

Licensing Sub-Committee

Supplementary Agenda A

Wednesday 17 September 2025 at 5.30 pm

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Agenda Item 4

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Subject: FW: Fulham Football Club - Notice of Hearing (17 September 2025)

Dear Matt/Licensing,

I write further to my previous emails in respect of this matter.

Please find attached a short set of written submissions on behalf of my client, Mr Ebert.

Please can you ensure that these are circulated to all parties prior to the Licensing Sub-Committee hearing on 17/09 at 17:30.

I would be most grateful for confirmation when that has been done.

Kind regards,

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Fulham Football Club Limited

Four (4) Applications to Vary Premises Licences:

- 1. 2025/01151/LAPR Ground Floor Riverside Stand
 - 2. 2025/01152/LAPR First Floor Riverside Stand
- 3. 2025/01153/LAPR Second Floor Riverside Stand
- 4. 2025/01154/LAPR Members' Club on Levels 3, 4, & 5 Riverside Stand

Written Submissions on behalf of Other Person residing at 50 Ellerby Street (Representations can be found at pp. 148-149 and pp.240-241)

- 1. These submissions concern four (4) applications ("the Applications") to vary Premises Licences submitted by Fulham Football Club Limited ("the Applicant").
- 2. It is acknowledged at the outset that the areas subject to the Applications already benefit from Premises Licences that authorise and regulate the Sale of Alcohol.
- 3. The Applications seek to introduce various forms of Regulated Entertainment on each floor as follows:
 - a. Ground Floor Riverside Stand Plays, Films, Indoor Sporting Events, Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment, Recorded Music, and Performances of Dance (all indoors only)
 - b. First Floor Riverside Stand Plays, Live Music, Recorded Music, and Performances of Dance (all indoors only)
 - c. Second Floor Riverside Stand Plays, Films, Indoor Sporting Events, Live Music, Recorded Music, and Performances of Dance (all indoors only)
 - d. Members' Club on Levels 3, 4, & 5 Riverside Stand Plays, Films, Indoor Sporting Events, Live Music, Recorded Music, and Performances of Dance (all indoors only)
- 4. The Applications seek these additional activities until 23:00 every day with no cooling off or wind down period proposed.

- 5. The Applications have caused great concern to a large number of residents that live nearby to the Premises.
- 6. Their concerns, including my client's, are extremely well articulated and set out for you in your Agenda Pack. I do not intend to repeat them here. They speak for themselves.
- 7. As things stand, the Applicant is seeking to introduce various additional Licensable Activities on each floor of the Riverside Stand until 11pm 365 days a year.
- 8. One might expect, or rather one *should* expect, that the introduction of these Licensable Activities would necessitate additional control measures (conditions) in addition to those already found on the Premises Licences that regulate the Sale of Alcohol.
- 9. The Applicant, at the time of writing, proposes no additional measures to control or mitigate the likely impact of the additional activities on the Licensing Objectives and that is of huge concern to my client and will also concern other residents.
- 10. It is not accepted that the introduction of the additional Licensable Activities does not warrant the Applicant, or indeed the Licensing Sub-Committee, from turning its mind to, thinking about, and proposing additional conditions to mitigate the very likely effects of the additional activities.
- 11. If, and it is of course a matter for the Licensing Sub-Committee, the additional Licensable Activities are granted, whether in full or in part, then appropriate and proportionate conditions must be attached to the Premises Licences to control them.
- 12. It is surprising that, given the wide-ranging nature of the Applications, no relevant representations have been received from Responsible Authorities. Given the strength of feeling regarding these Applications it is disappointing that no representations have been received from Responsible Authorities. The Applicant will say that this is a big tick in their favour. We do not agree that is the case.
- 13. Residents living near to these Premises put up with a great deal of disruption during the football season (roughly 8 months in every 12). To a certain extent that disruption is accepted and tolerated provided that it does not become overbearing. That is the nature of living within the footprint of a football stadium.

- 14. One of the key concerns regarding these Applications is the sheer intensification of use and how that may impact residents on non-match days and during their 4 months of relative peace and quiet. If the Applications are granted untrammeled then it is entirely permissible that the Applicant could host events at each of the Premises every single day of the year. That is an extremely unpalatable prospect for those living nearby. No information whatsoever has been given about the nature of entertainment, the types of events that might be held, or indeed any control measures that might be put in place to deal with likely impacts from those events.
- 15. It is noted that no capacities are given for the floors encompassing the Applications. Whilst capacity conditions are generally the province of conditions relating to Public Safety, information about the various capacities floor-by-floor will help to build a picture of how many people could be being entertained at this Premises at any one time. It is expected that the number will be significant. There is nothing proposed in the Applications that would stop all of the floors (5 in total) from being used concurrently.
- 16. Having taken into account the relevant representations, what the Sub-Committee must do in respect of the Applications is clear and is set out in Section 35(4) of the Licensing Act 2003. The Sub-Committee may:
 - a. Modify the conditions of the Licence(s); or
 - b. Reject the Application(s) in whole or in part.
- 17. It is submitted that the Applications will require the imposition of a *significant* number of conditions, relevant to each of the additional activities requested, particularly higher risk activities like boxing, as well as noisier forms of entertainment like Live and Recorded Music.
- 18. It may be the case that the Sub-Committee feels that it would have to make sweeping changes to these Applications in order to grant them; changes that, by right, should have been proposed by the Applicant in its Applications.
- 19. In that case, the Sub-Committee may feel it has no option but to refuse the Applications.

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12 September 2025

From: Craig Baylis < craig@baylisassocs.co.uk>

Sent: 15 September 2025 13:21

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Subject: Fulham FC hearing in 17th

Matt

The club has had a noise assessment survey carried out and I attach a copy of the most recent report for inclusion in the papers.

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Experience Studios.

Fulham FC, Craven Cottage Riverside Stand Noise Survey

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1. Introduction

Experience Studios has been commissioned by Fulham FC to undertake a noise survey to measure sound levels associated with the operation of the newly developed Riverside Stand at Craven Cottage.

Unattended noise monitoring was conducted at locations considered representative of the nearest noise-sensitive receptors to the Riverside Stand. In addition, attended measurements were carried out during weekend periods, when evening activities at the stand are expected to generate the highest noise levels.

This note focuses primarily on noise emissions during non-matchday periods. The document outlines the survey methodology, presents the results, and includes a subjective review of noise sources originating from the site.



Figure 1 Stadium render

FULHAM FC, CRAVEN COTTAGE - RIVERSIDE STAND NOISE SURVEYSite description

2. Site description

2.1. Site location

Craven Cottage is situated within the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham (LBHF). The surrounding area is predominantly residential, comprising terraced houses and low-rise apartment buildings. The Riverside Stand is positioned on the western side of the stadium, bordered by the River Thames to the west, Stevenage Park to the north, and Bishops Park to the south.

2.2. Nearest noise sensitive receptors

The closest noise-sensitive receptors to the Riverside Stand include:

- Residential flats located to the north of the stadium.
- Residential dwellings along Stevenage Road

These receptor locations are referenced in Figure 2 longside the Riverside Stand.

2.3. Riverside stand / Fulham Pier operation

The Riverside Stand is a newly completed mixeduse development, officially opened in June 2025, and operational for football matches from the 2025–26 season. The development integrates a range of commercial, leisure, and hospitality functions within the stadium environment.

The stand includes a variety of commercial units such as restaurants, bars, and other leisure-oriented spaces, which contribute to activity beyond matchdays. On the western elevation, the structure accommodates a hotel and serviced apartments.

Externally, the stand features several amenity areas, including rooftop terraces and a swimming pool located on the southern side. Adjacent to the stand is a riverside pier and walkway, which is also understood to function as a flexible event space.

It is understood that some of these amenity areas may host amplified music, particularly in relation to the Riverside Market. Music may be played via a small-scale PA system during the following periods:

Thursdays (16:00 - 22:00)Fridays (16:00 - 22:00)

• Saturdays (16:00 - 22:00)

2.4. Local authority engagment

It is understood that since the commencement of operations at the Riverside Stand, complaints have been received regarding music noise associated with non-football event day activities.

The following statement was provided by a councillor from the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham (LBHF) via email on Monday, 11 August 2025:

"There are being concerns raised about the noise that is emitting from Fulham Pier riverwalk entertainment at night. Neighbours have complained of a bass sound that is vibrating into their flats. Given its proximity to the river this will add to the sense of vibration and noise."



Figure 2 Noise sensitve receiver locations

Riverside stand ---Flats to the north of the site ----

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Residential houses to the east of the site

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Site description

2.5. Riverside stand planning conditions

Experience Studios was not engaged during the design or planning stages of the Riverside Stand. However, following a review of the planning decision notice (Ref: 2017/04662/FUL), it is understood that the following conditions were imposed in relation to external noise emissions from the development:.

