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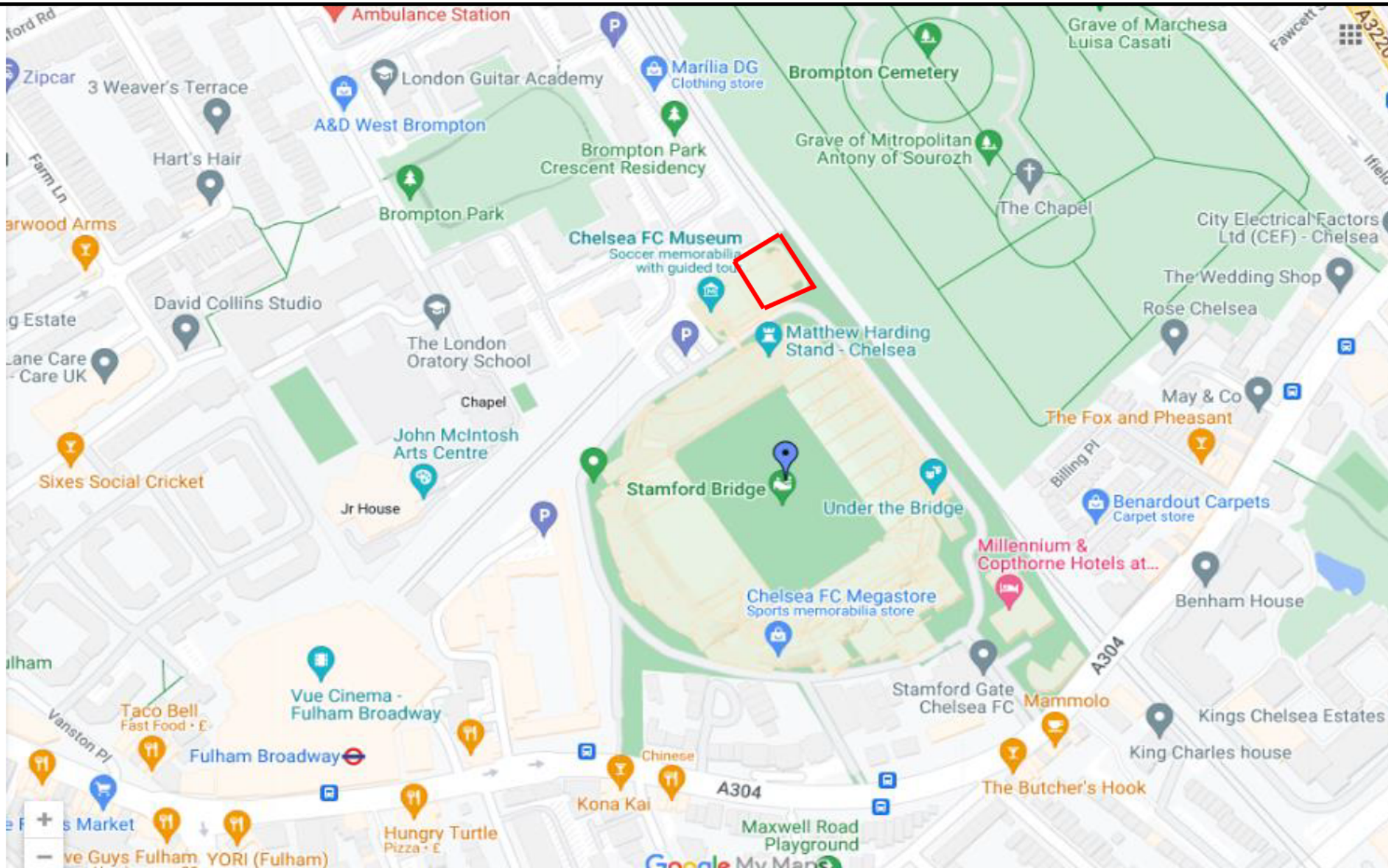
RESIDENT'S SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION

SECTION 1

LOCATION - Pages 3-4 is to visually assist with the showing:

- Existing Health Club location outlined in Red which backs onto Brompton Park Crescent Residents & The Royal Parks Brompton Cemetery
- Proximity to Brompton Park Crescent Residents with balconies overlooking building

Location of Existing Health Club – Far Right Back of Stadium
Adjacent to Brompton Park Crescent Residents & Brompton Cemetery



Brompton Park Crescent Residents with Balconies (★) directly behind the existing Health Club Building



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SECTION 2

SECTION 2: Licensing Objectives - Prevention of Crime & Disorder & Public Safety:

Latest Crime Maps in the Area & Media:

Crimes stats for 12 months (Oct 2022 - Sept 2023) provided by Police.UK - UK's national police crime database.

