

IP1 Representation

Dear Sirs,

SUBJECT: LICENSING OBJECTION MAD HUSKY EVENTS LIMITED - 51ST STATE FESTIVAL - AUGUST 3RD, 2019 TRENT COUNTRY PARK

As elderly residents - ages xx and xx - we writing to register our objections to the 51st State Festival event being held at Trent Park. The Park is not suitable for an event of this scale. Events of this nature should be limited to a far smaller scale and we also argue that the premises license for this event must not be granted for subsequent years, without annual review by the LSC.

We have lived here for some years and have noticed the adverse effects that overlarge events have had on the Park, the roads around the area and on the residents. We do not think it possible that an event where it is said that 17,500 are expected to attend - which past experience shows will probably be exceeded - is acceptable.

We have noticed that on previous occasions, particularly in 2018, marshalling at this event was inefficient and ineffective, leading to ongoing disturbances in the Park and surrounding area throughout the event and afterwards. We also understand that police attendance for the proposed event will be limited.

Trent Park is a valuable local amenity and the area where the event is proposed occupies the most important area of the Park for young families. The apparently extended period for set up of this event, which will be almost immediately followed by another similar event, will deprive people of their use of this lovely recreation facility.

Also in the light of the aftermath of this event in 2018 we cannot be confident that damage to the site will be kept to a minimum level and/or made good by or at the expense of the event organiser. Similarly, we believe that on the site and in the streets around there will be an unacceptable amount of litter, some of which will probably be drug related, again as past experience has shown.

The scale and nature of this event is that a crowd said to be 17,500 will attend to enjoy music. However with alcohol being available on site for more than 11 hours, we do not think that this is compatible with the usual recreational and family-focused use of the Park and the local neighbourhood. In any case our past experience is that the event will run over the time limit.

Furthermore, the public access and egress to and from the Park is problematic. Public transport from Cockfosters Station, at the end of the Piccadilly Line, is not intended to support this volume of traffic. There is danger to the staff at the station and the public because of the overcrowding and boisterous behaviour. There may also be disruption to the train service, which is not an infrequent problem.

The large numbers of event-goers who need to access the station or make their way to designated taxi pick up points will effectively flood both sides of Cockfosters Road and also overwhelm nearby residential areas.

In our opinion, the onus should be on the organisers to ensure the smooth and safe running of any event in Trent Park. It should have no more than 10,000 attendees, the numbers should be strictly monitored by the organisers. The organisers should ensure that their event is properly marshalled at their expense. Clearing up and making good should be done at the organisers' expense.

Any event granted a full premises licence for regulated entertainment and for the sale of alcohol and allowed to go ahead in Trent Park should not be granted automatic renewal without its organisation and behaviour being scrutinised and approved by the LSC.

To summarise, we understand there are four very specific grounds for objections under the relevant Licensing Act. We believe that, because of the nature and proposed size of this event and the risks involved, our concerns are relevant to all of these objectives. Our experience to date of very large events in Trent Park convinces us that this is certainly true - the crowds have been intimidating with examples of antisocial behaviour, public indecency including urination and loud drunken behaviour in the Park itself, Cockfosters Station and in the surrounding residential areas.

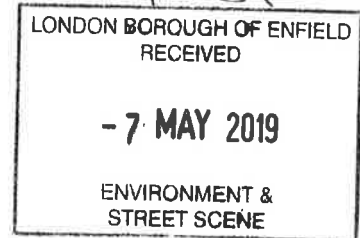
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Post



Dear Sir/Madam.

Re: Summer Events in
Trinity Park.

Every summer we have to endure these events in Trinity Park which are totally unacceptable to the area and residents of Cockfosters. The mess, total disruption and chaos caused year in year out are not in keeping with this area which I have lived in since I was born in 1943.

I and many, many other residents totally object to these events and request that the licences be refused. Please do something before the whole events strategy gets out of hand and escalates out of control.



IP3 Representation

As co-chair of Cockfosters Local Area Residents Association (CLARA), I write to register the Association's objections to the proposed event. The Event is proposed for the fifth time and has progressively been increased, in the face of consistent opposition from Park users and nearby residents, in numbers of attendees of 10,000 to the unparalleled number of 17,500 now proposed.

