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Dear Committee Members

I write in support of the licence application made to you by the Festival Director, Adrian Webb concerning the **Fancy Fair Markets, Bramley Sports Ground, Chase Side, N14 4AB (Report No 225)**.

Mr Webb is one of my constituents in Winchmore Hill ward and I have always found him to be a person of integrity who has a genuine desire to run events for the community, which in turn supports local businesses.

This year marks six years of The Fancy Fair in Winchmore Hill and I am told on a regular basis how much the people of my ward enjoy the event. I have yet to receive a single complaint, which I believe mirrors the situation with regards to complaints made to the council as a whole. Last year I'm told close to 15,000 people visited the fair on a drift in, drift out basis and it is always very civilised with many children in attendance.

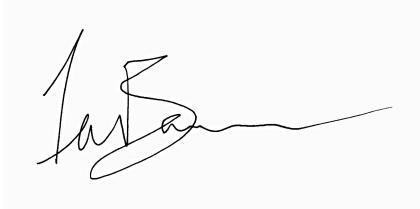
I have heard that there are worries concerning crime and public safety at the proposed event in Cockfosters but as this too would be a drift in, drift out event it is highly unlikely there will be sudden rush of people, but more a gentle flow as there is in Winchmore Hill. And as it is a fun day designed for families it is doubtful that criminals would be attracted to such an event.

One of the huge benefits of gatherings like this is that local attendees can walk instead of having to drive miles to an event out in the middle of nowhere. At the Winchmore Hill Fancy Fair there has never been any indication at all of any traffic issues and as previously stated, I have not received one complaint and that includes any issue concerning cars parking across drives or causing a nuisance.

I know that residents hold some trepidation when events like this take place for the first time in an area but it would be sad to deprive the local community of something that brings them together for a joyous occasion. Plus the fact that many of our parks and grounds hold festivals like this throughout the year is testament to how successful such events can be. If the residents of Cockfosters and surrounding environs have as much fun at the event as the residents of Winchmore Hill then it will indeed be a lovely day out (providing our Great British weather behaves!)

I understand Mr Webb has had several meetings with Council officers to reduce any concerns surrounding the event, and I also believe this could potentially provide revenue for the council. At a time when the budget has been decimated by this Government this fee could be

put to good use serving the people of Cockfosters as well as the wider Borough of Enfield.



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