- Pages 5-6: Interactive crime maps (<https://www.adt.co.uk/crime-in-my-area>) - these statistics are provided by Police.UK - UK's national police crime database.
- Page 7– Media coverage on Drugs found in Stadiums including Chelsea fuelling fan violence.

ADDITIONAL 660 Dispersing Between 00.00am - 02.00am = Noise & Nuisance, Crime & Disorder:

With the proposed 'licensing application hours' – ending Midnight. This will definitively mean additional persons dispersing in the '00.00am-2am' core residential sleeping hours.

After matches, the venues that close between 00.00am-1am are normally filled at capacity soon after the games. Having another venue open until midnight will absolutely impact on increased numbers/dispersal between Midnight-2am timeframe which causes the biggest problems for Residents. It takes a minimum of 45mins to 1 hour for dispersal of venues that cater for large numbers. This will further put a strain on an already existing low police resource during the hours of 0.00am-2am.

Oct 22-Sept 23 Crime Map for 'Stamford Bridge Village' – with Violence & Sexual offences, Public Order and Drugs being highest offences) – Using Chelsea Football Club Postcode.

Last 12 months

Data period (months):

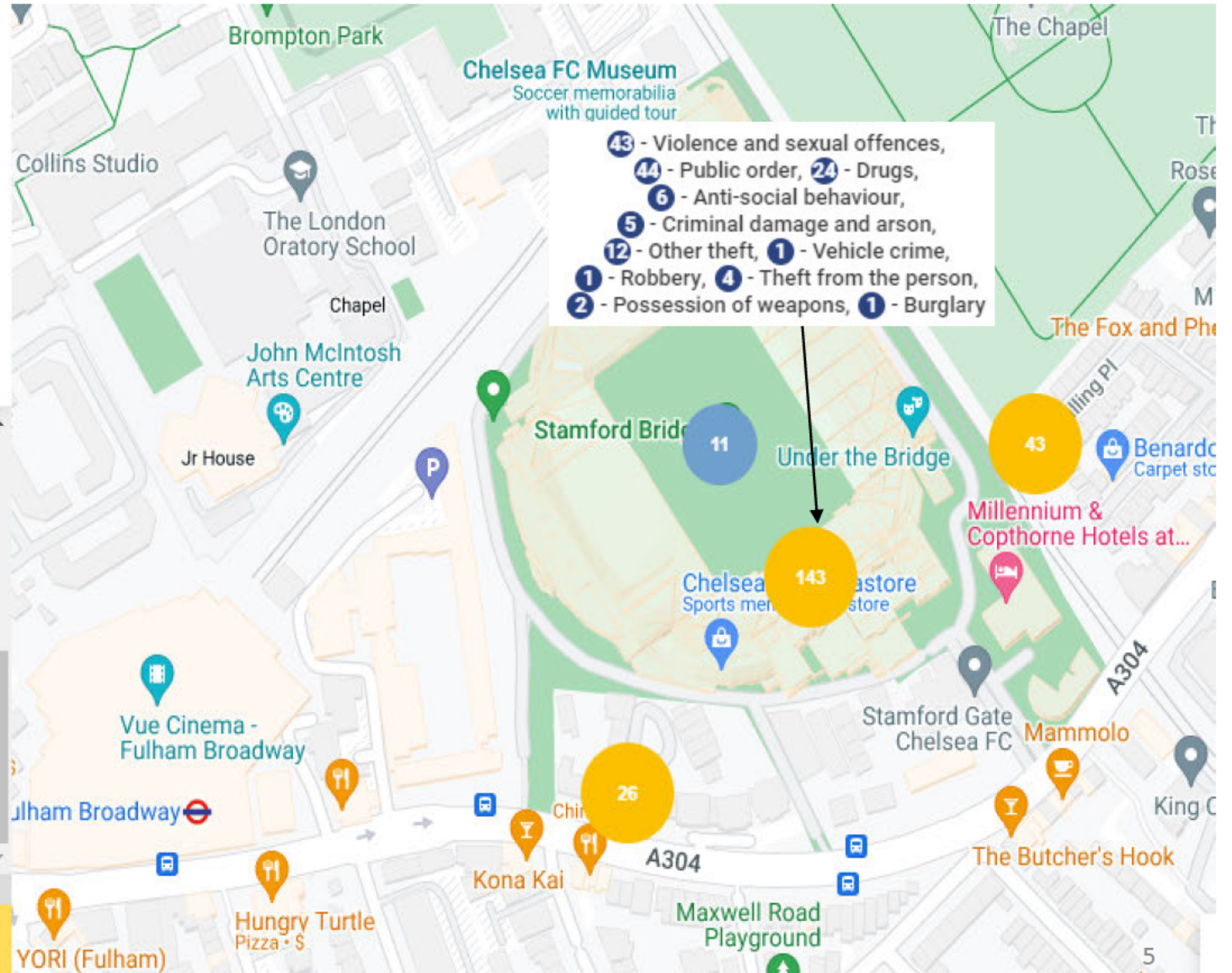
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Crime within 1 mile of:

Crime within 1 mile of:	SW6 1HS	National avg. <small>(i)</small>	
Robbery	4	2	x
Possession of weapons	2	1	x
Other crime	0	3	x
Other theft	28	13	x
Shoplifting	0	10	x
Drugs ★	24	4	x
Theft from the person	7	3	x
Total	223	158	



Oct 22-Sept 23 Crime Map for closest residential roads to 'Stamford Bridge Village' – highest being Anti-social behaviour, Violence & Sexual offences and Vehicle Crime - Using Moore Park Road Postcode

Crime within 1 mile of: SW6 2HU Moore Park Road, London, United Kingdom

Last 12 months

Data period (months):

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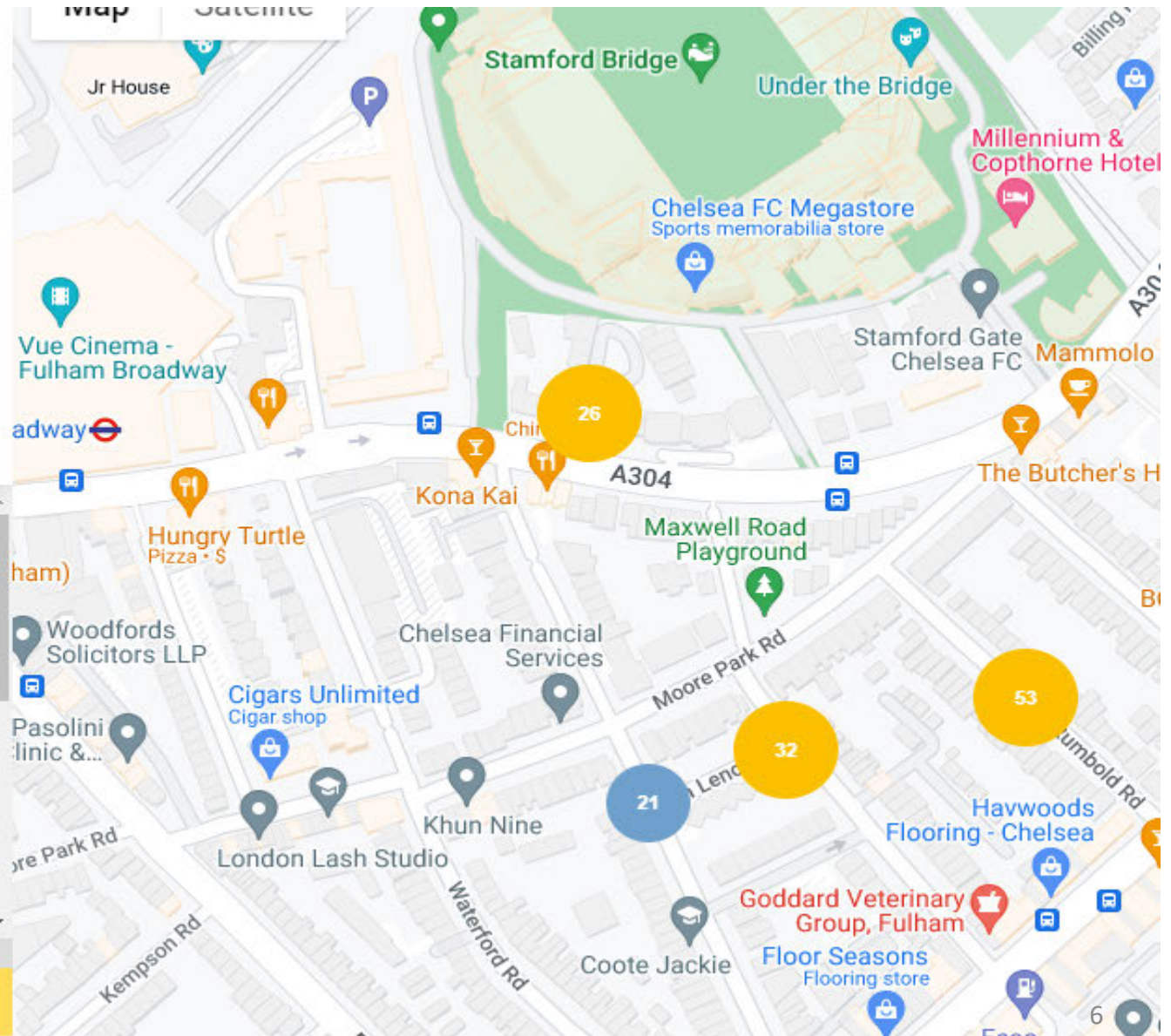
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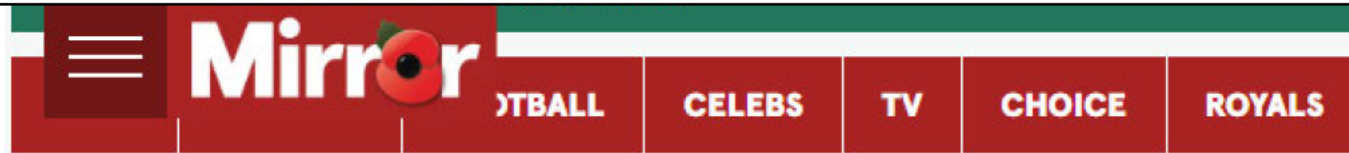
Crime within 1 mile of:

SW6 2HU

National avg. ⓘ

Crime within 1 mile of:	SW6 2HU	National avg. ⓘ	
Anti-social behaviour	36	24	x
Criminal damage and arson	8	12	x
Public order	3	13	x
Vehicle crime	30	10	x
Violence and sexual offences	28	55	x
Bicycle theft	3	2	x
Burglary	8	7	x
Total	132	158	





Cocaine traces found at Arsenal, Tottenham and Chelsea stadiums amid rise in fan violence

All three London clubs were said to have discovered traces of the class A drug inside their respective stadiums as fan violence within English football looks to be on the increase

By **Josh O'Brien**, Sports Writer

10:03, 29 Dec 2021



Traces of cocaine have reportedly been found at the respective stadiums of a number of top **Premier League** sides including the likes of **Arsenal, Tottenham and Chelsea**, seemingly linked to a rise in violent conduct from fans.

An investigation conducted by **The Sun** saw multiple stadiums in the English top flight swabbed for traces of the class A drug, **Brighton & Hove Albion** another club that has seen fans abuse the substance in their ground as well as the aforementioned trio.

Off the back of the violent scenes witnessed outside Wembley Stadium in the summer ahead of the final of **Euro 2020**, some of which was fuelled by fans high on cocaine, police chiefs are calling for stricter punishments for supporters found guilty of using the drug at games.

Chief Constable Mark Roberts, a senior policeman with experience of dealing with football fan-inspired disruption, explained how more fans than ever were taking the drug, leading to a "toxic mix" of drug-fuelled violence.