CLARA has been a prime mover in the Stakeholders Group for Trent Country Park (TCP) over the duration of the Event. We have invested much time to work constructively so as to mitigate the significant adverse impact on the adjacent neighbourhood and residents. The Event has not only increased in scale but has now evolved so that, during the operation and its substantial build and dismantling, all traffic now has to go exclusively through the Cockfosters Road entrance to TCP as the use of Snakes Lane is no longer permitted.

TCP is a valuable local amenity and recreational facility for the residents of Cockfosters, both from Enfield and Barnet, including runners, dog walkers and young families. This Event deprives them of the most popular area for both younger and elder users. The construction of the event's facilities introduces potentially dangerous movement of materiel through the Cockfosters entrance, not to say disruption of the A111.

In CLARA-organised public meetings, there has been unanimous opposition, not only to the disruption to Cockfosters and Oakwood caused by the Event, but also to the attendant crowds and anti-social behaviour of significant numbers of attendees. We are aware of the significant numbers of security and traffic marshals which are deployed but, speaking frankly, they can have only limited influence on the behaviour of attendees. There is also a limited, but well-defined police presence but (in view of their limited numbers) they are observed to adopt a "light touch" when dealing with attendees. In our view, the Event is ill prepared to respond to any significant operational challenges. Despite the review of plans by the Safety Advisory Group (SAG), including desktop exercises, we are not reassured that this scale of event (where crowds have been consuming copious alcohol for up to 12 hours) can proceed within an acceptable risk.

We appreciate the limited grounds for objection under the relevant licensing act.

On crime and disorder, as has been stated, low-level infringements are generally ignored but regular drug taking or peddling has been observed. One resident particularly has told us that an attendee, under the influence of alcohol and perhaps drugs, drove into his car when moving his own car. We are aware that the Coop store and the M&S store have both been the subject of shoplifting and assaults on staff. Given the many challenges facing police, we cannot see how public security can be ensured.

On prevention of public nuisance, some areas have been the subject of public urination from inebriated men and women. The presence of marshals, and possible deployment of portaloos, will not discourage this.

On public safety, the sizeable and sometimes boisterous crowds present and intimidating image for our residents, particularly during the evening egress. The whole event is inimical to the normally peaceful suburban neighbourhood. For the last two years, it has been decided to implement a closure of the A111 Cockfosters Road to protect the safety of departing crowds making their way on the rather restricted route to Cockfosters Tube Station and to pre planned taxi pickup points. Unfortunately, and despite extensive pre-planning and notification, this led to confrontation between drivers and marshals and directly contributing to a serious hit and run casualty south of Cockfosters Station. A number of other reckless behaviours were personally observed, north of Cockfosters Station, by frustrated drivers or by drivers seeking to exploit the road closure.

In summary, although steps are being undertaken to promote licensing objectives, we believe that the significant risk associated with the Event cannot be adequately mitigated especially with the numbers attendees which are proposed. The commercial exploitation of TCP should not be directed at events of this type and Enfield Council should be looking for smaller less problematic alternatives.

Signed,

Colin Bull, Co-Chair CLARA

IP4 Representation

Friends of Trent Country Park

Submission of objections to Enfield Council Licensing sub-Committee; reference application by Mad Husky (51st State) event in Trent Country Park (TCP) – August 3rd 2019 – and thereafter.

Statement of Objections.

