks after removing hundreds of drug syringes, broken glass, and rubbish. I also had countless people knocking on my door asking to use the toilet as there weren't enough at the event. Those that didn't bother to ask, kept trying to break into my house and garden to use that as a toilet. It was a true health and safety disaster. I still have letters from West Yorkshire Police Authority and [REDACTED] following the inquest into what went wrong at the event.

2) The build up to the Robbie Williams concert, in September 2006, saw a large number of huge articulated lorries being parked on West Avenue for up to a week before the event, and after. These lorries often kept their engines running all night, making sleep impossible.

3) This is a residential area not geared up to holding huge events, and the traffic congestion, parking, and restricted vehicular access for residents on an increased scale is not acceptable.

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Question (a):

How often events of this size would be allowed to take place, and how public safety described on Page 11 of the application including "to ensure events cause minimal adverse impact to the community" to be enforced, please?

(I don't believe for a moment that this objection will stop the application being approved, as commercial interests will prevail, but I certainly would like to limit its affects. As residents, we do not want to find ourselves prisoners in our own properties for most of the summer each year).

Question (b):

How will numbers of people admitted to the events be controlled?

(i.e. Will there be a complete ban on highly publicised events which are not ticketed? This was a major problem at the Radio 1 Love Parade event, and Councillor Peter Harrand, in his letter to me, attached, of 2nd August 2000 stated that "We should never again allow any event of this size to occur without the sale of tickets").

Question (c):

Will the SAG be able to ensure that glass will never again be allowed to be brought into any event on Soldiers Field?

(Page 11-12 of the application mentions a Safety Advisory Group (SAG) of which Leeds City Council and Parks and Countryside are key members. Soldiers Field is used by all sections of the community, including footballers, cricketers, triathletes, families and couples, those with children, and those walking their dogs. It is not acceptable that the legacy of an event could be lethal to those attempting continued use of the field).

Question (d):

Can residents be assured that additional costs of policing and cleaning up, after such large scale events, will not increase their Council Tax bills?

(I firmly believe that these additional costs should be paid by the event organisers).

I have attached a copy of the Police Report into the July 2000 Radio 1 Love Parade on Soldiers Field, in case there is any doubt as to the problems that large events in the Roundhay Park area can cause.

Amongst the most disturbing elements of the Police Report (July 2000) are as follows:

Point (14) The size and nature of the crowd created problems in identifying and targeting drug dealers. In one incident an officer was assaulted attempting to arrest a drug dealer who, assisted by others, escaped into the masses. Three persons were arrested for possession with intent to supply drugs, ecstasy and cannabis. Six other persons were arrested, 5 for public order and 1 for theft.

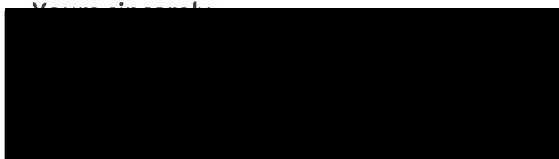
Point (15) One young man died.

Point (17) During the period 9am to 2am there were 149 casualties which could be attributed to the event. There were 92 casualties treated at St James Hospital and 57 at Leeds General Infirmary, some were kept in overnight. Paramedics on site dealt with 1200 people. The majority if not all, were suffering from the effects of dehydration and exhaustion induced through alcohol and drugs.

Point (21) Over 900 additional police officers were involved in the event from Friday evening through to Sunday morning. The total cost of policing has been calculated at £253,744. BBC Radio 1 has recently raised their contribution for police costs from £30,000 to £60,000. This amount was accepted.

I would be grateful if you could respond in writing to my objection and questions.

Yours sincerely,



Attachments:

- 1) West Yorkshire Police Report on the Radio 1 Love Parade.
- 2) Letter from Councillor  (dated 02/08/2000).
- 3) My letter of complaint to the Roundhay Ward Councillors (dated 26th July 2000).

