



# The Fulham Society

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**Bishops Park Cafe**

Dear Sirs

I am writing on behalf of the Fulham Society, the largest local amenity Society with some 600+ members, to object to the application for a premises' license that has been submitted by Parklife Trading Ltd to sell alcohol at the Park Cafe, on the grounds that it will cause a public nuisance, increase the incidence of crime and disorder, endanger public safety and possibly cause harm to children.

The Park Cafe is located in the busiest area of the park, directly adjacent to the small children's play area with the nearest play equipment being approximately 15 metres away. The cafe is also some 30 metres away from the central play area, which is used for a wide variety of play and sports activities by children and young people. The path directly in front of the Park Cafe is the busiest walkway in the park and is often crowded with people walking through and around the park.

We consider that introducing alcohol into this environment is totally inappropriate, especially if it became a licensed venue that could be hired out for parties and celebrations during the day and night, especially during the summer months when the park is well used by the public late into the evenings. This area of the park was specifically designed by to be a safe space for young children to play in, so turning the Park cafe into a licensed premises for private and public consumption of alcohol indoors and outdoors would significantly increase the risk of harm to children in their own designated play area.

We note that the applicants have said that they would mitigate harm to children by making sure that any child that visits the cafe is accompanied by an adult. Does this mean that teenage children in the park without their parents would not be able to buy an ice cream or drink in the summer? This is nonsense.

The Park Cafe has outdoor seating areas at the back as well as the front of the building and music and noise will carry down Bishops Park Road. Over the years many Bishops Mansions residents have called the police because 3 or 4 loud and or drunk young people have jumped over the fence and are making noise in the park. The parks police have done an excellent job in attending in these instances. The idea therefore that the local authority would now give a licence for any number of guests to sit outside the park cafe drinking, partying and socializing until 11pm at night in this residential location would be completely nonsensical.

It is reasonable to assume that attendees leaving licensed events at the Park Cafe at 11pm at night will be at their most inebriated and voluble as they exit the park into the local vicinity. Security staff

will not be accompanying these people down the public roads e.g. Stevenage road, Bishops Park Road and Bishops Avenue. These staff will be closing the facility and going home leaving many people who are potentially drunk to hang around the edge of the park, possibly in the park if they have wandered away from the party area. The risk of crime and disorder would be significantly increased. The threat to public safety for night time walkers, dog walkers and joggers, often out on their own around the park perimeter, would be greatly increased.

Yours sincerely

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