1. Safety factors:

- The proposed commercial event calls for a license to admit 17,500 into the park for a whole day's music and entertainment with alcohol. This number is very large in itself and represents a further and insupportable progression on earlier years.
- Furthermore, it is inconsistent with facilities in the park and neighbourhood such as to raise serious safety concerns for all. The park has no facilities to support major events (10,000+ attendees) Suitable access, emergency egress, refuges and shelter, road lighting, marked emergency exit trails are not available; pedestrian access, parking, paved footpaths and toilets are sized for regular visitor numbers only.
- LBE has progressed from permitting 10,000 attendee commercial events 4 years ago through 12,500, 15,000 and now 17,500 and is clearly proceeding with ever larger numbers which, given the lack of supporting facilities and the crowd carrying capacity of the neighbourhood, the Friends consider wholly unsustainable. The Friends deplore that LBE will not assign maximum visitor numbers to TCP based on objective risk assessments, but proceeds on an ad hoc basis. Residents, visitors and park users all deserve the highest safety standards and, because infrastructure is lacking, lives could well be put at risk.
- Trent Park was laid out as a gentleman's estate with one 3m narrow gate issuing onto a paved entry road. This is the only paved entrance to the park for events, personnel and equipment. A separate 4m gate in the perimeter wire fence is opened to permit foot entry on events days; it is unpaved so visitors walk 800m over unprepared ground to the event which in wet conditions will be arduous and a risk in the event of any disturbance.
- The presence of 17,500 attendees places overwhelming weight on the two entrances. Orderly evacuation via these gates to Cockfosters Rd would take

not less than 90 minutes, with high potential for injury or worse in the event of any disturbance. Egress is only onto the Cockfosters Road, and although this will be closed to traffic in the evening of the event, any rush to the park gate before then would result in chaos. There is no emergency Plan B because there is no practical alternative egress. Assurances from LBE of higher rates of evacuation are without objective substance.

- LBE has represented the wider park grounds as an escape route from the exhibition table, but the Friends find this totally insupportable given the wooded nature of much of the park combined with the likely condition of those fleeing an incident or disruption.
- The whole event plan depends solely on TfL operating the published service from Cockfosters Underground Station. In the event of closure at the station owing to service interruption or concern by staff at pressure on the station, crowds would pile up in the approaches and many visitors would of necessity have to remain in the park, probably in the dark as the event enclosure will stand 0.5 KM from the public road. In reduced daylight or darkness orderly egress is not conceivable since there is no lighting in the park – escape through the woods in the dark is not a tenable proposition.
- Access to the TCP site is primarily by public transport, via the Piccadilly line at Cockfosters. Dispersing crowds via trains that carry 600 persons each has proven manageable with gatherings up to 10,000, but was problematic at 15,000 in 2018 and is regarded as likely to stumble with 17500. Loading each scheduled departure to full capacity is not guaranteed by TfL because of the station layout which was never designed for such mass movements; assertions to the contrary by SAG are without merit. Passenger access to the station is intended by the 2 west stairways which are narrow, steep, with two turns into the underpass which is notoriously slippery when wet; the potential for accidents and worse is obvious when crowds press.
- LBE asserts that TfL has assumed responsibility for the service when it is clear TfL will do no more than operate a regular advertised train service: in the event of any incident on or close to the narrow west entrances to the station, or interruption to the service, TfL will follow its required procedure and close the station on safety grounds. There being no Plan B to disperse visitors, Cockfosters faces a huge gathering of disaffected persons with no obvious means of returning to London. Loose assertions that replacement bus services would be on hand are without merit and would not be commensurate with the press of passenger numbers. The Friends do not regard this as

sustainable whatever non-binding assurances may be given by the Safety Advisory Group.