**THIS REPORT AND RELEVANT
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AGENDA ITEM NO 14

**WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE
AUTHORITY**

28 JULY 2000

POLICING – LOVE PARADE

REPORT OF THE CHIEF CONSTABLE

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION



1. The planning and policing of the Love Parade in Roundhay Park, Leeds on Saturday 8 July 2000.

INFORMATION

2. The Love Parade is a dance music event. The concept came from Berlin where it started in the late 1980's and now attracts 1.5 million young people.
3. In October 1999 Leeds City Council informed the Force that they were proposing to stage the Love Parade in the City Centre on Saturday, 8 July 2000. The promoter was BBC Radio 1 which used a local company 'Logistik Ltd' to plan the event. The Force's position was to support the event as a concept and police it if public safety could be assured.
4. The first multi agency meeting did not take place until January 2000 when the issues of crowd and traffic management, event capacity, contingency and evacuation plans were raised as concerns of the police. As the consultation process continued police concerns grew over public safety. These concerns were not satisfactorily addressed and on 18 May 2000 the Force felt they had no alternative but to formally object to the event on the grounds of public safety.
5. Two West Yorkshire officers visited Berlin and liaised with the organisers and the German Police Planning Team. Their discussions confirmed our concerns regarding public safety and the unsuitability of Leeds City Centre as the event venue.
6. Following police objections a meeting between the Chief Constable and the Leader of Leeds City Council took place on Friday 2 June 2000. Subsequent to that meeting an alternative venue of Roundhay Park was proposed by the organisers Logistik and BBC Radio 1 and accepted at a multi agency meeting on 5 June 2000.

7. Despite further multi agency meetings the issues of public safety, crowd management, evacuation and contingency plans and communications were not satisfactorily addressed and an emergency meeting on 4 July 2000 was held a mere four days before the event. At that meeting police concerns were finally addressed. A 'Statement of Intent' outlining the roles and responsibilities of the Organisers, Council and Police was also agreed and signed. The meeting between Leeds City Council, Police and Organisers was called after the police yet again formally objected to the event because adequate plans and documentation for public safety had not been received.
8. The police did not raise formal objections to the granting of the provisional entertainment licence as the Organisers assured that the documentation would be presented well in advance of the event. As these assurances were not kept repeated objections were made as late as 4 July 2000.
9. The event went ahead and police activity commenced on the evening of Friday, 7 July 2000 in the City Centre. Additional police staff were deployed to cater for the large influx of attendees to the event. No significant public order issues arose.
10. On the day of the actual event units were deployed throughout, first in the City Centre to monitor and maintain order as massive bus queues formed because of insufficient numbers of buses to transport people arriving by train at the City Station. As the day progressed complaints were received from residents regarding general nuisance and anti social behaviour. Additionally calls were received from an Off Licence and two Supermarkets to deal with rowdy crowds which forced them to close early.
11. An exact figure cannot be placed on the numbers attending but it has been estimated by the organisers that about 100,000 to 150,000 persons attended. Estimations are still being worked upon using aerial photographs of the park during the peak period of the event, air support having been deployed to ensure public safety.
12. Police Units were deployed to deal with numerous nuisance incidents of rowdyism, casualty removal and escorting ambulances to and from the site. Transportation problems continued post event when the same problem of insufficient buses again caused problems for the police.
13. Insufficient trains to return attendees to their home towns was also an issue which had not been identified. After negotiation with British Transport Police the concourse and platform of Leeds City Station were used to accommodate thousands of stranded passengers overnight.
14. The size and nature of the crowd created problems in identifying and targeting drug dealers. In one incident an officer was assaulted attempting to arrest a drug dealer who, assisted by others, escaped into the masses. Three persons

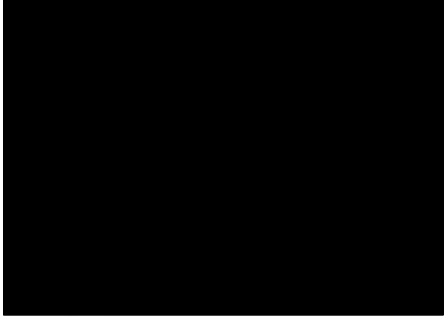
were arrested for possession with intent to supply drugs, ecstasy and cannabis. Six other persons were arrested, 5 for public order and 1 for theft.