"27. Prior to the commencement of the development (save for works of site clearance, demolition of existing buildings and below ground works), details shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Council, of sound insulation of the building envelope and other mitigation measures, as appropriate. Details shall demonstrate that noise from uses and activities is contained within the building/development site and shall not exceed the criteria presented in Chapter J of the Environmental Statement (November 2017) at neighbouring noise sensitive/ habitable rooms and private external amenity spaces. Approved details shall be implemented prior to occupation of the development and thereafter be permanently retained. Page 10 2017/04662/FUL To ensure that the amenity of occupiers of the development site/surrounding premises is not adversely affected by noise, in accordance with Policies CC11 and CC13 of the Local Plan (2018).

29) Prior to occupation, a fully detailed noise survey and report on the noise impact of the public address system including full technical details of the design and operation of the system, shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The survey shall provide

details to minimise the transmission of airborne sound beyond the stadium boundaries with neighbouring residential/ noise sensitive premises. The approved details shall be implemented and thereafter be permanently retained whilst a public address system in the Development is in use. To ensure that the amenity of occupiers of the surrounding properties are not adversely affected by noise, in accordance with Policies CC11 and CC13 of the Local Plan 2018

30). Prior to the occupation of the development hereby approved, the sound barrier surrounding the terrace at fifth floor level shall be implemented and thereafter be permanently retained. To ensure that the amenity of the occupiers of the development site and surrounding properties is not adversely affected commercial noise sources, in accordance with Policies CC11 and CC13 of the Local Plan (2018)."

Condition 27 references the Noise and Vibration Report (Chapter J) submitted by WSP as part of planning application (Ref: 2017/04662/FUL). This document includes an assessment of noise from external function spaces, identifying the following areas as key external noise sources:

- Roof terrace at Level 05 of the new stand, with a maximum expected occupancy of 500 people.
- Riverside walkway during large events, with a maximum expected occupancy of 1,935 people.

The assessment considered patron noise but does not consider the use of temporary external PA systems. A noise propagation study was

undertaken considering patron noise within the report, and a design criterion was established (referenced in Figure 3), which is understood to be linked to Condition 27. It is important to note that the criteria provided by WSP only address crowd noise and do not include emissions from temporary PA systems.

The following mitigation strategies were recommended by WSP to reduce the potential for significant adverse effects on residents of Eternit Walk (a block of flats located north of the site):

"In order to mitigate the potential for significant adverse effects, such as disturbance to resting or activities requiring concentration, the following mitigation measures should be adopted:

- Noise from the roof terrace could be reduced by ensuring that the parapet barrier surrounding the terrace is solid (i.e. not post and rail), with a minimum mass per unit area of 15 kg/m². This parapet would then act as an acoustic barrier and re-duce the transmission of noise from the terrace occupants to the Eternit Walk properties.
- Noise from the riverside walkway could be managed through effective crowd management, by ensuring that occupants move away from the Eternit Walk proper-ties during the more sensitive evening hours.
- Signing could also be used to highlight the residential nature of Eternit Walk and to remind the occupants to be quiet.

 Where considered absolutely necessary, the number of people using these external function areas could be restricted during the most sensitive times of day. This should form part of discussions with the LBHF licensing department."

Regarding Condition 30, Experience Studios was not involved in the technical design or commissioning of the Riverside Stand and therefore cannot verify whether the sound barrier on the fifth-floor terrace was implemented in full compliance with the planning condition. However, given that recent complaints have specifically referenced music noise, it is considered unlikely that the fifth-floor terrace is the primary source. Instead, the areas where PA systems are actively used, such as the riverside market and walkway, are more likely to be responsible for the reported disturbance. These external areas will therefore form the primary focus of this report.

Source of Crowd Noise	Crowd Noise External Level Criterion	Crowd Noise Internal Level Criterion	Crowd Noise Impact and Significance
Regular events Less frequent, larger events	Equal to baseline L _{Aeq}	≤35 dB L _{Aeq,1hour} during any one hour in which the areas are occupied	Neutral to Minor (Insignificant)
	Exceeds above criterior (i.e. a perceptible differ	Moderate to Major Advers (Significant)	
	Equal to baseline L _{Aeq} plus 5 dB	≤40 dB L _{Aeq,1hour} during any one hour in which the areas are occupied	Neutral to Minor (Insignificant)
	Exceeds above criterior (i.e. a perceptible differ	Moderate to Major Advers (Significant)	

Figure 3 External crowd noise criteria established by WSP.

FULHAM FC, CRAVEN COTTAGE - RIVERSIDE STAND NOISE SURVEYSite surveys

3. Site surveys

3.1. Unattended measurements

An unattended noise survey was undertaken onsite at two measurement locations, positioned towards the identified nearest noise-sensitive receptors.

Position 1 - The first measurement location was situated near Stevenage Park and the Riverside Garden residential flats to the north of the site. The noise monitor was installed on a tripod placed on top of a flat roof near the site boundary, at a height of at least 1.5 metres above roof level.

Position 2 - The second measurement position was located towards the southeast site boundary, adjacent to the residential properties on Stevenage Road. Here, the noise monitor was mounted on fencing, at a height of at least 1.5 metres above ground level.

Both measurement positions are considered to be free field. Measurements were conducted between Thursday 21st August and Saturday 6th September 2025. It should be noted that monitoring was paused briefly on 30th August and 4th September to allow for power equipment replacement within the monitoring kits.

It should also be noted that a Premier League football match took place during the survey period on 24th August (Fulham vs Manchester United). As the noise data captured on this day does not represent typical daily operations of the site, it has been presented separately from the rest of the dataset.

Additionally, weather conditions unsuitable for environmental noise measurement were identified on specific days during the survey period. Noise data recorded during these times has been omitted from further analysis. The measurement positions are shown in Figure 4.

3.2. Attended measurements

Attended measurements were proposed to be undertaken on Saturday 30th August and Saturday 6th September 2025, between the hours of 16:00 and 22:00, to capture periods when music was expected to be operational.

While engineers attended the site on 30th August during the proposed timeframe, weather conditions were not suitable for environmental noise measurement, and therefore no data could be collected.

Measurements were successfully undertaken on Saturday 6th September, between 17:20 and 22:10, under suitable weather conditions. The attended measurement locations are referenced within Figure 4.

Measurements at the various attended positions were undertaken using a noise moniter on a tripod, at a height of at least 1.2 metres above ground level. All attended measurement positions are considered to be free field.

During the attended measurements, a DJ and small commercial PA system were installed at a central location on the Riverside Walkway. This is understood to be the most common setup for amplified music on non-matchday events.

3.3. Measurement parameters

The unattended monitoring consisted of continuous fifteen-minute measurements at both positions, and the attended surveys consisted of a series of individual fifteen-minute measurements at the various measurement positions. Both unattended and attended measurements captured the following acoustic parameters:

- L
- L_{A90,T}
- L_{AFMax}

3.4. Equipment details

The following equipment was used to undertake the survey onsite:

- 2x B&K 2250 G4A Sound Level Analyser
- 1x B&K 4231 Calibrator Acoustic Class 1
- 2x GA 80G1-00 Environmental Tripod 2
- 2x B&K UA 1404 Outdoor microphone kit
- 2x GA 91E1-36 Outdoor meter enclosure

The survey equipment was calibrated before and after the measurements were undertaken with no significant drift observed.

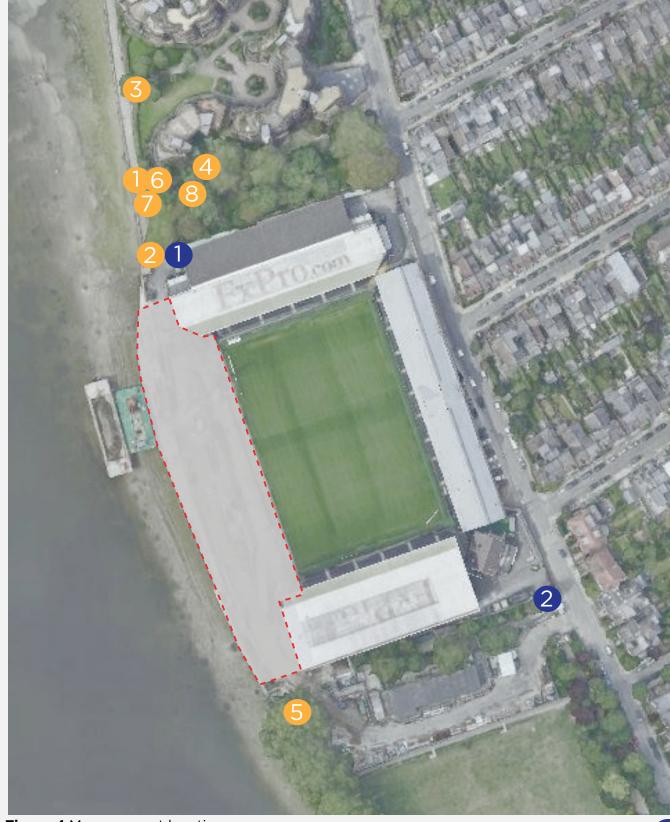


Figure 4 Measurement locations

Unattended measurement locations

Attended measurement locations



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4. Results

4.1. Unattended measurements

A summary of the results of the unattended noise measurements are presented in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1 summarises noise levels recorded during daytime and night-time periods. As previously noted, data from 24th August, when a Premier League football match took place, has been omitted from this analysis.