- Clearly there has to be a match between the number of travellers converging on Cockfosters station that equates to its maximum carrying capacity. We observe that LBE is not willing to name that limit because it restrains its freedom of action to license ever larger events in TCP. Considering there is no other means of public transport available in the vicinity on the night we assert that 17,500 persons is beyond the safe capacity of Cockfosters public transport facilities and no evidence has been offered to allay this concern.
- **Policing: In view of the potential for disorder and injury we now turn to plans for policing the event. We are not persuaded that police in adequate numbers are available for this event. Management of crowds is to be placed exclusively in the hands of casual marshals. The Friends submit this is carrying cost paring to extremes, and is an open invitation to disorder amongst the crowds typical of these events. Should there be a disturbance there is no way that marshals could contain the situation.**
- We also learn that there is reluctance to commit to a significant and appropriate police presence because the number of warranted officers required is just not available owing to staff vacancies and other duties. If true, we hold this event must be resized to bring numbers back within the limits of the policing available. For reference, in 2018 the 51st State event of 15,000 attendees was policed by close on 30 warranted officers; this was by no means excessive coverage and compared unfavourably with police provision at other mass events we have examined. The Friends would not accept the inference that because fatalities have not occurred at events held in earlier years at TCP, policing can be relaxed.
- The Friends observe that events of this nature and size are housed for good reasons in arenas constructed on permanent sites with full infrastructure to support orderly ingress and egress, with all the emergency capabilities and facilities, trained manpower, surveillance and enclosures required to maintain control over crowds. Pressing unprepared sites such as TCP into use as cheap alternatives is bad policy nor is it even required; there is no shortage of arenas and stadia in London.
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degree of protection to the public in this regard. This committee is constituted and chaired by LBE, which itself declines any responsibility for events. SAG is advisory only, not executive, and by its written remit is excluded from responsibility for any outcome arising from its advice. The Friends have no reason to believe the SAG has commissioned any independent study as to the carrying capacity of the park and neighbourhood, and is proceeding on an ad hoc best endeavours basis. That a gathering of 17,500 has passed scrutiny without a stipulation as to appropriate policing cover in the current high level of emergency threat awareness vitiates its whole stance and credibility; it is simply not performing in the public interest.

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Trent Country Park Conservation Committee

IP6 Representation

Dear Sir/Madam

As a resident and council tax payer in the borough for almost 25 years, I write to register my objections to the proposed event. The Event is proposed for the fifth time and has progressively been increased, in the face of consistent opposition from Park users and nearby residents, in numbers of attendees of 10,000 to the unparalleled number of 17,500 now proposed.

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Yours faithfully

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As a local resident and frequent user of Trent Park and the Cockfosters shops and restaurants, I write to register my objections to the proposed event. The Event is proposed for the fifth time and has progressively been increased, in the face of consistent opposition from Park users and nearby residents, in numbers of attendees of 10,000 to the unparalleled number of 17,500 is now proposed.

The negative impact of the quality of life and convenience of local residence must be taken into account when considering the granting of a license for this huge event to take place and for the organizers to sell alcohol. In previous years the impact on the whole area has been very troubling, with roads in gridlock, shops and restaurants experiencing anti social behavior, I saw multiple occurrences of people urinating in the street.

The current application will have an even greater impact as the event has not only increased in scale but has now evolved so that, during the operation and its substantial build and dismantling, all traffic now has to go exclusively through the Cockfosters Road entrance to TCP as the use of Snakes Lane is no longer permitted.

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I am aware that significant numbers of security and traffic marshals will be deployed but, they can have only limited influence on the behavior of attendees. I trust a police presence will also be present, but in the past the "light touch" when dealing with attendees was not effective.

I have considerable concerns about public safety (both event attendees and local residents going about their business), particularly during the period and the two evening closures and the challenge of getting people away on the underground network.

For example – a Piccadilly line train has seating for 228 and standing for a further 450, a total of 678 people. Assuming only 15000 of the attendees wish to use the underground to get home, they will fill 22 trains. Trains are 4 min apart, so many will have to queue for one and one half hours at the station. This a recipe for considerable unrest, particularly after a day's drinking!

Events of this type and size are simply not appropriate for this normally peaceful suburban neighborhood. For example last time there was confrontation between drivers and marshals and directly contributing to a serious hit and run casualty south of Cockfosters Station. A number of other reckless behaviours were reported, north of Cockfosters Station, by frustrated drivers or by drivers seeking to exploit the road closure.

The commercial exploitation of Trent Park should not be directed at events of this type and Enfield Council should be looking for smaller less problematic alternatives.

IP8 Representation

Dear Sir or Madam

As a local resident, I am writing to register my objections to the proposed event. This would be the fifth time it has been held and, despite consistent opposition from Park users and nearby residents, its size has been progressively increased from 10,000 attendees to the now-proposed 17,500. The event has also evolved so that, during the operation, its substantial build and dismantling, all traffic now must go exclusively through the Cockfosters Road entrance to Trent Park as the use of Snakes Lane is no longer permitted.