15. One young man from Stowmarket in Suffolk died on the morning of Sunday, 9 July 2000. It is known that he purchased ecstasy tablets at the event and later collapsed at a club in the city centre. Investigations are continuing into his death to see if it can be attributed to the taking of a number of ecstasy tablets. The person responsible for supplying him has not yet been traced.
16. Traffic issues arose in a number of guises. Firstly there was clearly insufficient buses available to transport people from the City to Roundhay Park. Similar problems arose at the park and ride venues which soon became full. Vehicles were parked on side roads and the area became congested. Many attendees walked to and from the park from the City and park and ride sites. Several vehicles were towed away. There were many delays in and around the City as a result of vehicular and pedestrian movement but overall traffic was kept moving.
17. During the period 9am to 2am there were 149 casualties which could be attributed to the event. There were 92 casualties treated at St James Hospital and 57 at Leeds General Infirmary, some were kept in overnight. Paramedics on site dealt with 1200 people. The majority if not all, were suffering from the effects of dehydration and exhaustion induced through alcohol and drugs.
18. After the event the City saw an influx of thousands of young people, some of whom had tickets for the night clubs and others either toured the City Centre or tried to gain entry into the pubs and night clubs. The cessation of rail travel left thousands of people frustrated and stranded. The potential for disorder was high and units were deployed in key areas resulting in only a small number of arrests being made, no doubt attributable to a combination of positive policing, the good nature of attendees and fatigue.
19. The event has been variously described as an overwhelming success or abject failure. This report does not seek to prove it was either. From a police perspective public safety was always of paramount importance. The planning and consultation process caused problems from which valuable lessons have been learned by the Force and Leeds City Council.
20. There is a great deal of disquiet amongst residents about the event. Several letters have already been received describing various types of anti social behaviour and problems of trespass and litter in their gardens.
21. Over 900 additional police officers were involved in the event from Friday evening through to Sunday morning. The total cost of policing has been calculated at £253,744. BBC Radio 1 has recently raised their contribution for police costs from £30,000 to £60,000. This amount has been accepted.

RECOMMENDATION

22. It is recommended that this report be received and noted.

CONTACT OFFICER



BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are no background papers.



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CITY COUNCIL

Our Ref: [REDACTED]

2 August 2000

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter dated 26th July about the Love Parade.

The points you make in your letter are almost exactly those which we have been making to the organisers in the inquest that has been taking place every since.

We should never again allow any event of this size to occur without the sale of tickets. The absence of any indication as to how many people were coming made it impossible for the Police, the Organisers and our own Leisure Services to deal with the numbers that turned up on the day. Th best guess that we were given two days earlier was 75,000. There were something like three times as many as this and if we'd had tickets we could have controlled the figure.

You are quite right about fences and you are quite right about security. It is simply unfair that people in [REDACTED] should have to suffer in these circumstances and the alleged security barrier put along the middle of those streets proved quite inadequate later in the evening.

The provision of toilets collapsed totally, as it certainly never did at the Genesis and the Madonna concerts in the past.

A month after the event the most important single error that seemed to have been made was that we allowed glass to be brought into the event. I walked across the field again this morning as I try to do every couple of days and there are still pieces of glass. 99% of the mess may have been cleaned up but it is going to be months before we can be sure (if we ever can) that all the glass is gone.

cont...



[REDACTED]

2 August 2000

Your final point about transport has been well made; I spoke to a young lady who walked up from Elland Road football ground, which she says is five or six miles, because at all stages of her walk all the buses were overflowing. The fiasco at the railway station on Saturday night was even worse, as I understand that the different train companies sold more tickets to get out of the city than there were seats or standing room for people to leave.