Source:

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/sport/football/news/football-fans-cocaine-violence-increase-25805108>

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SECTION 3

SECTION 3: Licensing Objectives - Public Safety & Protecting Children from Harm:

ADDITIONAL 'EXCLUSIVE ENTERTAINMENT VENUE' = COMPOUNDING ACUTE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS & NOISE & NUISANCE:

- Access & Egress for Ambulances & Fire Engines into residential roads are becoming inviable with 'VIP' vehicles parking in the middle of residential roads for over 2.5 hours (Page 9 Evidence)
- Impossible for residents to use cars and park (coming from work) hours before and after matches
- Persons returning to parked cars/taxi's after 23.00pm specifically disturb residential sleep (many homes with children have bedrooms facing the road)

Next Pages = photographic evidence on what is regularly occurring on residential roads during match days:

- VIP's and Chauffeur Limousines parking in the middle of the road over 2.5 hours
- Street residential car parking spaces and double yellow lines have been taken up by visitors – no fines
- Illegal parking in front of residential drives making it impossible for Residential use.

Photos taken on 01.11.23 (Blackburn Rovers game) Britannia Road SW6 - SHOWS THE ROAD IN VIRTUAL 2.5HRS LOCKDOWN
8 Vehicles Including Police Car took up the middle of the street for USA Gvt Official (Vice President's Husband)



Britannia Road SW6 – VEHICLES REGULARLY IDLE, ILLEGALLY BLOCK DRIVEWAYS, PARK IN STREET BAYS – WITH NO CONSEQUENCE

Residential Cars are regularly damaged on Match Days and reported to police



2 Hours Before Matches



Vehicles Blocking Driveways



Vehicles Taking up Residential Parking Street Bays during non-permitted hrs



Fans Urinating in Doorways on Moore Park Road

Dear ██████████

Last night, as usual, an overwhelming fleet of private hire vehicles took up all available residents' parking spaces, and loitered (with their engines running) on all the yellow lines – all entirely untroubled by a single traffic warden. I didn't think things could possibly get worse from what we suffer every single match day but...

Just before the match started, a convoy of 6 or 7 black SUVs swept into the North section of Britannia Road (just South of the barrier) and blocked it entirely by parking down the middle of the road. Several of them were unmarked people carriers and at least two were armoured vehicles with US government license plates. They were accompanied by a UK marked police car. I asked the drivers who they were working for and what right they had to force the entire street into lock-down, they simply said they couldn't tell me who they worked for, but that they were with the police.

They stayed put for the entire duration of the match and shortly after it ended, they swept out with doors banging and lights flashing on several of the vehicles.

My 8 year-old twins were in bed and of course the excitement got them up again. Another match day school night deeply disturbed.

If the disruption residents face on match days was well managed, we would accept it as a legitimate aspect of living so close to Stamford Bridge. The apparent absence of any parking or traffic controls to protect us, game after game after game is offensive in the extreme.

It's iniquitous that on top of the usual, the families living on Britannia Road should have been in lockdown last night just because an unelected spouse feels like going to a football match. (I believe I saw Doug Emhoff getting into one of the cars.) What right does Chelsea Football Club have to use our purely residential road as a parking lot for the convenience of entertaining their VIP guests? To have not considered the impact is sadly entirely indicative of their relentlessly high-handed treatment of us. Even worse, they may have considered the impact and decided that one VIP was more important than an entire street full of families.

Chelsea Football Club is demonstrably unable to manage the nuisance caused to residents. To add to this by increasing their hospitality offering is excessive and sickening. Are CFC legally committed to providing police to patrol the streets around our homes? Will they issue the necessary penalty notices to keep our roads clear and safe?

On our behalf, please will you ask the Licensing Committee to consider the compound impact of adding 660 more people, over an even longer period – this will patently increase, rather than decrease the problems we live with every single match day and evening.