Table 2 presents measured noise levels during periods when amplified music is understood to have been played from the Riverside Walkway.

For comparison, levels recorded during the same time periods (16:00-22:00) on days without amplified music have also been included. Again, data from 24th August has been excluded.

The results of the attended measurements undertaken on 6th September are presented in Section 4.2.

Table 1 Unattended measurements - Daytime and night-time noise levels

Position	Time Period	Average L _{Aeq,T}	Typical L _{A90 15mins}	Lowest L _{A90 15mins}	Typical L _{AFMax}
1	Daytime (07:00 -23:00)	60	48	44	85
	Night-time (23:00 -07:00)	52	44	43	72
2	Daytime (07:00 -23:00)	61	46	35	83
2	Night-time (23:00 -07:00)	54	36	35	80

Table 2 Unattended measurements - Measured noise levels between (16:00 - 22:00) on key days

Position	Time Period	Average L _{Aeq,T}	Typical L _{A90 15mins}	Lowest L _{A90 15mins}	Typical L _{AFMax}
	Thursdays (16:00 - 22:00)	58	49	46	80
1	Fridays (16:00 - 22:00)	59	50	47	82
'	Saturdays (16:00 - 22:00)	55	47	46	81
	Non external music days (16:00 - 22:00)	61	48	44	80
	Thursdays (16:00 - 22:00)	59	43	40	80
	Fridays (16:00 - 22:00)	59	46	37	81
2	Saturdays (16:00 - 22:00)	53	46	39	74
	Non external music days (16:00 - 22:00)	61	45	39	79

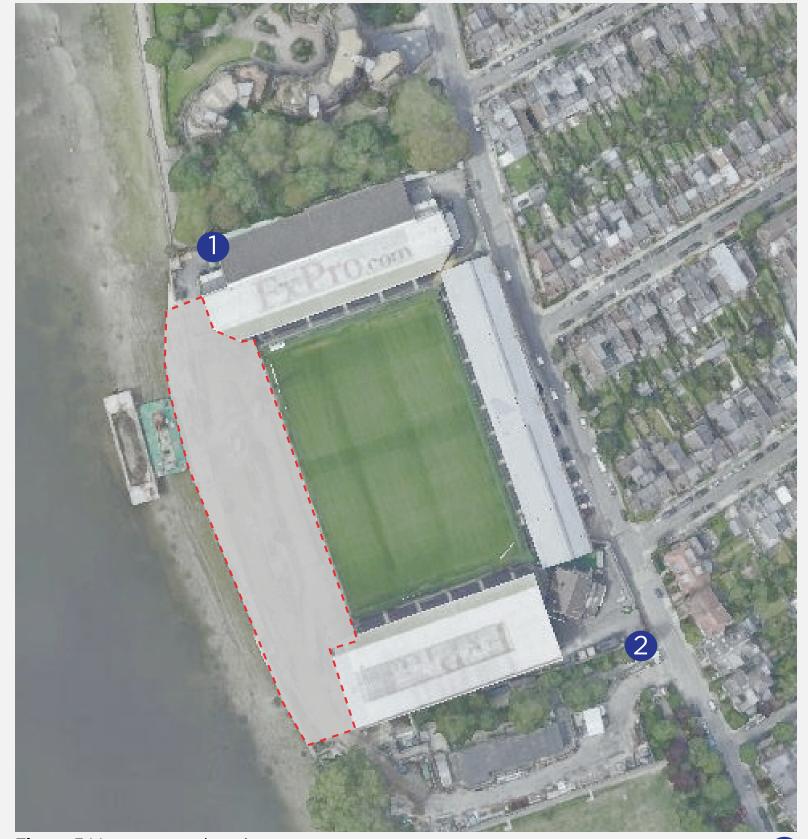


Figure 5 Measurement locations

Unattended measurement locations



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Results

4.2. Attended measurements

A summary of the results of the attended measurements undertaken on Saturday 6th September is presented in Table 3.

Spectral noise levels are displayed in Appendix C.

Table 3 Attended measurement results

Position	Time Period	L Aeq,15mins	L A90 15mins	L AFMax
1	17:22 - 17:37	54	47	77
2	17:49 - 18:04	50	43	76
3	18:28 - 18:44	57	44	88
4	19:34 - 19:49	55	48	77
5	20:30 - 20:45	49	42	73
6	20:52 - 21:07	47	40	68
7	21:14 - 21:29	48	41	77
/	21:29 - 21:34	44	41	60

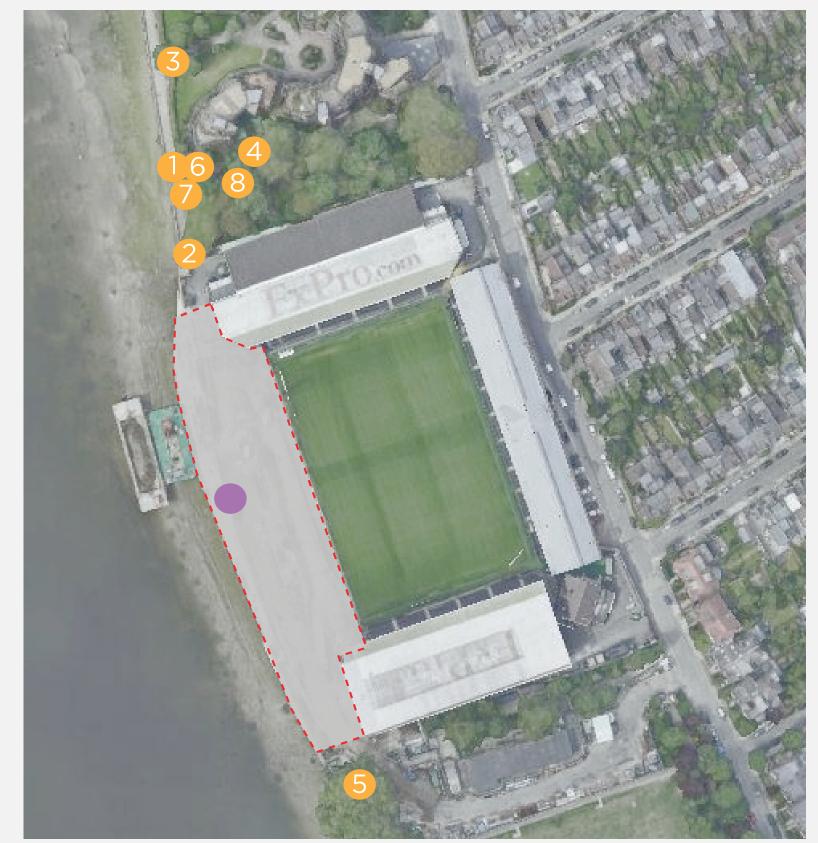
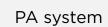


Figure 6 Measurement locations

Attended measurement locations

Approximate location of DJ and temporary





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4.3. Subjective review of the noise profile onsite

From a prior site visit undertaken before the operation of the Riverside Stand, it was noted that on non-football event days, the ambient noise profile around the site was consistent with a typical residential environment. The noise was generally low-level and dominated by distant traffic and intermittent aircraft movements.

During the attended survey on 6th September, a DJ and small commercial PA system were installed at a central location on the Riverside Walkway. This is understood to be the most common setup for amplified music on non-matchday events.

During the attended site visit, the dominant ambient noise sources were noted to be, pedestrians activity, aircraft and distant road traffic. To the north of the site, and around Riverside Gardens, low-frequency music from the use of the pier was not continuously distinctly audible and typically masked by other environmental noise sources, particularly aircraft noise.

At the Stevenage Road location, music was not clearly audible. In some northern locations, low-frequency music became slightly more noticeable later in the evening but remained faint and was frequently masked by other background noise. Overall, the noise profile was dominated by other noise sources such a people noise and aircraft, with music noise only occasionally audible and not a dominant source at the measurement locations.

While it is understood that the attended survey captured the most common setup for amplified music on non-matchday events, it is also understood that PA systems may occasionally be installed on terraces to the north and south of the site, as shown in Figure 7.