Thanks again for taking the time to write; the more articulate and comprehensive letters we receive like yours the easier it makes out job in convincing the council about the organisation of any future event.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Councillor [REDACTED]
Roundhay Ward

26th July 2000

The Roundhay Ward Councillors
Civic Hall
Leeds
LS1 1UR

Dear Sir / Madam

Your Ref: [REDACTED] Love Parade 8th July 2000

Thank you for your letter dated 10th July 2000, asking for our opinions after the event of the Love Parade.

Whilst we really enjoyed the event in many ways, particularly the fact that all those attending were having a good time and were very good natured, there were a number of factors which could have been better managed. Our views are outlined below:

1. Numbers: We believe the event, free or not, should have been ticketed so that the organisers would know how many people to expect and cater for.
2. Fences: The fences and barriers were not adequate to protect property. The fences and barriers served merely to provide privacy for people using roads and verges as toilet facilities.
3. Security: There were not enough security personnel handling the event, particularly down at the lower end of West Avenue, around Woodlands. Many people were able to try to invade residents grounds and gardens. Without the benefit of having hired our own security guards (which we did not think was necessary, or affordable, given the assurances of the event organisers) we had to be on patrol for at about 13 hours to stop people entering our premises (mostly to use them as a toilet).
4. Toilets: The toilet facilities were totally inadequate. From what we can determine many people did not want to use them for two factors (a) the length of the queues and (b) the state and smell of the facilities when they used them.
5. Glass and Hazards: As your letter suggests, the park has been left in a terrible state. Why on earth was there no one preventing the introduction of glass to the event?
6. Venue: The litter has been cleared up, however, the mechanical sweepers have failed to pick up a great deal of the broken glass, but in attempting to do so, has all but killed the grass, and not removed the main problem. The park (soldiers field) is to be used by all sections of the community, including footballers, cricketers, families and couples, those with children and those walking their dogs. It is not acceptable that the legacy of the event could be lethal (particularly in terms of broken glass) to those attempting continued use of the field.
7. Transport: We spoke to a number of people attending the event, and found that the public and private transport facilities to and from the event were totally inadequate. People in Leeds had queued for ages in Leeds centre and then been stuck in traffic on the way to the event, taking 3 hours to reach Roundhay from the centre of Leeds. Other people we spoke to had travelled on the M1 which had roadworks and was to one lane, so they had been stuck in traffic for hours. We understand that a number of trains and coaches were cancelled or oversubscribed so that people were not able to leave the event once it was over.

Alternative: In short, we believe that the event should have been better organised, better planned, and held somewhere where the infrastructure could cope with such large numbers of people and would not also be detrimental to the pursuits of large numbers of people for some unknown time after the event.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

km *PREM/02252/003* *(13)*
Musson, Martyn

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 April 2019 09:27
To: Entertainment Licensing
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Objection to increase capacity of Roundhay Park to 79,999

[REDACTED]
16 April 2019

Dear Entertainment Licensing

Objection to increase capacity of Roundhay Park to 79,999

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I enjoy events in the park and uphold the principle that it is here for the enjoyment of all. However this application does not give enough consideration to the environment and the people who live in Roundhay, not least to many elderly and infirm people who live around the edge of the park.

I greatly appreciate Cllr Tunnicliffe's statement that the licence is for the Ed Sheeran concert in August and she would object to another event of this scale this year, but I am particularly concerned that there are actually two Ed Sheeran concerts are happening on consecutive days. The implication is that there could be 160,000 visitors to Roundhay over the course of two days in August.

The Leeds Festival welcomes 79,999 visitors over the course of a weekend, well outside of Leeds and close to the motorway, in order to create the least impact on the city. We will have potentially double that amount of people and traffic over two days in our residential suburb. This is way beyond acceptable and sets a worrying precedent as even Madonna, Michael Jackson, the Rolling Stones and others only commanded one night.

