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Dear Ms Dimitriou

LICENCE APPLICATION NO 2022/00010/LAPR

With reference to the above I wish to raise the following objections in the strongest possible terms.

The public nuisance is unavoidable. People of any age get drunk with the resulting lack of control, particularly on hot summer nights. There is no specific police presence in the park but it will be necessary causing more pressure on our already overstretched force. Public nuisance will inevitably occur as people leave the park & neighbouring roads will not be respected in terms of litter/ front gardens used as toilets/ noise/ amplified music & general disruptive & aggressive behaviour as a result of drink.

(The area is adequately served by pubs or wine bars an acceptable distance from the Park & particularly across Putney Bridge where there are numerous well established venues if people want to drink)

Public safety is of major concern. Many young children use the Council facilities provided by the Council until late in the evening at all times of year. Vulnerable teenagers use the skate boarding rink to work off their energy putting them at risk from less desirable elements of society & both young & old enjoy a walk by the river, often alone. It is an acknowledged fact that drink & drugs go together, the area will generally become less safe as a result.

(The Park enjoys a reputation as being a tranquil & enjoyable green space but could easily become the opposite. Fulham Palace, a National Heritage, is used for licensed events & would become a less welcoming venue.

Prevention of crime is a major concern, cars are parked in Bishops' Park Road & surrounding streets for business & pleasure, forced locks & break ins would increase & front garden could provide sufficient cover for criminal activities & double doors, particularly in mansion blocks are often not closed properly by deliver drivers. Thus making them more inviting to crime than they are at present.

Protection of children & young people. Drink promotes disorder & aggressive behaviour at all times of day. Young children & teenagers walking home often alone in dark winter afternoons from several adjacent schools become more vulnerable. This also applies to the infirm, the elderly & the very many who live alone.

My objections to the granting of a licence are based on the grounds that it will promote much significant harm rather than good, will not provide any public need, nor create a useful amenity & introduce an unwelcome element of crime & disorder public nuisance & general safety of children, young people & adults.

Yours sincerely,

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