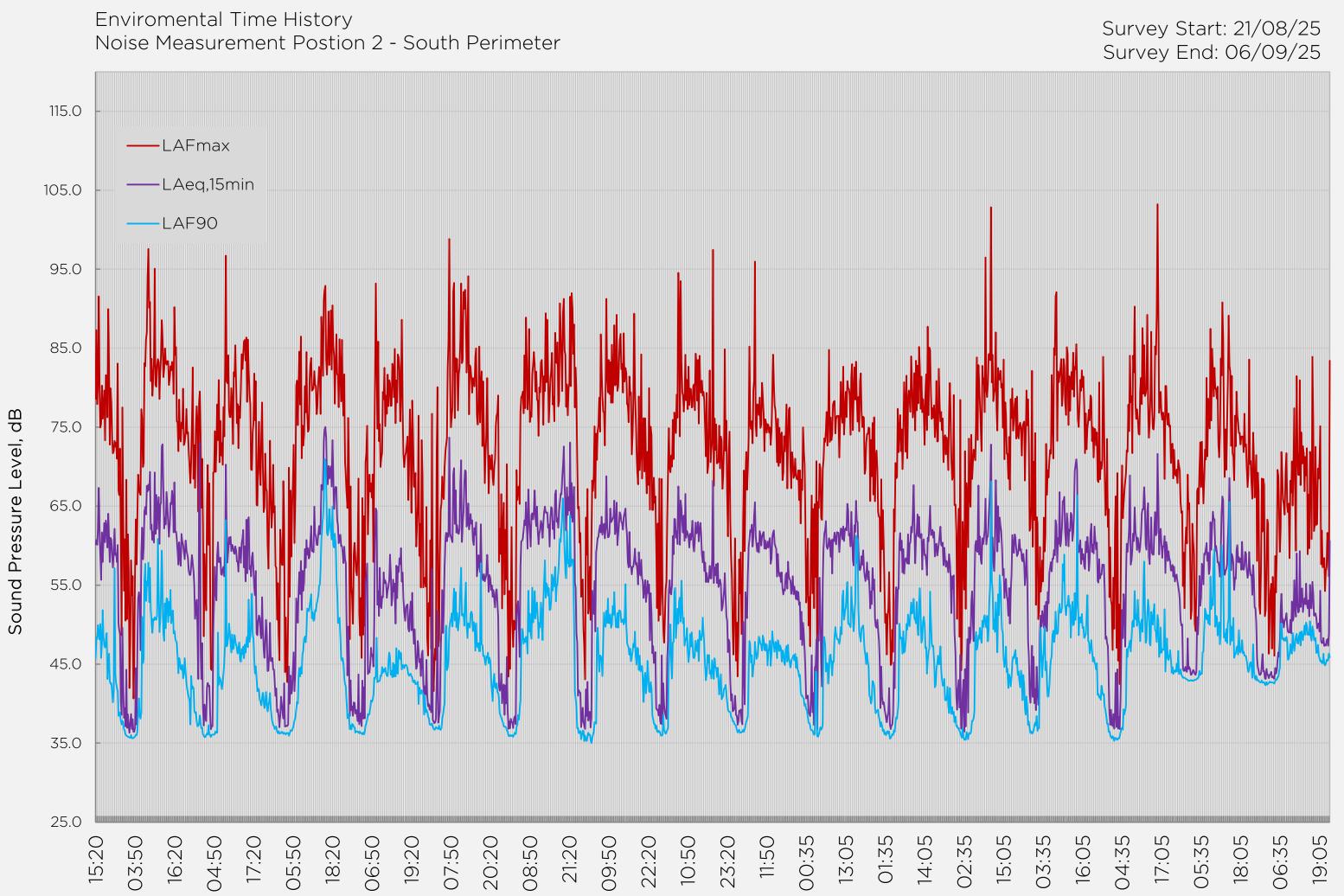
It is understood that these locations were not in use during the survey. As they are closer to the identified noise-sensitive receptors, the measurements taken may not represent a worstcase scenario, but instead provide a base-case understanding of noise emissions from the typical central setup.



Figure 7 Terrace locations

Terrace locations

Time



Time

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Appendix C - Attended measurement spectral noise levels

.		Octave Band Centre Frequency (Hz), L _{zeq,15mins}							
Position	Time Period	63	125	250	500	1k	2k	4k	8k
1	17:22 - 17:37	61	56	54	51	49	46	42	34
2	17:49 - 18:04	53	51	47	46	44	43	39	32
3	18:28 - 18:44	58	53	45	42	40	41	39	32
4	19:34 - 19:49	56	52	51	52	50	48	43	37
5	20:30 - 20:45	56	51	47	48	43	40	33	28
6	20:52 - 21:07	55	51	46	46	41	38	31	24
7	21:14 - 21:29	55	53	48	45	42	40	36	31
	21:29 - 21:34	56	52	46	42	38	34	30	24

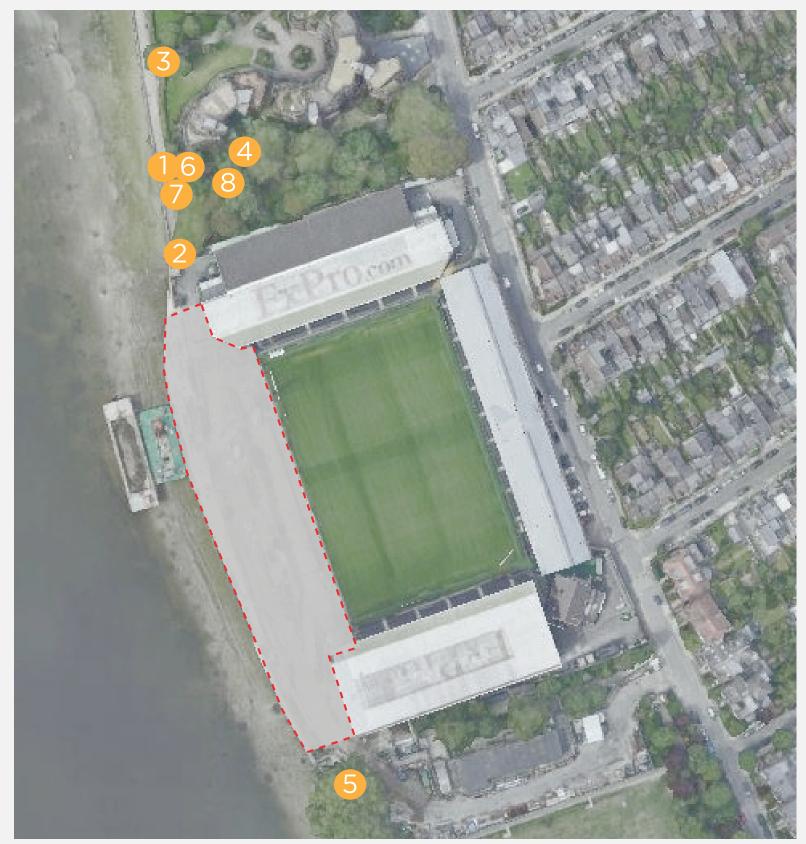


Figure 8 Measurement locations

Attended measurement locations

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Subject: RE: Fulham Football Club - Notice of Hearing (17 September 2025)

Dear Matt,

Thank your for your message regarding the remote hearing on September 17th.

I will not be able to participate, but I wish to be represented by

I have given her the details of my main objection, which relates to the Applicant being granted permission to hold events where live music is provided as a primary activity to more than 500 persons. There would mean no more cap on the number of people allowed to attend save the venue's capacity, and this is a real concern. The issues we already encounter with the football matches would only be more frequent and for some, worse (noise including late in the night, footfall in our streets, people using our bins to dump their garbage, drunken people misbehaving, traffic in Fulham Palace road).

Although I understand that the application is limited to the different levels of Riverside Stand from ground floor to 5th level, I am further concerned that if the application is granted, the Applicant may stretch it to have a live stage within the limits of the Riverside Stand, but allow the public on the grounds and in the other stands, which could turn Craven Cottage into a venue for big live gigs.

Kind regards,

Objector - 76 Ellerby Street London

From:

Sent: 15 September 2025 21:31

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Subject: Supplementary Documentation for the Hearing

Dear Matt,

I struggled to send this file previously from Yahoo due to its size.

I managed to send it via Google Mail, but subsequently noticed that some of the document had been reformatted by Google Docs from Word.

I have managed to PDF it and that seems to have solved the problem.

Kind regards,

The premises licences held by Fulham FC subject to proposed variation (applications all received 21 July 2025) are as follows:

<u>Licensing Act - Premises Licence application numbers/premises names:</u>

2025/01151/LAPR (Ground Floor Riverside Stand)

2025/01151/LAPR (First Floor Riverside Stand)

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2025/01154/LAPR (Members Club on Levels 3, 4 and 5 Riverside Stand)

Premises address: Fulham Football Club Stevenage Road London SW6 6HH

OBJECTIONS SUBMITTED (15.08.25)

Erratum: The Full Variation submitted, as detailed above, would allow crowds of up to 19,996 in aggregate and not 4,999 as stated in the objections previously submitted.

Any mention below of crowds of up 4,999 should be replaced with crowds of up to 19,996.

