

Appendix D – Representations from Other Persons.

Walker, Bethan

From: ~~Emily [redacted]~~
Sent: 17 January 2019 23:01
To: EVH Licensing
Cc: Walker, Bethan
Subject: In support of Premises Licence for Singleton Park

Dear Bethan

I am a resident living in close proximity to Singleton Park. Having spoken to various members of the council regarding the context and conditions attached to the proposed licence, I fully support the application and would urge the committee, if indeed the matter goes to committee, to approve it.

By way of further background on myself, I work in PR and marketing and understand the publicity benefits large scale events can have on towns and cities. Through my business I have worked on a number of events similar to those that will operate under this licence; The Who at the Liberty, Escape into the Park and, in a former life, Jean Michel Jarre concerts with 120,000 attendees. In addition I was closely involved in the city's bid for City of Culture and have a good understanding the wider economic and cultural benefits of such events.

As a resident whose back garden directly faces the park – there is nothing but green space and Sketty Lane between us and the park - and whose road turns in to a car park when events are staged – be it concerts in the park or the Air Show - I also understand the local impact they have on quality of life.

As for my reasons for supporting the licence application:

The city needs events, and more of them. They benefit the local economy. There is overwhelming evidence to suggest that they benefit small, local independent businesses more so than large corporates/chains. The income they contribute to the local economy is incremental.

They enhance our profile to the wider world in a positive way, which in turn makes the city more attractive to visitors, businesses and investors looking to invest in projects in and around the city. The increase in crowd capacity to 39,000 from 19,000 will enable the city to attract bigger artists. Bigger artists generate wider publicity reach.

Also, in these chaste financial times there is a limit to the number of major events the city can afford to stage itself. Making Singleton Park more attractive to private promoters is the smart way of staging self-financing major events.

As for those who are suggesting that the increase in capacity twinned with the increase in the number of events to eight could lead to eight events of 39,000 visitors, this is simply not a credible assumption. The outdoor concert market is highly competitive and also financially very sophisticated. Demographic and drive-time audience modelling will bear out that Swansea and environs could not support this number of concerts. I've spoken ~~with a friend~~ a friend and former CEO of festivals group Impresario, and he bears this out. His view is that even with far higher population density, there are virtually no sites in the UK that could support this number of concerts, and Swansea was unlikely to attract more than one, possibly two per year.

As to the problems for local residents caused by large events, yes there is some congestion and rogue parking and road closures immediately adjoining the park, but from my experience this is not excessive. The Big Weekend, which I believe was attended by close to 50,000 people, did not cause huge problems. I was out and about in the park with my nine year old son that weekend and didn't observe a problem with unruly drunken behaviour or excessive littering. We saw some of the latter but the council seemed to deal with it fairly quickly soon after.

Regarding the noise, it's music! It's what we do as a species. We create and play music. And concerts in the park cater for all tastes: rock, pop and classical! By some quirk of topography, and when the wind isn't too strong, we can hear concerts in the main concert arena loud and clear; lyrics and all. We park ourselves on the patio and have a barbeque...with free live music! And the finish time for concerts means it's all over at a reasonable time with no loss of sleep.

Live music in parks is not a new concept. I think people forget that most parks started out life with a bandstand at their heart. And before parks we had common land, set aside for fairs and markets, and guess what, these fairs and markets invariably featured theatre and live music. In many respects putting on concerts in Singleton park is really a cultural restoration project; putting back what we've lost.

In all honesty we get more irritated by the noise from discos at the cricket clubhouse next to the fire station than we do from concerts in the park. Hi Ho Silver Lining on a cheap sound system cranked up to a distortion-inducing 11, until the early hours is pretty irritating! But hey, it's not every weekend and the cricket club is an important part of the community.

Singleton Park is not Sketty residents' park; it's Swansea's park and its use is for the benefit of all. Mumbles residents have to put up with congestion and parking problems caused by visitors throughout the summer and residents around the Liberty Stadium put up with the same across the football season and during concerts there. Plus various other areas of Swansea have to contend with drunken often violent behaviour on a weekly basis, all year round. I don't believe this application places an unfair burden on the residents around the periphery of the park.

Lastly, our parks should not be frozen in time and restricted to the traditional leisure pursuits of walking, running, cycling and picnics. They have to change with the times and the rise in popularity of outdoor live music is a part of this change. Aside for this, they also have an ever changing role to play in the wider context of the city: in drawing in first-time visitors (sampler days if you will); enhancing or tourism offering; and raising the city's profile in the media/via social media.

As I feel the majority of members of the public attending the committee meeting will be from the purple-rinse NIMBY brigade, I would very much appreciate the opportunity to attend and speak to voice my support for the licence application.

Kind regards

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Walker, Bethan

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Please fill in your email address or include your contact number if you need a reply.