Trent Park is a valuable local amenity and recreational facility for the residents of Cockfosters, as well as runners, dog walkers and young families from Enfield, Barnet and beyond. Sadly, this event deprives them of the most popular area for both younger and elder users alike. In addition, the construction of the event's facilities introduces potentially dangerous movement of material through the Cockfosters entrance, not to mention disrupting the A111 and, as a knock-on effect, to many local roads.

In local, CLARA-organised, public meetings, there has been unanimous opposition, not only to the disruption to Cockfosters and Oakwood caused by the Event, but also to the attendant crowds and anti-social behaviour of significant numbers of attendees. Despite the array of security and traffic marshals deployed, they have only limited influence on anti-social behaviour, while the police have been observed to adopt a "light touch" when dealing with these issues. Overall, it is felt that the event is ill-prepared to respond to any significant operational challenges. Despite the review of plans by the Safety Advisory Group (SAG), including desktop exercises, residents are not reassured that this scale of event, where crowds have been consuming copious alcohol for up to 12 hours, can proceed within an acceptable risk.

With regard to crime and disorder, 'low-level infringements' are generally ignored, but regular drug taking or peddling has most certainly been observed. One resident reports that an attendee, under the influence of alcohol and perhaps drugs, drove into his car when moving his own car. The Coop and M&S stores have both been the subject of shoplifting and assaults on staff. Given the many challenges facing police, how can public security be ensured?

Public safety is another issue. The large-scale, sometimes boisterous crowds present an intimidating image for residents, particularly during the evening egress when the normally peaceful suburban neighbourhood becomes chaotic, anti-social and threatening. Last year, children living in our block and nearby, and aged between toddlerhood and fifteen, were not only unable to sleep until after 1am but had to listen to vitriolic drunken abuse from squabbling rebel-rousers, witness drug-taking from their windows, and observe other forms of squalid behaviour, including public indecency.

This obviously borders on the subject of public nuisance, with some areas nearby having been subjected to public urination by inebriated men and women. The presence of marshals and possible deployment of portaloos are unlikely to change or discourage this.

For the last two years, it has been decided to implement a closure of the A111 Cockfosters Road to protect the safety of departing crowds making their way on the rather restricted route to Cockfosters Tube Station and to pre-planned taxi pick-up points. Unfortunately, and despite extensive pre-planning and notification, this led to confrontation between drivers and marshals, directly contributing to a serious hit-and-run casualty south of Cockfosters Station. Indeed, Westpole Avenue was consequently blocked off by police for most of the night. A number of other reckless behaviours were also observed north of Cockfosters Station by frustrated drivers.

In summary, although steps are being undertaken to promote licensing objectives, I - along with many of my neighbours - believe that the significant risks associated with the Event cannot be adequately mitigated, especially with this year's proposed number of attendees. We believe strongly that the commercial exploitation of TCP should not be directed at events of this type and ***we implore Enfield Council to seek smaller, less problematic alternatives.***

IP9 Representation

To whom it may concern:

Have you actually been in Cockfosters on a day when an "event" is being held, especially in the evening?

Have you tried to return home after work by Underground, or by car?

Have you been not only inconvenienced, but actually felt threatened by the enormous numbers of people, especially those intoxicated by alcohol and illegal drugs?

(This is bad enough for adults, but what about parents who have children to protect? Are they expected to stay at home all day and cancel all their usual weekend activities?)

Have you seen the damage to the flora caused in Trent Country Park by such an event? (which must be highly traumatic to the wildlife, too!)

Have you heard the noise?

I wish to register my strongest opposition to the increasing size and number of events such as 51st State which are to be held in Trent Country Park in the coming months, on the grounds of:

- lack of adequate risk assessment and planning for emergency situations
- inadequate control in public places of very large numbers of people arriving for and leaving the event
- disruption (at the very least!) to the lawful pursuits of residents and shopkeepers in the surrounding areas
- traffic disruption and the much increased risk of road traffic accidents
- criminal activities such as drug-peddling, and threats of violence against those working in the shops, restaurants and other businesses along Cockfosters Road,

Risk assessment: Cockfosters station was not designed to take the enormous numbers of people involved in such events: the entrances/exits are far too restricted and all have a significant number of steps, and the tiled floors become very slippery when wet -- if one person stumbles on a crowded staircase, or even in a crowded passage, a major incident (crushing, etc) could easily occur.