The capacity of the Fulham Football Club stadium is 28,000.

i) Prevention of crime and disorder

The proposal for the provision of plays, films, indoor sporting events, boxing or wrestling entertainments, recorded music, and performance of dance, Monday to Sunday, 10.00 to 23.00, will attract crowds initially of up to 4,999 to a residential area. This will bring additional crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour to the area through public intoxication (sale of alcohol allowed 10.00 to 23.00, seven days a week). In turn, this will create a sense of unease in the local vicinity, a residential area, seven days a week.

Fulham, where the Riverside is located, is a residential area. Such disorder from large crowds will lead to a decline in public safety and an increase in fear. Large crowds in a residential area can create a sense of unease and will erode the quality of life for residents. When there is a Fulham Home game, for example, there is a palpable change in the "feel" of the neighbouring park - Bishop's Park - when hordes of intoxicated men and women pass through at speed and en masse. This large throng of people arriving at the same time can feel overwhelming and menacing for residents and families trying to enjoy the local open spaces. Fulham Home games are relatively infrequent. Approval of this application, inviting crowds of up to 4,999 to the Riverside, would create the same sense of fear and unease and would expose residents to greater levels of crime and disorder on a daily basis, seven days a week, from 10.00 to 23.00.

ii) Public safety

The venue is located in Fulham, known to be a family-friendly residential area. An increase in patrons up to 4,999 could lead to overcrowding and safety concerns seven days a week from 10.00 to 23.00.

The local area would have an increase in patrons of up to 4,999 people daily. Large, anti-social, intoxicated crowds will approach and leave the Riverside en masse through Bishops Park, along the Riverside path and via other exits into the surrounding residential area, creating a sense of fear and unease for local families and anyone wishing to use the parks, the open spaces, and the surrounding areas and amenities safely during the hours from 10.00 to 23.00. Crowds will be at their largest and feel at their most menacing around event entry and exit times.

Allowing crowds of up to 4,999 at the Riverside will pose an additional safety hazard. There is insufficient demarcation regarding which paths can be used by cyclists and pedestrians. Cyclists speed along the various paths in Bishop's Park. They have been seen cutting across Fielder's Meadow and frequently use the grass that runs parallel to Fulham Palace towards Pryor's Bank as a path, putting pedestrians at risk. They are a safety hazard. Without a clear demarcation for paths, as is currently the case, a young child or a dog could suddenly come out from behind some shrubs into the path of a speeding cyclist. Since the opening of the Riverside, concerns about this lack of demarcation have been raised with the Council and have been noted. It has been acknowledged that further work is required between the Parks Team and the Council's Law Enforcement Team to ensure that it is clear which paths are available for cyclists and which are to be restricted to pedestrians. Clearer demarcation will also support the enforcement of these rules. I understand that the Transport Planning Team will be developing a campaign to promote safety and the considerate use of the roads and paths in the Borough later this year. Approval of these applications ahead of these safety plans being devised and implemented could leave the Council exposed to legal claims.

Speed limits for the use of rental bikes and E-scooters should be in place in open spaces in the Borough and should be visible. This is not currently the case in Bishops Park or other areas surrounding the Riverside. Speed restrictions on E-bikes can be overcome by pedalling harder; they are not foolproof. Without these measures and restrictions in place, allowing crowds of up to 4,999 daily could represent a safety hazard for residents.

There is no visible presence by the Police or the Council's Law Enforcement Team to monitor the use of E-Bikes and E-scooters in public and open spaces neighbouring the venue, such as Bishops Park and along the Riverside. Without this, and in the absence of a clear demarcation of designated cycle paths with visible speed limits, allowing an additional 4,999 to the area could present a safety hazard.

There is currently a lack of designated parking areas for unused E-bikes and E-scooters in the vicinity of the venue. This should be in place before approval of additional patrons of up to 4,999 daily. When there is a Fulham Home game, for example, many E-bikes are abandoned on local streets, strewn across the pavement. They are abandoned where it suits the rider, blocking the footpath and

making it impassable for anyone with special needs or a disability. They are a safety hazard.

There are bottlenecks when Fulham is playing at home, such as the Park entrance nearest to the stadium. This would also be the case with additional patrons, up to 4,999 initially, daily from 10.00 to 23.00. That gate, for example, could be widened. Emergency procedures should be reviewed and revised to ensure they are as safe as possible, and at the very least meet the requisite safety standards in the context of large crowds arriving and exiting simultaneously every day of the week.

iii) Prevention of public nuisance

The proposal would initially bring an additional 4,999 people to the area. This will significantly increase noise levels in a primarily residential area, seven days a week from 10:00 to 23:00, causing public nuisance and disrupting residents' sleep as intoxicated patrons leave the Riverside events where alcohol is to be on sale from 10:00 to 23:00.

Noise from Riverside announcements would increase. Noise pollution is currently high before, during, and after Fulham Home matches. High-decibel loudspeaker announcements pierce the air on match days, and there is noise from the crowds. The current proposal would increase noise pollution on a more frequent basis, daily from 10:00 to 23:00. This would adversely affect the quality of life of residents.

The quality of life for residents would be materially affected seven days a week from 10.00 to 23.00. Residents' quality of life is currently affected by Fulham Home games. Specifically, parking is disallowed on Stevenage Road during Home games. Other roads in the area are closed, making it difficult for residents to park due to the increased volume of cars visiting the area. Residents should be advised how the addition of up to 4,999 patrons daily would impact local parking.

Local traffic volumes would be materially and adversely affected by these plans for an additional 4,999 patrons in the area, daily. Since the closure of Hammersmith Bridge, traffic has been a significant problem on the Fulham Palace Road, on Fulham High Street, and on Wandsworth Bridge Road. Putney Bridge and Wandsworth Bridge are currently struggling to manage the volume that three bridges used to take. This is creating traffic gridlocks. Late afternoon, for example, the traffic for Putney Bridge can be backed up as far as Tesco (335-337) on the Fulham Palace Road. Consequently, it can take 70 minutes to travel from Ellerby Street to Rocks Lane in Barnes, a distance of a mere 2.1 miles. Wandsworth Bridge Road is also gridlocked, made worse by the addition of cycle lanes and the restrictions placed on side streets. Plans to repair or replace Hammersmith Bridge should be put in place before additional traffic is invited into the area; the current traffic situation, as it stands, cannot be tolerated. With only two of the three major bridges in operation in the area, it would be unreasonable to bring additional crowds of up to 4,999 to the area without first addressing the current, dire traffic problem and the need to find a solution for Hammersmith Bridge.

Plans to cope with additional crowds of up to 4,999 on public transport should be shared with residents. Many of these additional patrons will be arriving en masse,

heading towards the Riverside and departing at the same time. Residents do not wish to have to be crammed into already busy tubes after work, as is the case currently when there is a Fulham or Chelsea Home game. Home games are relatively infrequent. The application for large crowds to attend daily events at the Riverside could mean that overcrowded tubes and buses would be the norm for residents on their journey home from work every single evening, which would be unreasonable.

Litter pollution is already a problem in Bishops Park and in the surrounding areas following a Fulham home match. Bins in the local area are insufficient to deal with litter following home football matches. Litter is strewn everywhere. A consultation with the Parks Team (Veolia), responsible for clearing up after home games, would shed further light on this issue. A review of litter pollution should be undertaken and proposals made to deal with additional litter from up to 4,999 extra patrons daily from 10.00 to 23.00. A solution is likely to require additional Council funding, which would need to be in place before approval of this application.

Hammersmith and Fulham is the third smallest of the London Boroughs. It is also a quiet, leafy London suburb which attracts many families. Allowing up to 4,999 patrons daily, with access to alcohol from 10.00 to 23.00, would materially change the feel of the Borough and would give Fulham and the surrounding area a City Centre vibe. Every single day, upon exiting your home, you could be met with large hordes of menacing, intoxicated crowds making their way down the streets to the Riverside venue. The quiet suburban feel that Fulham offers would be changed forever. This could result in an exodus of many residents and families to other areas, leaving the Borough generally less desirable. In turn, this would impact the fortunes of all homeowners, local businesses, and the Council alike.

Regular events with large crowds are not suitable for a residential area. The feel of the Borough as we know it currently would be changed forever.

iv) Protection of children from harm

Bishop's Park and the areas surrounding the Riverside are local amenities that many families enjoy. Many areas of the Park have been designed explicitly for the use of children and young adults - from the Beach and Splash area, to the children's playground area with slides, swings, and climbing ropes, to the Basketball hoops and Ping Pong tables. Allowing intoxicated and menacing hordes of patrons, up to 4,999 daily from 10.00 to 23.00, would put young people in harm's way and would change the feel of what is currently a safe, family space.

SUPPLEMENTARY EVIDENCE

NOTICE OF HEARING - Licensing Act 2003

<u>Licensing Act - Premises Licence application numbers/premises names:</u>

2025/01151/LAPR (Ground Floor Riverside Stand)

2025/01151/LAPR (First Floor Riverside Stand)

2025/01153/LAPR (Second Floor Riverside Stand)

2025/01154/LAPR (Members Club on Levels 3, 4 and 5 Riverside Stand)

Premises address: Fulham Football Club Stevenage Road London SW6 6HH

i) Prevention of crime and disorder

i) a) The proposal will attract crowds up to 19,996 to a residential area. This will bring additional crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour to the area through public intoxication (sale of alcohol allowed 10.00 to 23.00, seven days a week). In turn, this will create a sense of unease in the vicinity, a residential area, seven days a week.

