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**Subject:** New Premises Licence Application for Mad Husky Events Ltd - Trent Park - 4th August 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing on behalf of the Chalk Lane Area Residents Association (CLARA) committee regarding the above licence application and to object to the licence being issued.

I understand from an email sent by Ellie Green dated 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017, for a representation to be relevant, it must be one that is about the likely effect of the application on the promotion of the four licensing objectives, namely:

- Protection of Children from Harm.
- Public Safety
- Prevention of crime or disorder
- Prevention of nuisance.

However, I would respectfully point out that the Blue notices that have been attached to the gateway of Trent Park did not explain the criteria for objection. In addition, we would also advise you that the Blue New Premises Licence Application Notices for Mad Husky Events attached to the boundary fencing of Trent Park included a link to the council's website for further information. When used a statement that the page was not found was the result. Council Officers were advised of this error at the Stakeholders meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018. We note that a separate small piece of white card detailing the correct website link has now been hung adjacent to the blue notice and that the original Statutory Notice has been amended by simply drawing a line through the original website link. Assuming that the amendments were made on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018, our concern is that for 20 days out of a 28-day consultation period the councils website link was incorrect.

Over the past two years CLARA as a resident's association received a commitment from Senior Officers within the council, from Trading Standards and the event organisers that prior to a licence application they would be consulted. CLARA as a representative on the Stakeholders group were also given an undertaking that they would be consulted prior to this licence application and that meetings would be planned in the months leading up to this event. To date neither CLARA or residents of Cockfosters have either had meetings with the council or the event organisers to discuss the overall plan behind this application. At the time of writing CLARA has not received from either the event organiser or the council any detailed event management information. The only information that we have received is that contained on the Blue New Premises application notices, the incomplete basic information on the Licence Register, a copy of the letter sent to residents on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March and a copy

of the licence application. A Stakeholders meeting has been arranged for the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 and we are advised that the event organisers will attend in order to provide the required detail. However, the date of this meeting falls after the closing date for our comments to Licensing and therefore we have to base our submission on the information we have at this time. We reserve the right to amend, withdraw or add to our comments after we have received the event detail at the Stakeholders meeting of the 21<sup>st</sup> May or before if the council or the event organisers honour their commitment to us.

With regards to the above, our objections are as follows:

**(1) Failure of Licence conditions for previous event:**

Last year's Licence for a two-day event taking place on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017 was granted along with a number of conditions. CLARA is of the view that 3 elements of those conditions were not met:

***Condition 16***

***The organisers of the event must meet with local residents before the event, not later than Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.***

Following last year's Licensing Sub Committee both the owner of Mad Husky Events Lizamarie O'Sullivan and the Barrister representing them approached the representatives from CLARA and asked if we could agree a date to meet with them both in order to discuss both the event plan and the required meeting with residents. We agreed on a meeting at the Civic Centre at 4pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Both representatives from CLARA attended the meeting as planned but on arrival were advised by council officers that they were not aware of the meeting. Neither a representative of Mad Husky or their barrister arrived for the meeting. A Stakeholders meeting was scheduled for the same afternoon and a representative from Mad Husky events attended. He advised us that he was not aware of the meeting that had been arranged with Lizamarie and the Barrister. No apologies were given but we were advised that alternative arrangements would be made. No arrangements were made and meetings with the residents required under the licence condition did not take place. When we challenged this condition prior to the event we were advised by trading standards that they considered the Stakeholders meeting to have satisfied this requirement even though this meeting is not open to residents other than those representing stakeholders. In addition, trading standards advised us that they "will recommend to the organisers that in future periodic meetings are planned in the months leading up to the event". CLARA has not had any meetings with the event organisers since 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at the Stakeholders Group. As mentioned above, we have not had any meetings, or have we been given any information regarding this years planned event other than that previously stated.

***Condition 22***

***Revised versions of the following documents shall be supplied to the Licensing***

***Authority and uploaded to the “drop box’ by 16.00 hours on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July: The Noise Management Plan, to include the details given orally at the licensing hearing on 3 July: The Site Plan, and emergency vehicle access routes; The Traffic Management Plan, to include appropriate segregation between pedestrians and vehicles in Snakes Lane.***

(a) **Noise Management Plan:** The noise management plan was not updated with the details given orally at the licensing hearing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July either by the required date of 21<sup>st</sup> July or the date of the first event and therefore the organisers did not meet this Licence condition. We advised council officers who accepted that the document had not been updated and therefore had to confirm alternative arrangements. This is the second year that this event organiser has failed to meet the requirement of having a fully documented Noise Management Plan. In addition, at the event review meeting held with council officers on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017 we asked for data of the sound monitoring results. We were promised a copy but have yet to receive them.

(b) **Traffic Management Plan:** The traffic Management plan was not updated with the details of the segregation between pedestrians and vehicles in Snakes Lane as required under the Licence condition. When this was challenged we received confirmation indirectly from Trading Standards that the organisers completed a risk assessment of Snakes Lane but offered no comment as to why the document had not been updated. However, when we asked for a copy of the risk assessment to add to our Traffic Management Plan it was not available. In addition, at the event review meeting held with council officers on the 21<sup>st</sup> August we were advised that the management of Snakes Lane did not go as expected and that future plans would need substantial improvements.