One of those concerts is on a Friday when it will create considerable problems for those of us travelling from work, as the ticket websites say that gates open at 4pm. I am also concerned how many tickets are being sold before there is permission to sell more than 19,999 tickets per night. Can the council confirm the number of tickets currently allocated?

Large areas will be off limits to the public for some weeks of the summer holidays. There will be scores of heavy lorries churning up the grass in order to get staging and fencing set up/taken down. The after effects will be much greater after two concerts. Even with the best clean up, there will be lasting visible scarring and hazardous materials in the grass that get missed across the entire site. These things affect people's enjoyment of the park for a long time after the concert goes have left. The park is a haven for wildlife and I am equally opposed to this being damaged for the long term.

With tickets already on sale the council has submitted this application too late for democratic debate about having two together. However, it is not too late to ask the council to revise the figure of 79,999 down to a more manageable size that will create less impact over two days/nights.

Yours sincerely
[REDACTED]

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Musson, Martyn

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 April 2019 22:00
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Objection to raising the numbers in Roundhay Park

I would like to say that I think raising the numbers from 18,000 to nearly 80,000 in Roundhay Park when there is a concert on, is crazy. Where will everybody be, there won't be the space for that many people, and how will 80,000 people get there, what about all the traffic and subsequent pollution? You are talking about double the number of people who go to Elland Rd, - in a residential area, in a beautiful park. The grass will be trampled and the swans and other wildlife could easily be damaged.

The city of Leeds has looked after and cared for Roundhay Park for 100 plus years and it is a credit to the city, why would you risk spoiling something which has been in your trust now, after all these years, either for a pop concert or for the chance to make a bit of extra cash - we can do better than that 😊 .

[REDACTED]



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Interested Party Representation (Form IPR1)			
Section 1 – Licence application details			
Please indicate as appropriate :			
☒ I wish to object to the following application: ROUNDRAY PARK, PRINCES AVENUE LS8 1DE			
☐ I wish to support the following application: TO INCREASE CAPACITY FROM 19,999-79,999			
Applicant name (if known):		LEEDS CITY COUNCIL	
Applicant premises name and address:		ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING SECTION, LEEDS CITY COUNCIL, CIVIC HALL, LEEDS LS1 1UR	
Section 2 – Your personal details			
NB : If you are acting as a representative, please go to Section 3.			
Title	Mr ☒ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Other _____		
Surname			
First name(s)			
Address (incl postcode):			
Please note that a full copy of your representation (including your name and address) will be sent to the applicant and will be a public document at any hearing of this matter.			
Please refer to our Guidance Note – GN-M Guidance on making representations for further information and alternative options.			
Section 3 – Representative details			
If you are representing someone else please complete details below			
Name of Representative/ Organisation	ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING		
Full postal address (incl postcode)	17 APR 2019 RECEIVED		
Please indicate capacity :			
☐ Representative of Residents Association ☐ MP (specify) _____ ☐ Ward Councillor ☐ Trade Association ☐ Parish Council ☐ Other (please specify) _____			

Section 4 – Representation grounds

The representation is relevant to one or more of the following licensing objectives:

Please tick relevant box(es)

Prevention of crime and disorder
Prevention of public nuisance
Protection of children from harm
Public safety



Please select :

☒ I object to the application being granted at all

☐ I object to the application being granted in its current form*

*If you choose this option remember to tell us in the next section what changes you would prefer to see.

The grounds of the representation is based on the following:

Prevention of crime + disorder:- The vast number of people coming to the area increases the risk of crime + disorder. Potential for vandalism in the park and surrounding areas.

Prevention of public nuisance:- From past experience, the number of people at these concerts + the lack of toilet facilities leads to the concert goers urinating + defecating in private gardens + in the park + woodland areas. Accessibility to + from our properties will be extremely difficult due to areas being cordoned off. Depending on the weather conditions, the park could be left in a dreadful condition which will take months to recover from.

Public safety:- The concert area does not lend itself to this amount of people, particularly if it is wet underfoot. It could result in serious injuries being sustained.