A large number of people arriving at the same time can feel overwhelming and menacing for residents and families trying to enjoy the local open spaces.

The application extension would allow these huge crowds from 10.00 to 23.00.

Many of these crowds will arrive and exit through residential areas.

Crowds leaving the Riverside / Fulham FC (1):



Crowds leaving the Riverside / Fulham FC (2):





i)b) antisocial behaviour

The Riverside and neighbouring Bishops Park sit within both a residential area and a conservation area.

Large crowds of up to 19, 996 daily will bring additional crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour to a residential area through public intoxication.

The application for full variation covers the hours from 10.00 to 23.00 daily. The sale of alcohol is allowed both on and off premises during the same hours from 10.00 to 23.00.

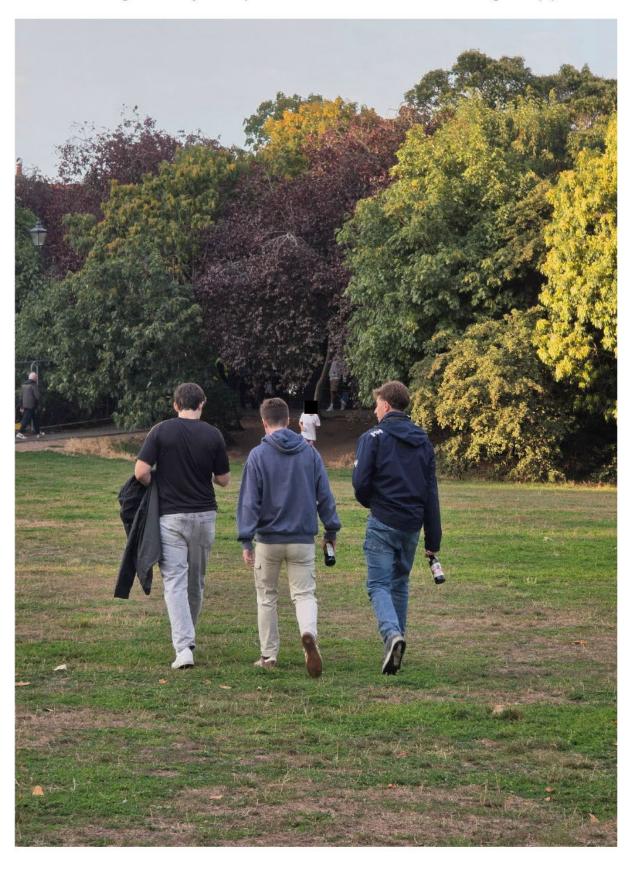
This will create a sense of unease in the vicinity, a residential area, seven days a week with patrons sitting around the local park and surrounding area drinking alcohol which can also be purchased from the Riverside.

Allowing crowds, almost as large as match- day- full capacity crowds, seven days a week to a residential area with access to alcohol during the same hours both on and off premises is not appropriate.

Patrons drinking in nearby Bishops' Park ahead of a Fulham Home game (1):



Patrons drinking in nearby Bishops' Park ahead of a Fulham Home game (2):



ii) Public safety

ii) a) The venue is located in Fulham, in a residential area. An increase in patrons up to 19 996 could lead to public safety concerns seven days a week from 10.00 to 23.00.

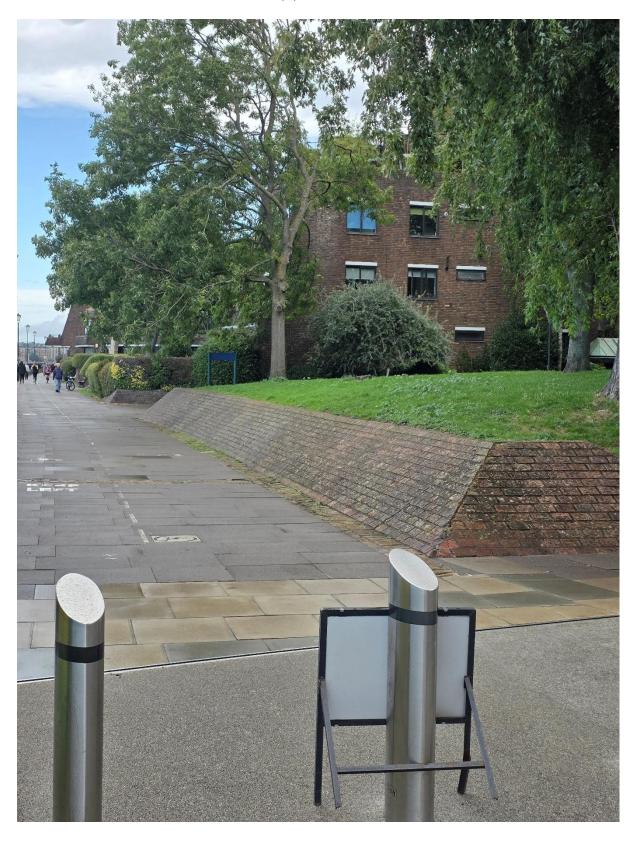
Large, intoxicated crowds will approach and leave the Riverside through Bishops Park, along the Riverside path and via other exits into the surrounding residential area, creating a sense of fear and unease for local families and anyone wishing to use the parks, the open spaces, and the surrounding streets and amenities safely during the hours from 10.00 to 23.00.

Crowds will be at their largest and feel at their most menacing around event entry and exit times. They will exit into residential streets from three out of four exits.

Stadium exit onto a Residential area (1):



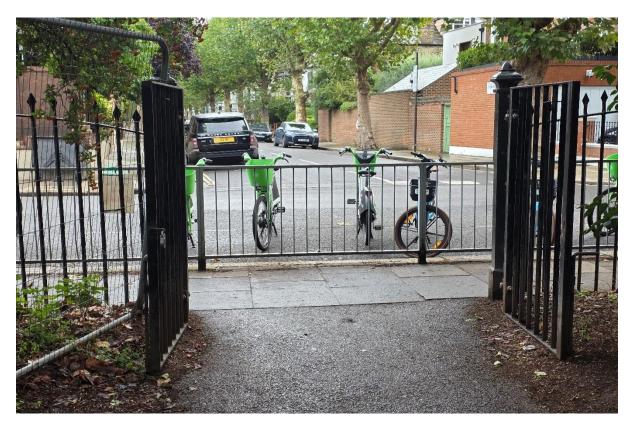
Stadium exit onto a Residential area (2):



Stadium exit onto a Residential street (3):



Stadium exit onto a Residential street (4):



Stadium exit onto a Residential street (5):



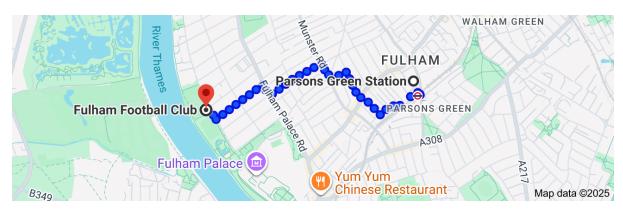
Stadium exit onto a Residential street (6):



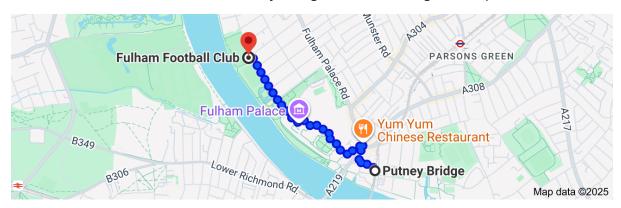
The Riverside is located in a residential area.

There is no ready access to public transport from the Riverside. Crowds will have to approach and exit the Riverside through a Residential area. This is the case for three out of four exits.

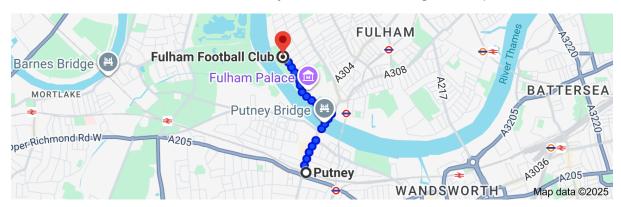
The Riverside is 1.2 miles from Parsons Green Tube Station, through residential streets:



The Riverside is 1.0 mile from Putney Bridge Station through Bishop's Park:



The Riverside is 1.2 miles from Putney Train Station through Bishops Park:



The Riverside is 0.6 miles from public transport on the Fulham Palace Road through residential streets:



The Riverside is 1.4 miles from Hammersmith through residential streets and via the Fulham Palace Road, or along the Riverside via a residential area:



Residents would have to endure large crowds up and down their quiet residential streets every day. Close to event start and finish times, and up to 11pm at night, the surrounding residential streets would look like this:



ii. b) There is insufficient demarcation in neighbouring Bishops Park regarding which paths can be used by cyclists and pedestrians.