It is clear by the above failures of last year’s Licence conditions that the confidence documented by the Licencing subcommittee regarding this applicant’s credentials were not all supported. CLARA is of the opinion that this Licence application should be refused on the grounds that this organiser has failed to meet all the conditions of last year’s licence even though they were given ample opportunity to do so.

- (2) **Snakes Lane Failures:** As mentioned in section1 there should have been a formal plan for the use of Snakes Lane for both vehicle and pedestrians safe access to both the event and to the residents living within Trent Park. As advised by council Officers, last year’s event demonstrated that what actually happened proved that the proposed plan given by the event organisers at the Licensing Subcommittee and the alternatives arranged on the day were both found to be unworkable. In addition, the promised training for the Marshalls on duty in Snakes Lane proved inadequate with numerous example of residents living within Trent Park not being allowed access to their homes. On the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017, CLARA were promised that a revised plan would be needed for the safe use of Snakes Lane should this event take place in 2018. As yet we have not seen or been involved with any plans for Snakes Lane for this Licence Application and therefore must conclude that there isn’t one. CLARA therefore believes on the grounds of Safety this application should be rejected.

- (3) **Road Closures and failures for Residents:** Due to an increase in Audience numbers the decision was taken to close the main Cockfosters Road for a 2 -3-hour period at the event closing time. We were promised that the road closure would be adequately signposted, that the relevant Marshalls would be trained, that local residents needs would be considered, and that suitable policing would be provided. It was accepted by the council that the signs used to notify drivers of the road closures were not as expected being considerably smaller and positioned at locations where they could be missed. We asked for them to be updated before the event and this request was rejected. On the evening of the events we were notified of certain local residents who were refused permission by the Marshalls to gain access to their own homes. In one case a resident with a very young baby was made to wait over two hours before being allowed to his home to feed his baby. CLARA have been advised that the uniformed police available during the evenings of both of last year's event days were located at the Cockfosters Underground Station. We have also been advised that Marshalls trying to protect the road closures were left un assisted with the result that a number of them were intimidated by the crowds and in one case threatened with a baseball bat. At our review held on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017 with council officers we received an apology for the residents that were not allowed to their homes and advised that a revised plan for future road closures would be made available before this year's event. To date, CLARA have not been involved or seen any revised road closure plan. CLARA is of the opinion that a condition of this licence application should be that a revised road closure plan including adequate Policing for all road closure areas, signage, Marshall training and Notice to local residents should be agreed with CLARA and other Stakeholders and made available at least 6 weeks before this event.
- (4) **Policing:** CLARA is unable to find any mention within the Licence application of the numbers of Police Officers who will be in attendance on the day of the event. As mentioned before, we have not seen any other information regarding this events management plan. With this in mind and considering the comments in 3 above, we believe that there should be a general increase in Police numbers in order to accommodate the shortfalls at the vulnerable road closure points last year and also at areas beyond Cockfosters Station. CLARA would ask that this is a condition of the Licence application as we consider it to be an essential Health and Public Safety issue.
- (5) **Damage to the Park:** During the dismantling of last year's event substantial damage was caused to both the Showground and the surrounding areas. It is accepted that it was a wet day, but it was clear that the majority of the damage caused was the result of very poor management of those involved with organising the dismantling and not providing the required equipment to limit the grass damage. In addition, the park was left in a dangerous condition with spikes and brackets left laying all around the showground area. A fork lift tractor was left on the showground from the 7<sup>th</sup> August until 22<sup>nd</sup> August where, following a meeting with council officers, it was removed. Numerous residents witnessed children playing on this equipment during the period it was left on the showground. CLARA believe that the condition the showground was left in after the two-day event was a safety risk to both adults and

children.

Such was the damage to the showground that some 9 months later there still remains substantial repairs to be completed and we are advised that it is only this week that the full repairs will start.

CLARA is of the opinion that as result of this event organisers inability to manage the teams working for them the result has been that Park users were left at risk, have lost the full use of the main showground area for 9 months so far, that the surface of the showground has proven itself unsuitable for future events of this type, especially in wet weather, and therefore future events of this scale should not take place on the showground.

- (6) **Last Year's Licence Conditions:** Last year's Licence was granted with 23 separate conditions attached. We have already commented in 1 above where we believe those Licence conditions were not met. If the Licensing Subcommittee decide that a Licence should be granted, then we would ask that as a minimum all 23 conditions are included within this Licence and that all of them are honoured. In addition, we would ask that other conditions are added to accommodate the concerns documented within all of the above sections.

As mentioned above the only information we have received regarding the above Licence application has been gained from the Blue New Licence Application Notice, the limited information on the Licence Register, from a copy of the Licence application and the overview letter sent to some residents. We have not had any of the promised meetings with either the event organisers or council officers to gain any more information regarding the event plan or have we been given the opportunity to give comment on them. With this in mind, we reserve the right to add to, amend or withdraw any of the above comments should we actually have a meeting or are provided with additional information from the event organisers. We understand that we may add additional comments up to midnight on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018.

Yours faithfully

Alan White (CLARA)

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