

Residents Letter

Your ref:

Date: 28th February 2024

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BY EMAIL

Dear Sirs/Madam,

COMMITTEE HEARING RESOLUTION

Application for a variation of Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003 – Krank Brothers, Finsbury Park, London N4 – 22 February 2024

Licence: LN/000023717

The Licensing Sub Committee carefully considered the application for a variation of the premises licence for Krankbrothers at Finsbury Park, London N4, which seeks to increase the capacity from 8000 to 9999 on all 4 event days.

In considering the application, the Committee took account of the London Borough of Haringey's Statement of Licensing Policy, the Licensing Act 2003, the Licensing Act 2003 section 182 Guidance, the report pack and the applicant's and objectors' written and oral representations.

Having considered the application and heard from all the parties, the Committee decided to grant the application, subject to conditions, to promote the licensing objectives.

The Licence is varied as follows: capacity on all 4 event days increased from 8000 to 9999 persons.

The following conditions are imposed in addition to those already on the existing licence and where there is a conflict between the conditions the following wording shall prevail:

- The Premises Licence Holder will take all reasonable steps to ensure that a leaflet drop is carried out locally in advance of the event advising of a complaints hotline line. It will also advise if there are to be fireworks at the event.
- The complaints hotline is to be installed on site and manned throughout the event and afterwards, closing at midnight.
- The complaints hotline shall have a queueing system or hunt group to ensure that complaints are answered.
- Complainants must also be able to log complaints on the Premises Licence Holder's website.

- Stewards and signage are to be stationed along the route from the local transport hubs to the event site.

Reasons

The objectors raised a number of concerns regarding public nuisance and crime and disorder including noise nuisance, air pollution, light pollution, litter, increased vehicular traffic, vehicles blocking disabled access, being unable to open window all day during events in the summer, public urination, vibrations, being unable to sleep because of noise, increased ASB, crime, disorder, drug taking and dealing, fights and theft.

The Committee had regard to statement from the Technical Director of Vanguardia and were satisfied that an increase in capacity would not create an increase in noise levels.

Residents spoke of the difficulty in reporting complaints and the Committee agreed that this needed to be improved. Appropriate conditions have therefore been added to the licence.

Issues such as traffic, access and street safety will all be dealt with as part of the Event Management Plan that will require Safety Advisory Group (SAG) approval. The Committee were satisfied that the increase in capacity would not cause the event site to be overcrowded as the total usage of the park would increase from 5% of the park space to 7% of the park space.

The Committee were also satisfied based on assurances given by TFL, the premises licence holder, the measures set out in their application and the statement by Simon Howard of Showsec, that adequate measures would be taken to ensure public safety with the larger capacity. The Committee were informed that the number of security staff will be up-rated in light of the proposed increased attendance and the Committee have added a condition to ensure that stewards and signage properly shepherd attendees to and from the event.

Concerns regarding public urination would be addressed by more toilets being provided in proportion to the increased capacity and according to, or above, industry standards. The Committee felt that event goers who had the opportunity to use the toilets inside the event were unlikely to choose to urinate in the park.

Residents' concerns about an increase in crime and disorder were noted but considered unfounded, because the Police did not raise any objection to the variation application and in fact they expressly indicated that they have no concerns and will work with the applicant to ensure that the event runs as smoothly and crime-free as possible. The Committee were therefore satisfied that the Prevention of Crime and Disorder licensing objective would not be undermined if the event capacity was increased to 9999.

A number of other issues were raised by the objectors including the environmental and ecological impact of the events on the park, reduction of access to the park for residents during events, the paths becoming muddy, tangible benefit to the community, profits to be made by licence holder and income for the Council as landlord. These concerns were not licensing matters and were not considered by the Committee.

Informative

There were a significant number of concerns raised and the Committee we encouraged by the licence **holder's commitment** to continue to engage with residents to ensure well run events. This hearing has highlighted the significant role that the SAG plays in ensuring proper engagement with the Community and oversight of the Event Management Plan.

Appeal Rights

This decision is open to appeal to the Magistrates Court within the period of 21 days beginning on the day upon which the appellant is notified of the decision. This decision does not take effect until the end of the appeal period or, in the event that an appeal has been lodged, until the appeal is dispensed with.

Yours sincerely,

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