Effects of alcohol and other drugs: People who have been drinking alcohol or taking drugs are far less able to control how they behave, and far more likely to stumble on stairs, wander off the pedestrian areas into the path of a vehicle (I've seen this happen -- fortunately the driver had reduced speed and was alert), or even become aggressive.

(Please note that I am NOT opposed to community events, such as the Ghanaian festival, which when properly organised have a positive effect on the families and communities involved -- which is what Trent Park is for!)

IP10 Representation

Dear Sir/Madam

I'm contacting you about the above function, to register my opposition to it, for the following reasons: 17,000 people attending this event isn't safe, particularly when it finishes, the tube just couldn't cope with this many people leaving a function at around the same time, if an incident was to happen either in the station or if the Piccadilly Line has a problem it would become bedlam very quickly; closing Cockfosters Road to traffic has repercussions particularly if there were a major incident it would restrict police, ambulance, fire service etc access from north or south to access the park or surrounding areas, because there is bound to be tailbacks, remember the A111 is a main artery to and from the M25 orbital motorway!

This event also takes, I believe, at least a week to set up and another week to dismantle which means access to that part of the park will be out of bounds to the park users for over two weeks, it's basically the only flat area in Trent Park where families can picnic and allow children to safely play ball games and generally run around. The year before last because of rain the heavy moving gear when the event had finished left the area in a poor state of muddiness and rutted, which meant it wasn't much good for the public for the rest of that summer.

Finally the type of people who attend these sort of events tend to be 'partygoers' and 'ravers', which usually means lots of alcohol drunk and illicit drugs taken which always leads to anti-social behaviour and certainly has done in the past, Cockfosters isn't an area that is, or wants to be, used to this type of lifestyle.

Therefore I'm calling on your good selves to consider the above and refuse the organisers permission to misuse our country park which was left to the people of Enfield and surrounding areas to enjoy in peace and tranquility and not as a cash cow for here today and gone tomorrow chancers!

IP11 Representation

I would like to oppose the 51st State, Mad Husky event in Trent Park for the following reasons:

- 1) The event will cause untold mayhem on the local transport system. Cockfosters underground could be closed due to capacity issues and residents' journeys disrupted. Cockfosters road is already blighted with awful traffic and this event will only make it worse.
- 2) Local residents stated that the previous time this event was held there was significant anti-social behaviour in terms of music blaring and attendees urinating on people's homes, drugs being taken and significant alcohol abuse. This is clearly unacceptable and highly likely to happen again.
- 3) The last time this event was held significant parts of the park were decimated. This is unacceptable considering the park is for public use. Residents found grass ruined, trees damaged and significant littering. Drugs were found after the events as well as broken glass and other inappropriate paraphernalia.
- 4) There are not enough police attending the event and the number of stewards suggested does nothing to meet the needs of residents and attendees if anything goes wrong. This will put my residents and the attendees in danger.
- 5) The Park does not have significant entry and exit points that can accommodate 17,000 attendees. The way the park is structured does not allow for that number of people to enter and exit at once.

Best Regards,

Councillor Alessandro Georgiou
Cockfosters Ward
Conservative Party

IP12 Representation

I would like to object to this application on the grounds that:

- a) the event organiser has not co-operated with the Council Licensing Authority in a way that gives any confidence that the event will fully comply with the licensing objectives;
- b) the increase in potential visitors to the event to 17,500 raises serious concerns with regard to public safety and public nuisance given the limited capacity of Cockfosters Tube Station to transport such numbers away from the event at the end of the evening without significant hold-ups;
- c) it is unclear whether there will be an adequate police presence to support the stewards trying to control and direct such a large number of festival goers at the end of the evening, many of whom are likely to be inebriated.

Could I also give notice that I would like to speak at the licensing hearing.