Cycle paths are not marked clearly, and there are no visible speed restrictions in the areas surrounding the Riverside.

The Transport Planning Team are aware of concerns about cycling in parks and in open spaces shared with pedestrians. They are working with colleagues in the parks team and in the Council's Law Enforcement team to ensure that it is clear which paths are available for cyclists, and which are restricted to pedestrians. Clearer demarcation will also support the enforcement of these rules.

Clearer demarcation of paths could help prevent an accident between a speeding cyclist and a child or a dog.

Cycle paths are not clearly visible (1):



Cycle paths are not clearly visible (2):

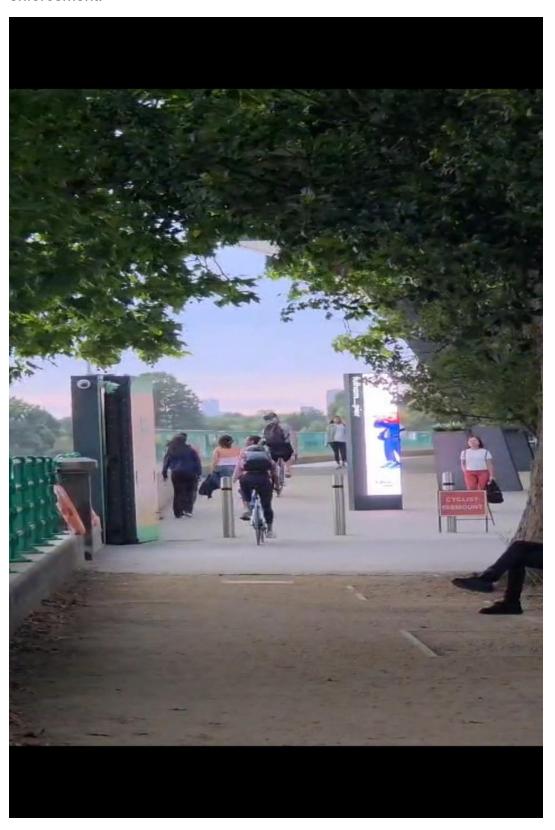


Cycle paths are not clearly visible (3): this tiny sign would be missed when cycling alongside it at speed



ii) c) Lack of enforcement:

There are cameras that record cyclists ignoring the rules, but there is no enforcement:

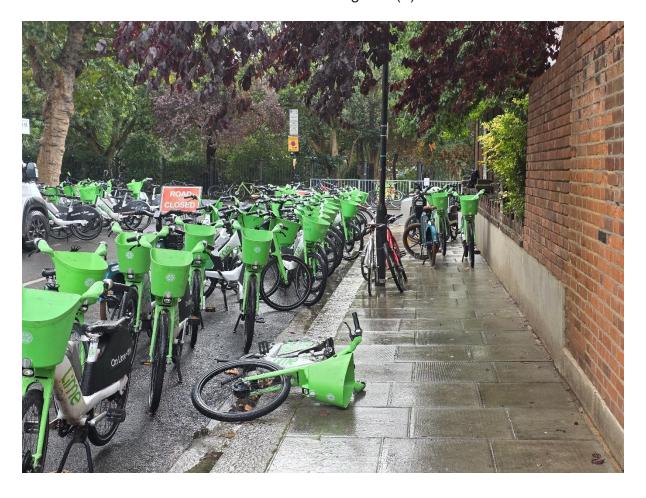


ii) d) There is currently a lack of designated parking areas for unused E-bikes and E-scooters in the vicinity of the venue. This should be in place before any licensing extension is granted.

When there is a Fulham Home game, for example, many E-bikes are abandoned on local streets, strewn across the pavement. They are abandoned where it suits the rider, they can block the footpath and make it impassable for anyone with special needs or a disability to pass. They are a safety hazard.

Fulham Home games can draw a capacity of up to 28,000. These licensing extension applications are for crowds of up to 19, 996 daily. E-bike parking would be a daily problem for residents.

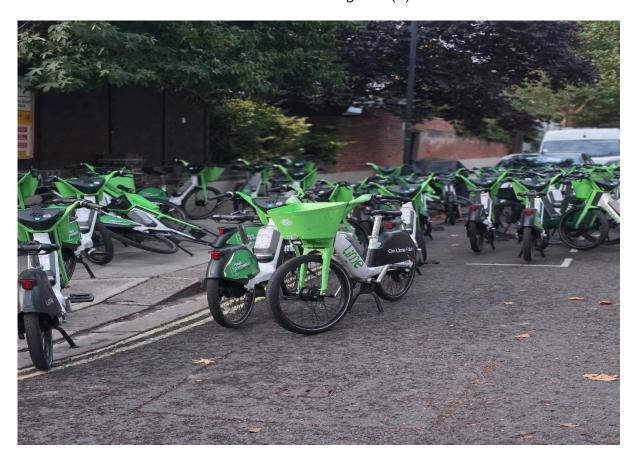
E-Bikes abandoned ahead of a Fulham Home game (1):



E-Bikes abandoned ahead of a Fulham Home game (2):



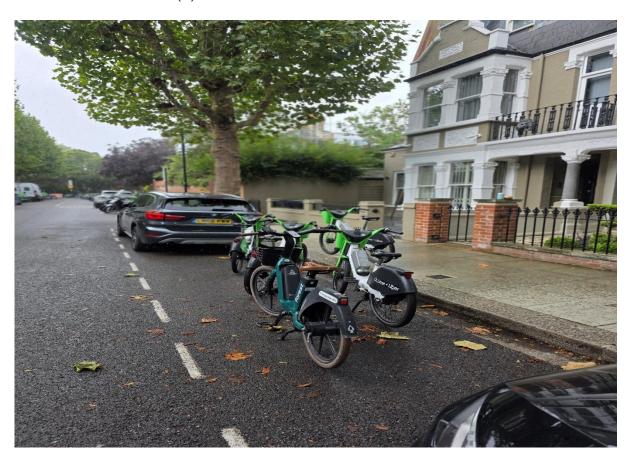
E-Bikes abandoned ahead of a Fulham Home game (3):



E-Bikes abandoned ahead of a Fulham Home game (4):



E-Bikes take up residents' parking spaces which have already been reduced by the closure of some roads (5):



ii) e) Bottlenecks

There are bottlenecks when Fulham is playing at home. This would also be the case with additional patrons up to 19,996 daily from 10.00 to 23.00.

Exit and emergency procedures should be reviewed and revised to ensure they are safe. Consultations should be undertaken to ensure that crowd management and safety standards are being met.

Residents won't be able to enter and exit the park freely with daily crowds of up to 19,996. They would be forced to queue to enter the park.

Bottlenecks mean that patrons couldn't disperse quickly and safely in the event of an incident:



iii) Prevention of public nuisance

iii) a) The licencing extension application could bring an additional 19 996 people to the area. This will significantly increase noise pollution in a residential area, seven days a week from 10:00 to 23:00, causing public nuisance and disrupting residents' sleep as intoxicated patrons leave the Riverside events where alcohol is to be on sale from 10:00 to 23:00. This would have an adverse impact on residents' health.

Patrons exiting the Riverside into residential streets, daily up to 23.00 and causing disturbance to residents' sleep and impacting health (1):



iii) b) Noise pollution from the Riverside/ FFC Ground is currently high before, during, and after Fulham Home matches

High-decibel loudspeaker announcements pierce the air on match days. There is also loud chanting from the crowds at the stadium. They can be noisy when heading towards and exiting the stadium as they walk up and down the usually quiet residential streets.

There are also many alarm tests performed by the Riverside and the Football Stadium team. These are very loud and can be heard at all hours of the morning (3am, 5am) until late at night. The Environmental Protection Team will have records.

iii) c) The Licensing Act 2003 prevents noise-related public nuisance by requiring businesses with premise licenses to include noise control measures in their applications to uphold the four licensing objectives. This was not fulfilled; the licensing extension application offers no noise control measures.

Licensees must manage noise from loud music and patrons, which can include imposing specific noise conditions on the license, installing noise limiters, and monitoring noise levels. The application does not include these requisite measures. Nor does it state how noise will be prevented from interfering with residents' health, and the use and enjoyment of surrounding homes.

Videos that evidence noise from FFC are available. Daily crowds of up to 19,996 could generate the same disturbance as the football crowds.

iii) d) The quality of life for residents would be materially affected seven days a week from 10.00 to 23.00.

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Allowing up to 19,996 patrons daily, with access to alcohol from 10.00 to 23.00, would materially change the feel of the Borough and would give Fulham and the surrounding area a City Centre vibe.