You need to complete this box as fully as possible. If you do not the Licensing Authority may not be able to assess the relevance of your representation.

Please attach supporting documents/further pages as necessary – please number all additional pages.

Try to be as specific as possible and give examples, e.g. on 1 February I could hear loud music from the premises between 10pm and 1am. I am concerned that if the premises open until 2am this will cause a nuisance to me and other residents of the street.

Signed:

Date: 17 APRIL 2019

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PRM/02252/003
Musson, Martyn

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 April 2019 09:54
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Roundhay Park entertainment proposals

(16)

Dear Sirs

I wish to support the objections of [REDACTED] to the apparent proposals to allow access to up to 79,000 attendees at events in Roundhay Park with alcohol being on sale to them from 8am to midnight.

Even as I type these words I find it hard to believe that these proposals are being given serious consideration. Leeds does not have the infrastructure, nor the policing capacity, to mitigate the different disruptions that would be caused in such circumstances. And from my point of view as a fellow resident of Woodbourne the issue is not simply NIMBY - the fact is that my property and car - - and fellow residents' properties and cars - are directly in the firing line of the predictable damage and socially disruptive behaviour that will be caused - on a significant scale even if by a small minority of attendees at the events. I will certainly take legal advice about my rights against the Council when that damage occurs.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]



Musson, Martyn

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 April 2019 21:36
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: OBJECTION to PREM/02252/003 | Premises Licence - Full Variation

(17)

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I write to object to the above licence application, which proposes to increase the capacity of Roundhay Park grounds for large scale events from 19,999 to 79,999. I note that I was not written to, nor was a notice of intention placed in my cul-de-sac, although I will be directly affected.

I attempted to submit this via the comment section on the Leeds.gov.uk website, but I received an error message. It appears I cannot submit online as the website is currently undergoing "improvements". Therefore, please accept this email as my opposition.

I object on the following grounds:

1. Access/egress:

I live on a cul-de-sac at the end of Park Avenue, and so only have one possible access route. Current events (e.g. annual bonfire and ITU Triathlon) already cause lengthy delay to traffic entering and leaving Park Avenue, and the latter actually closes Park Avenue to all traffic for some time (entire days). Further larger scale events would make this situation intolerable. Residents should not be expected to suspend their normal activities of daily living, and cope with disruption, to allow an increased number of events and people to attend the park.

I am a consultant anaesthetist in Leeds and already have to plan my work (e.g. on-call rota) to accommodate current events in the park. Previous arrangements put in place by the organisers of the first triathlon failed to be effective on the day.

I have a right to a life and work, without undue disruption and stress.

2. Excessive hours / noise:

The proposal is to grant a licence for the hours 0800 to midnight in most cases, including music events. This will create substantial noise both from the event itself and those attending and then leaving. The hours proposed are unacceptable and are way outside those that would be socially tolerable.

This is a residential area and residents have a right to sleep. You are proposing hours that are not permitted for building work.

3. Policing / unsocial behaviour:

It is not unusual to witness individuals displaying antisocial behaviour in the park, including driving at speed up the hill from the lake. On at least one occasion a vehicle has crashed into my neighbours' wall, and on another, into my friend's parked car.

I have no faith that the police would be able to provide an adequate level of law enforcement and protection to residents during such events.

Whilst I appreciate the value of certain events for Leeds' profile and the wider community, to grant a permanent licence for huge capacity events would provide no check on the number of them. It should remain an individual application per event. This would allow proper scrutiny and due process, and ensure licences were only granted taking into account the specific circumstances of the event and the impact on residents.

To proceed in granting a licence for 79,999 people to regularly attend events in the park would be an abdication of your duty of care to all residents. To do so would negatively impact my health and well being, and adversely impact my stress levels.