You have my permission to add this letter of mine and photos as evidence to support your representation ref: License Application 2023/01413

Yours,

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Tuesday November 2nd 2023

THE EXISTING BUILDING CONDITIONS CLEARLY HIGHLIGHT THAT THE CHANGE OF PURPOSE COULD ALTER TRAFFIC GENERATION CHARACTERISTICS & RESTRICTING HOURS WILL MITIGATING NOISE

The Sports & Leisure Centre & Museum

- 11.I.1 Use of the Sports and Leisure Centre and Museum for purposes other than those intended and described could alter traffic generation characteristics that are critical to the mix of uses in Chelsea Village. Restriction of the uses is therefore necessary notwithstanding the presumption against doing so.
- 11.I.2 Mitigation of noise and traffic impact would be achieved by restriction of the hours of use. I feel that 0700 hours is a more appropriate time to allow the building to open bearing in mind that coincides with the end of the night-time regime, except on Sundays, and the fact that many people find early mornings to be particularly convenient to use such facilities in a busy schedule. The night-time regime would not permit parking beside the centre before 0930 on Sunday by placement of the removable bollards and by prohibiting use of this block of parking (block A on COR 112D Plan 3). With other measures this opening time should not cause adverse effects. Because the closure time of 2200 hours agreed for the building accords with commencement of the night-time regime I do not consider that closure of the East Stand concourse and other night-time measures can reasonably be required of this development. For similar reasons I do not consider that comprehensive stadium signage should be required of the construction or use of the building on its own.

SECTION 4

SECTION 4: Licensing Objectives - Prevention of Noise & Nuisance & Protecting Children from Harm:

Residents are experiencing high levels of Anti-social Behaviour and Noise and Nuisance on Match Days – this becomes particularly problematic when fans come out of venues after 23.00pm-2am. People often loiter in residential roads and/or have taxis and cars idling waiting for them. At this time of night, noise is amplified. Many residential homes have street facing bedrooms.

Residents have a right to quiet enjoyment and get the necessary core sleeping hours. Affects on health due to broken sleep has been widely written about. Adding another ‘midnight’ large capacity venue will only compound the problem.

- Page 13: Research undertaken shows H&F as being the worst Sleep Disturbed London Borough.
- Page 14: Lancet Research undertaken provides the very serious impacts of sleep deprivation on Children. This area of Fulham has high levels of schools in the area with many families living in residential roads.



THE MOST SLEEP-DISTURBED LONDON BOROUGH



Local authority			
1 Hammersmith & Fulham Borough Council	183,200	10,141	5,536
2 Newham Borough Council	351,100	14,753	4,202
3 Lambeth Borough Council	317,600	12,017	3,784
4 Barking & Dagenham Council	218,900	7,685	3,511
5 Camden Borough Council	210,100	6,122	2,914
6 Wandsworth Borough Council	327,500	6,137	1,874
7 Merton Borough Council	215,200	2,725	1,266
8 Greenwich Borough Council	289,100	3,595	1,244
9 Enfield Borough Council	330,000	4,017	1,217
9 Haringey Borough Council	264,200	3,215	1,217

KEY : Population Noise complaints Noise complaints per 100,000 people

SURROUNDING RESIDENTIAL STREETS WITH FAMILIES

Licensing Objective – Protecting Children from Harm

Children – 2022 Lancet Research finds Insufficient Sleep = unnecessary mental health & behaviour issues:

The researchers identified more than 4,000 ABCD participants, ages 9 or 10, who generally got nine or more hours of sleep per day, according to their parents. This group was compared to a similar number of age-matched children who typically got less than the recommended nine hours of sleep. The research team carefully matched the two groups based on some key factors that can confound study results. These factors included sex, household income, body mass index, and puberty status. Participants were assessed and followed over a two-year period. Results appeared in *Lancet Child & Adolescent Health* on July 29, 2022.

The researchers found that children in the insufficient sleep group at the start of the study had more mental health and behavioral challenges than those who got sufficient sleep. These included impulsivity, stress, depression, anxiety, aggressive behavior, and thinking problems. The children with insufficient sleep also had impaired cognitive functions such as decision making, conflict solving, working memory, and learning. Differences between the groups persisted at the two-year follow-up.

SOURCE:

<https://www.nih.gov/news-events/nih-research-matters/children-s-sleep-linked-brain-development#:~:text=The%20researchers%20found%20that%20children,aggressive%20behavior%2C%20and%20thinking%20problems.>

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SECTION 5

APPLICANTS APPLIED OPENING HOURS (10am-Midnight) VS EXISTING CONDITIONS (7am-22pm)

The comments from Planning regarding this application in the Public Agenda Pack (pages 145-170) relating to hours - reveal that much is unanswered, certain documents have yet to be found, non-binding opinions confuse Residents.