Regards

Edward

Councillor Edward Smith
Cockfosters Ward
Deputy Leader, Conservative Group

IP13 Representation

Dear Enfield Councillors,

It is with concern and anger that you have agreed to extend the alcohol license for the above event. I live within metres of Trent Park which was a choice I made when moving to the area. I have no choice however, about the annual riots, noise, drunken behaviour and inconvenience which has suddenly and inexplicably been the decision of Enfield Council to impose on our law abiding community.

I know now what to expect - multiplied by 8. What is the reasoning I wonder, to allow unrestricted drinking? Why do we have to restrict our weekends to road closures and hyped up visitors who have no vested interest in this residential area?

It is not their fault, it is the responsibility of those who make these decisions to ruin our quiet weekends, bring transport to a halt and make us fear the masses late at night. I am not over-reacting. I am a single woman, who loves music and socialising, but I honestly dread the annual overcrowding and invasion of privacy. I work hard and I do not want to be kept awake at night by this money making venture.

WOULD YOU LIKE IT?

Please think again before there is a disaster.

IP14 Representation

Dear Enfield Council

We are writing to object to the proposed 51st state event for the following reasons:

1. The Event is just too big for this village-size area of Cockfosters and causes massive disruption to local residents, litter and parking hazards – many bring their cars despite advice to the contrary.
2. Many people park in the side streets of Cockfosters and traffic increases despite the restrictions in place.
3. The noise from the event itself is huge and impacts our peaceful enjoyment of our home and the local area.
4. We feel like prisoners in our own home during the evening turnout from the event – there is much anti-social behaviour, littering and noise during the turnout and last year there was a hit and run accident due to lack of control by the event's marshalls of Westpole Avenue.
5. We understand that the event will be even bigger this year and that the set up and event itself will involve much traffic disruption.
6. Sections of Trent Park are out of bounds during the event and the site traffic and disruption during the event is too great.
7. The park is wrecked for weeks after – litter everywhere and the tracks of the heavy vehicles used to set up ruin the field.
8. We cannot get directly to our home at certain points because traffic is diverted away from Cockfosters Road – this is unacceptable. Last year I had to drive via Enfield to get home at night.
9. The tube becomes unusable for residents of the area and their visitors and the general public who are not going to this event.

IP15 Representation

With regard to the above event in Trent Park. If the event for up to 17,000 people was in a field like many festivals there would be no problem.

However, to have that many people in a residential area is unbelievable. The noise, the rubbish, the disruption to normal residents would be enormous. That is without the improper behaviour of people attending this event.

The disruption in our area for this event is not worth any amount of money. 51 State can easily find a field out of town to host this event without any worries to local residents.

IP16 Representation

I am writing to object to the granting of a licence for this event.

As you are aware this is the 5th time this event has been held although this one is significantly different to the previous ones as the proposed number of visitors has increased from 10,000 to 17,500. In the past there has been significant anti social, and sometimes criminal behaviour, caused by the event.

On crime regular drug taking or peddling has been observed. We are aware that the Coop store and the M&S store have both been the subject of shoplifting and assaults on staff. Given the many challenges facing police, we cannot see how public security can be ensured with the greater numbers now proposed.

On public nuisance, some areas have been the subject of public urination.

On public safety, the sizeable and sometimes boisterous crowds present and intimidating image for residents, particularly during the evening egress. The whole event is totally unsuitable in a normally peaceful suburban neighbourhood.

For the last two years, it has been decided to implement a closure of the A111 Cockfosters Road to protect the safety of departing crowds making their way on the rather restricted route to Cockfosters Tube Station and to pre planned taxi pickup points. Unfortunately, and despite extensive pre-planning and notification, this led to confrontation between drivers and marshals and directly contributing to a serious hit and run casualty south of Cockfosters Station. A number of other reckless behaviours were observed, north of Cockfosters Station, by frustrated drivers or by drivers seeking to exploit the road closure.

Cockfosters Station is used by an average of 2998 entering passengers on Saturdays (2017 numbers; the latest available) and 1811 on Sundays. It is hard to see how 17,500 people, or at least a significant proportion of those attendees many in an inebriated state, could use the station safely.

I believe that the significant risk associated with the Event cannot be adequately mitigated, especially with the numbers attendees which are proposed.