Every single day, on exiting your home, you could be met with large hordes of menacing, intoxicated crowds making their way down the streets to and from the Riverside venue. This would affect the quality of life of residents.

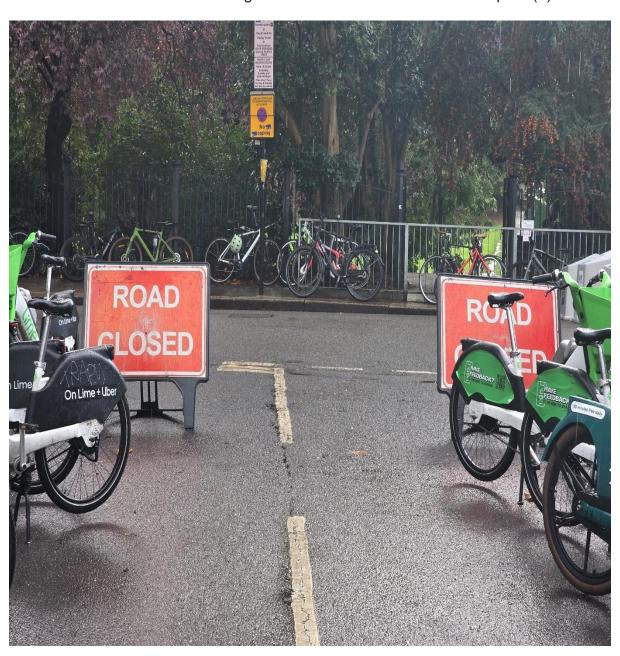
The Riverside licensing extension application is not appropriate for a residential area.

iii) d) Community quality of life would be materially affected seven days a week from 10.00 to 23.00.

Community quality of life is currently affected by Fulham Home games. Specifically, parking is disallowed on Stevenage Road during Home games. Other roads in the area are also closed, making it difficult for residents to park due to the increased volume of vehicles visiting the area and the reduced number of parking spaces.

Residents should be consulted and advised how an additional 19,996 patrons daily would impact local parking.

Road closures for Fulham Home games restrict where residents can park (1):



Road closures for Fulham Home games restrict where residents can park (2):



Road closures for Fulham Home games restrict where residents can park (3):



iii) e) Plans to repair or replace Hammersmith Bridge should be put in place before additional traffic is invited into the area; the current traffic situation, as it stands, is intolerable.

With only two of the three major bridges in operation in the area, it would be unreasonable to bring additional crowds of up to 19,996 to the area without first addressing the current, dire traffic problem and the need to find a solution for Hammersmith Bridge.

Greg Hands: "Prior to its closure, 20,000 vehicles used Hammersmith Bridge daily. After the closure, 15,000 of those vehicles were making journeys via alternative routes. The performance of the local road network has deteriorated sharply. Fulham Palace Road taking an additional 3,000 vehicles a day and Putney Bridge taking an additional 4,000 vehicles daily. It seems likely that both Munster Road and Parsons Green Lane were also taking hundreds of extra vehicles a day".

As a result of the closure of Hammersmith Bridge, a journey from Fulham to Rocks Lane in Barnes (2.1 miles), via Putney Bridge, has taken over 70 minutes.

This unreasonable increase in journey times has been noted by other sources.

BaseMap surveys on Hammersmith Bridge Closure (1):

The Impact of Hammersmith Bridge Closure on Journey Times

The closure of Hammersmith Bridge has had a profound impact on local travel, altering journey times for thousands of commuters. To understand these changes, we were asked to analyse how travel times have evolved since the bridge's closure. Using historical data from 2019 and recent information from October 2024, we leveraged TRACC to evaluate journey time variations across postcode sectors. This analysis revealed significant increases in travel times for both cars and buses, highlighting the broader implications of the bridge closure and other traffic management initiatives like low traffic neighbourhoods and 20mph speed limits.

Car Journeys: A Widespread Increase in Travel Times

The closure of Hammersmith Bridge has had a profound impact on car journeys, particularly for those traveling between SW13 9 and W6 9, two postcode sectors heavily reliant on this crossing. Prior to the closure, drivers could complete this journey in a relatively short time. However, with the bridge no longer accessible to vehicles, travel times have surged by **over 20 minutes**, with routes now covering an additional **5 miles**. This detour not only adds to the time spent on the road but also increases fuel consumption, emissions and travel costs. Our analysis of **92,994 potential journeys** showed that **more than 80,000** of them have worsened, underscoring the scale of disruption for local drivers.

London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham (2):

Report to: Cabinet Date: Subject: 07/03/2022 Hammersmith Bridge – Essential Work Leading to Strengthening and Restoration Project Report.

"Climate and Ecological Emergency Implications 9. It is likely that the full reopening the Bridge (including to motorised traffic) will potentially reduce the overall impact on the environment as it should reduce the mileage and emissions from previous users that are having to use longer and alternative diversion routes to cross the Thames River." Verified by: Hinesh Mehta, Strategic Lead – Climate Emergency Dated: 31 January 2022

The impact of the closure of Hammersmith Bridge extends further, to other Boroughs.

Wandsworth Council on Hammersmith Bridge Closure (3):

"The Council has been in regular contact with Transport for London, Hammersmith and Fulham Council, and central Government, pushing for solutions that prioritise residents' needs. We are calling for the bridge to reopen, to reduce the ongoing impact Hammersmith Bridge's closure is having on local people. Residents are facing significantly more traffic and congestion due to the increase of vehicles rerouting through the borough, and degraded bus services in the western wards of Putney and Roehampton.

Snapshot data from the DfT shows that between 2020 and 2023, the overall number of motor vehicles on Putney Bridge was estimated to have increased by 16%, from 32,083 to 37,239 and the council's own automatic traffic count data shows a 25% increase in traffic during the morning peak hours between 2019-2023. Data from TFL has also confirmed that bus journey and waiting times have worsened.

Simon Hogg said: "The ongoing closure of Hammersmith Bridge has placed an unacceptable burden on the people of Wandsworth. Following the closure over five years ago, traffic has got increasingly worse on our local roads, resulting in regular gridlock and longer journey times for people commuting to work, school, and vital appointments. Businesses are struggling, emergency vehicles are delayed, buses are delayed, and our community is rightly frustrated at the inaction and lack of progress to reopen this key river crossing.

iii) f) Litter pollution is already a problem in Bishops Park and in the surrounding areas following a Fulham home match. Bins in the local area are insufficient to deal with litter following home football matches. Litter is strewn everywhere. A consultation with the Parks Team, responsible for clearing up after home games, would shed further light on this issue.

A review of litter pollution should be undertaken and proposals made to deal with additional litter from up to 19 996 extra patrons daily from 10.00 to 23.00. A solution

is likely to require additional Council funding, which should be in place before approval of this application.

Litter pollution:



There are other forms of pollution that Hammersmith and Fulham Council Licensing Division haven't taken into account when considering this application.

Light pollution:



Environmental pollution:

Portaloo's are unsightly and bring unwanted odours to Bishop's Park when there is a Fulham Home game. Would these have to be in place everyday to cater for an additional 19 996 patrons daily? Clarification should have been sought and provided.

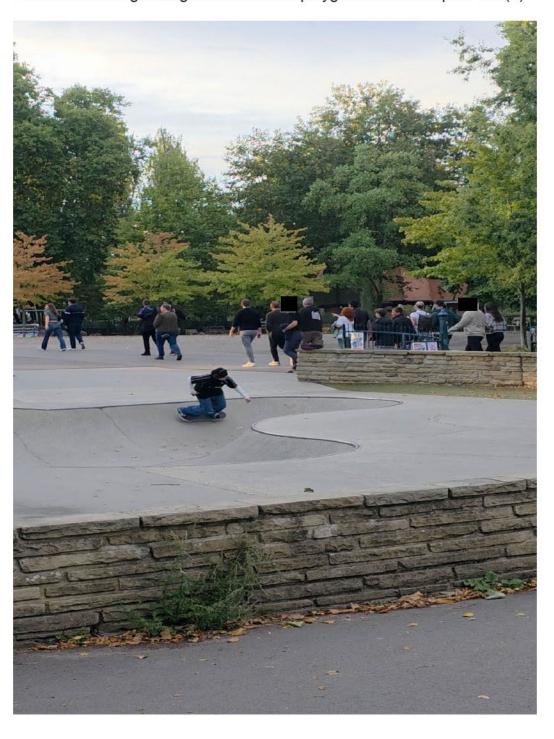


iv) Protection of children from harm

Bishop's Park and the areas surrounding the Riverside are local amenities that many families enjoy. Many areas of the Park have been designed specifically for the use of children and young adults.

Allowing intoxicated and menacing hordes of patrons, up to 19,996 daily from 10.00 to 23.00, would put young people in harm's way and would change the feel of what is currently a safe, family space.

Patrons marching through the children's playground at Bishop's Park (1):



Patrons walking through the children's playground at Bishop's Park (2):



Patrons walking through the children's playground at Bishop's Park (3):