Your name:

~~Bethan Walker~~

Your email:

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I wish to complain about the NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003 PREMISES Singleton park, Swansea, SA2 8QJ APPLICANT Swansea Council.

Comments/Questions:

I live in ~~Singleton Park~~, a cul-de-sac less than a quarter of a mile from Singleton Park. I use the park every day to exercise and to walk my dog. I also walk regularly across the park to attend the South Wales Cancer Centre at Singleton Hospital for cancer treatment. In the late spring, summer and early autumn months, I also spend a lot of time at home and in my garden. I

live east of the park so the prevailing westerly winds push the noise from the park in my direction.

As a resident of Swansea who lives very close to the park, I object to this licence application. It will impact too much on the quiet enjoyment of my home/garden, which is less than a quarter of a mile from the park, and my regular enjoyment and use of Singleton Park. It will also have too great an impact on the immediate local area around the park.

I get fed up with the noise from the park and object strongly to booming dance music and fireworks going on until 11pm at night on any day of the week (as the licence covers from 8am-11pm every day of the week). I also object to the park being significantly restricted to local residents when concerts take place and we simply cannot enjoy the benefit of this beautiful resource while hoardings block our use of large parts of it and security guards intimidate us. The consequences for local residents that stem from the tons of litter and rubbish after these (often all-day) park events, both in the park and in the surrounding streets, is intolerable. The stress on parking in the local area is awful too. While the licence may extend to 11pm, we local residents then have the noise and disruption caused by thousands of people moving off the park very late at night, often in a very drunk state.

It is for this reason that I also very much object to the provision within the licence for the sale of alcohol seven days a week from 8am to 11pm. That is just ridiculous. If the licence gets approved then surely the length of time that the sale of alcohol is allowed should be very much shortened to a far more restricted period of time.

I know that Singleton Park is an attractive venue for concerts and festivals, but to have a licence awarded that is so open-ended, ie seven days a week from 8am to 11pm, seems excessive. It will also undermine to an excessive degree local residents' quite enjoyment of their homes and gardens and their beautiful local park.

I hope you will take these views into consideration and restrict the terms of the licence as it is too open-ended and extensive as set out in the current licence application.

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City and County of Swansea
Licensing Division
Environment Department
Civic Centre
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Wednesday, 16th January 2019.

Dear Madam/Sir,

Objection to "Notice of Application for a Premises License Under the Licensing Act 2003" for Singleton Park, Swansea.

As residents of the local area around Singleton Park, we object to the above application for an alcohol license for the park premises. Singleton Park is a green space in a residential area, used by families and dog-walkers: It is not a bar/concert venue.

This park is located in a highly residential area: promoting/enabling the consumption of alcohol in a family park leads to increased noise/litter and to drunkenness, as was evidenced by the 2018 "Party in the Park" event at Singleton.

We understand that this alcohol premise license application would obviate the necessity for a fresh planning application each time that an event is proposed. However, we are greatly concerned that the granting of a "blanket" premise license would lead to an increase in the number of events being held at the park, from the current 3-4 "special" dates a year to a limitless number of instances, with little notification of these or opportunity to object. Will a similar limit be written into the planning agreement, with a legally binding restriction included in the approved planning consent?

We are also concerned that the proposed doubling of capacity from 19,999 to 39,999 would lead to increased noise pollution; increased traffic; road closures; drunken behaviour and increased litter.

Moreover, as we witnessed in 2018, whenever an event is held, areas of the park are cordoned off for weeks beforehand/afterwards, curtailing public access to specific areas for extended periods of time.

We therefore object to this application on the basis of the reasons outlined above – in particular, for the prevention of public nuisance and the prevention of disorder, given the close proximity of Singleton Park to residential areas.

Yours Faithfully

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potentially a 'lane of death' as is seen when, finding that they have exited the Park and found themselves at the wrong place, lost and disorientated people try and negotiate this uniquely treacherous road.

Yours,

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~~30 Brynmill Terrace~~
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Walker, Bethan

From: Licensing
Sent:
To:
Subject:

*Croesewir goheblaeth yn y Gymraeg a byddwn yn ymdrin â goheblaeth Gymraeg a Saesneg i'r un safonau ac amserenni.
We welcome correspondence in Welsh and will deal with Welsh and English correspondence to the same standards and timescales.*

A wnewch chi ystyried yr amgylchedd cyn argraffu't neges hon.
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From: swanseaicm <SwanseaLIVEicm@swansea.gov.uk>
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Subject: Form Submitted

Form Submission

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Please fill in your email address or include your contact number if you need a reply.	
Your name:	<i>[Handwritten Name]</i>
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Comments/Questions:	Re Singleton Park 2019 - Premises Licence Application

I wish to object to the proposed licence application to hold an increased number of large public events at Singleton Park. As a resident of Queens Road I have witnessed first hand the disruption that each of these events causes to the local community including :

This is a residential area which is designed for the use of citizens and not for public entertainment events on this scale. Each of these events has a detrimental effect on the local community - at present these are fairly infrequent but this proposal would dramatically affect this situation.

