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Subject: Premises License Application 2022/00010/LAPR

Dear Maria,

I would like to raise my concerns about the above application for the Tea Rooms in Bishops Park. The Park is covered by a Deed of Covenant issued by the Church Commissions which covers appropriate use of the park.

Granting a permanent Alcohol License to these premises is not in keeping with the park. It's close proximity to residential flats in Bishops Mansions and Stevenage Road is only approximately 45 meters away. The premises are in front of the children's playground which is less than ideal. The park is shut and locked at dusk and is a Grade II Listed Park, unlike the commons that the applicants other premises are in. This is a historic park which the Department should be aware does not have the activities or events that are a feature of parks/commons in the borough due to this Deed and the prior License application in 2007.

It might be useful to view the Premises License that the Council applied for in 2007 covered by: 2007/04070/LAPR and various emails about the hours and activities that would be allowed in the park under the Deed of Covenant, for guidance. One off licenses have generally been approved for events such as The Boat Race and Guy Fawkes Night which are a feature of the park, but a permanent license for a 'tea room' is going to set a precedent which will change the ambiance of this lovely quiet park.

The Ecclesiastical connection is why there are few premises selling alcohol in this part of the ward but there are still a number that are within walking distance, including the bars/cafes in the redevelopment of Fulham Football Club, where more patrons will exit into Bishops Park.

The idea of selling alcohol to patrons before large Council or other large non football events, that are included as part of the recent Fulham Football Club application, is likely to cause increased disturbance to residents and increase rubbish in a park. I am already hearing comments of being that the park is "not well maintained". I would hope that any increase in rubbish etc and its removal is not covered by the Section 106 Funds from FFC 's application as this is not what it was meant for.

The hours of operation 9.00 a.m. - 23.00 p.m. will impact on the amenity of the local residents by increasing the noise levels where currently, this is not an issue. The idea of events being held at night in the Tea Room which can feature amplified music is not in keeping with the park and its quiet residential surrounds. This is a Victorian Park that currently has sufficient issues with anti social behaviour from youths accessing the park when it is closed dealing drugs and drinking. I notice there is no detailed plan submitted to deal with noise or the exit of dinners/patrons from the venues. Doorman can not stop the escaping of noise or light spillage which will be exacerbated when doors or windows are left open.

It also looks from the plans that areas on either side of the tea rooms will become as it were an extension of the actual premises, this too sets a precedent. The Council is the custodian of Bishops Park on behalf of the residents of Hammersmith & Fulham, it is the peoples park and provides open space for various activities that residents and parks users avail themselves.

The park is also the home to various birds, foxes and other animals and a change in their environment will impact on their habitat. What measure have been proposed to address this issue?

If Licensing is minded to grant this License then I would like to suggest some Conditions that should be attached:

Hours of operation 9.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. (Summer)

No alcohol to be sold without a meal

Sales of alcohol be restricted to wines (under ABV 14%), craft beers, Prosecco and champagne but excluding spirits.

No amplified music

Approved method and route for patrons to exit the park

Maintenance plan to clear and dispose of refuse including bottles from the extended premises

Contact details for 'night' manager in the event of noise and nuisance

Review of the application involving the Police at the end of the first year of operation

Thanking you in anticipation.

Regards,

Amanda

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