We are baffled as to how decisions can be taken on November 8th without all the facts.

APPEAL DECISION

Appeal 9: T/APP/H5390/A/98/299625/P5

CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE SPORTS & LEISURE CLUB & MUSEUM

9.3 Except for maintenance purposes the development hereby permitted shall not be used before 0700 hours and after 2200 hours on any day.

APPLICANTS APPLIED OPENING HOURS (10am-Midnight) VS EXISTING CONDITIONS (7am-22pm)



MATCH DAY OPERATIONS OVERVIEW: ROSE & BALL VENUE

CFC has applied for 10am-Midnight Opening Hours but their proposed Rose & Ball Venue Operations Pack (page 205 in Public Agenda Pack) notes “the premises should be closed from 23.00 Monday to Saturday & 22.00 on Sundays” as shown here in red.

2. Venue Operations and Control

Source: CFC Info Submitted on Page 205 of the public Agenda Pack

2.1 Venue Operational Timings

Restriction that the premises only operates on match days and only 3 hours before kick-off and 90 minutes after the conclusion of the game will be a condition on the licence.

The premises should close at 23:00 Monday - Saturday and 22:00 on Sundays.

Please note: Matchday safety will take over the venue from in-house security only 3 hours before kick-off and 90 minutes after the conclusion of the game.

Earlier Closing Hours would encourage usage of Public Tube Transport as opposed to compounding vehicle traffic.

If the venue adheres to more sensible closing hours such as 23.00pm (Mon – Sat) and 22.00pm (Sunday) this:

- Offers fans the option to take public transport home instead of impacting further on compounding traffic & noise issues late at night and supports H&F Climate Change objectives.
- Note: Majority of tubes run just before midnight and 30mins after midnight (Source: TFL)

From: Fulham Broadway Underground Station

To: Aldgate East Underground Station

From: Fulham Broadway Underground Station

To: Aldgate East Underground Station

Monday - Friday

Last service

Saturdays and Public Holidays

Last service

Sunday

Last service

Depart 23:59 to Upminster Underground Station
Arrive 00:30 Aldgate East Underground Station

Depart 23:48 to Upminster Underground Station
Arrive 00:19 Aldgate East Underground Station

Depart 23:18 to Upminster Underground Station
Arrive 23:49 Aldgate East Underground Station

Depart 23:53 to Edgware Road (Circle Line) Underground Station
Arrive 00:08 Edgware Road (Circle Line) Underground Station

Depart 23:43 to Edgware Road (Circle Line) Underground Station
Arrive 23:58 Edgware Road (Circle Line) Underground Station

Depart 23:44 to Edgware Road (Circle Line) Underground Station
Arrive 23:59 Edgware Road (Circle Line) Underground Station

Depart 00:36 to Wimbledon Underground Station
Arrive 00:50 Wimbledon Underground Station

Depart 00:36 to Wimbledon Underground Station
Arrive 00:50 Wimbledon Underground Station

Depart 00:20 to Wimbledon Underground Station
Arrive 00:34 Wimbledon Underground Station

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CONCLUSION

1. The Additional Impact of *660 persons dispersing after 00.00* will negatively impact Key Licensing Objectives: Crime & Disorder, Noise & Nuisance and Protecting Children from Harm.
2. It's clear CFC are not fully aware of the ACUTE traffic and noise problems that Residents are experiencing.
3. Existing planning appeal conditions (Hours) were well thought out to protect residents – particularly Brompton Park Crescent Residents (approx. 300 flats) that will be affected should this venue cater for large crowds dispersing at midnight.
4. There are real concerns regarding the lack of SIA security numbers for over 600 persons – particularly needed as there are lots of sqm concourse areas whereby customers can loiter that back directly onto Brompton Park Crescent Residents.
5. There is no designated outside smoking area on floor plans or agreed numbers at one time? Having large numbers of persons smoking, talking being loud which comes with alcohol consumption impacts on noise. A designated timeframe should also be put in place i.e. closed from 22.00pm.
6. There is no mention of 30mins drinking up time – this absolutely needs to be put in place to assist with staggered dispersal. CFC to date has not addressed these in conditions (nor points 4 &5).
7. There is no reason that this venue should operate after 23.00pm (taking into account latest 8pm match kick offs).