Yours truly,



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Interested Party Representation (Form IPR1)



Section 1 – Licence application details

Please indicate as appropriate :

☒ I wish to object to the following application: PREM/02252/003

☐ I wish to support the following application:

Applicant name (if known): Leeds City Council

Applicant premises name and address: Civic Hall
Leeds LS1 1UR

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Surname

First name(s)

Address (incl postcode):

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☐ Other (please

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Prevention of crime and disorder ☒

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Protection of children from harm ☐

Public safety ☐

Please select :

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*If you choose this option remember to tell us in the next section what changes you would prefer to see.

The grounds of the representation is based on the following:

PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

- High risk, as a result of very large crowds, of motivation and opportunities for crime (theft, criminal damage, violence, anti-social behaviour) in this suburban residential area, over two days

- impossible for police and security agencies to protect local residents satisfactorily against this risk in areas beyond Rounday Park.

PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

- Personal knowledge of the 2006 Robbie Williams concerts with similar very large crowds (twice the capacity of Elland Road stadium), result, inevitably, in unwarranted noise, unwarranted nuisance to residents over an extensive residential area, disruption of transport, severe constraints on access and personal activities and confidence in emergency services provision.

- This retrospective application appears to have ignored local citizens' rights and needs.

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Signed:



Date: 16th April 2019

Wood, Jane

PRGM / 02252 / 003

From: planning.comments@leeds.gov.uk
Sent: 18 April 2019 00:07
To: Wood, Jane
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application PREM/02252/003

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Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 12:06 AM on 18 Apr 2019 from [REDACTED]

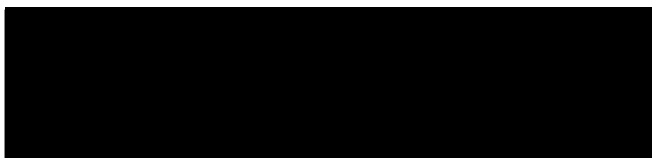
Application Summary

Address: Princess Avenue Roundhay Leeds
Proposal: Premises Licence - Full Variation
Case Officer: Miss Jane Wood

[Click for further information](#)

Customer Details

Name:
Email:
Address:



Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour response
Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:
Comments: 12:06 AM on 18 Apr 2019 I object to licensing for alcohol to large numbers of people. In the past, past events, some of the attendees have been grossly intoxicated.
There has been violent behaviour, knocking on doors and urinating in local hedges.

JW

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Wood, Jane

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From: planning.comments@leeds.gov.uk
Sent: 18 April 2019 17:25
To: Wood, Jane
Subject: Comments for Licensing Application PREM/02252/003

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 5:25 PM on 18 Apr 2019 from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address: Princess Avenue Roundhay Leeds
Proposal: Premises Licence - Full Variation
Case Officer: Miss Jane Wood
[Click for further information](#)

Customer Details

Name:
Email:
Address:

[REDACTED]

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18 APR 2019

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour response
Stance: Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:
Comments: 5:25 PM on 18 Apr 2019 I am happy for my comments to be made public but not my address.

This application is being done after the tickets for Ed Sheeran have sold out. This implies an assumption by the council that this application will be successful despite any objections.

The increase makes no mention of the effect of 80,000 attending an event in Roundhay Park.

Especially:
No area demarcated on the online map
No parking plan
No assesment of the effect on local residents - increase in rubbish in private gardens as well as the public highway, toilet access, security outside the immediate site.
No mention of responsibilty to restore the Park after an event
No highway plan ie road closures, vehicular access for cars, coaches, shuttle buses and locals.
No mention of a majax plan
No indication of the frequency of events.

JW *PREM / 03 02252 / 003* *(22)*
Musson, Martyn

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 April 2019 18:53
To: Entertainment Licensing
Subject: Objection: PREM/02252/003 - Proposal to extend Park licence for events to 80k people -

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There was no access information provided to residents in advance of recent events at the park (5 November 2018) with regards to the opening of Carriage Drive. Furthermore, no information was provided to stewards on duty with regards to the information residents had received in order help them. This demonstrates that the arrangements for residents access during events is currently inadequate which can only be exacerbated by extending the licence.

I have a right to a life and work, without undue disruption and stress.

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Kind regards,

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