Increased parking issues (including dangerous parking particularly impacting emergency services for access).

Increased anti social behaviour - these events attract large numbers of people and inevitably there is abuse of alcohol and drug taking. This is a residential area with young children and elderly, vulnerable people living close to the park.

Limited access to the park for local residents - this is the principal function of this green space - to promote the natural environment and encourage people to enjoy the park - dog walkers etc.

These events damage the natural environment - churn up the grassed areas of the park which take weeks and months to recover. Increased events will spoil the grassland permanently.

I would ask that these comments are considered by Swansea City Council. As a local tax payer I strongly object to the proposals.

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2nd Jan 2018

City and County of Swansea

Licensing Dep't

Dear Sirs,

Re: Objection to Application for a Premises License for Singleton Park, Mon to Sun

I am writing to object to the above referenced licensing application for the following reasons:-

1. Licensing for events on any day of the week could result in prolonged establishment of temporary works as they are left in situ between one event and the next. Fencing, stages, seating areas, toilet blocks, generating stations and trackway across grass could all end up in place for weeks if not months. Transforming the park into an arena. There is an arena being built next to the leisure centre. There is no need to wreck Singleton park to create another.
2. The license would allow music and the sale of alcohol until 11.00 pm on any day of the week. This would inevitably impact on the already impossible parking situation in the streets of Brynmill, Uplands and Sketty. Traffic congestion would occur after 11.00pm when residents are trying to sleep.
3. The residents of Brynmill and Uplands already suffer from anti-social behaviour and noise due to the over concentration of HMOs in the area. This license would serve to increase such disturbance. People in large numbers leaving the events after 11.00pm would inevitably create boisterous noise well beyond 11.00pm.
4. Last but not least. Singleton Park is a precious green space within an urban area. This space is enjoyed by the many walkers and dog owners who use the park every day. It is a vital part of what makes Swansea a good place to live. It must be protected. Not abused.

Successive councils seem not to care about this towns heritage. We have seen the demise of the Mumbles Railway, the decay of the Palace Theatre, removal of the Slip Bridge. And now the council wants to start ruining Singleton Park. It truly beggars belief.

Yours Faithfully

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Walker, Bethan

From: Chappell, Hayley on behalf of EVH Licensing
Sent: 15 January 2019 16:49
To: Walker, Bethan
Subject: FW: Application for Premises License in Singleton Park

Objection to "Notice of Application for a Premises License Under the Licensing Act 2003" for Singleton Park, Swansea

As a resident of Sketty, close Singleton Park, I object to the above application for an alcohol license for the park premises. Singleton Park is a green space in a residential area, used by families and dog-walkers; it is not a bar/concert venue. Enabling the sale and consumption of alcohol in a family park would lead to increased noise, litter and to drunkenness, as was evidenced by the 2018 "Party in the Park" event.

There is also a danger that should the application be successful, the number of events held at the park would increase from a couple of "special" dates a year to a limitless number of instances affecting noise pollution and increased traffic (in an area already adversely affected by Swansea University, Gower College and Singleton Hospital parking).

When an event is held, areas of the park are cordoned off for periods both before and after, curtailing public access to those areas for periods of time. There is also the damage caused to the access roads and grassed areas which the Council have to repair within the constraints of the Community Charge. Consideration should also be given to the wildlife living within the park.

I therefore object to this application on the basis of the reasons outlined above – in particular, for the prevention of environmental damage, public nuisance and disorder, given the close proximity of Singleton Park to residential areas and Singleton Hospital.

Yours faithfully

~~ANTHONY~~
~~15/11/07~~ Anthony Sketty, Swansea SA2 8DH

~~BY APPOINTMENT ONLY~~

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18 January 2019

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Premises License application by Swansea Council for Singleton Park Swansea SA2 8QJ

I wish to register my objections to this application.

It is very likely to have a deleterious effect on all of the four objectives that you are trying to uphold. The very nature of the proposed events are likely to increase disorder, cause public nuisance, affect public safety and even subject children to harm.

My home is less than 400yds away from the general area in the park where these events are held and the noise level is always intense despite protestations from your Environment dept that it is acceptable, this noise level always increases as the evening progresses (is this after your noise inspectors have left the area?) An event is often ended with fireworks which are also very noisy, startling and disturbing.

The application is too open ended and will allow virtually any type of event to be held with no time restriction to allay the fears and worries of the local inhabitants. These events always create considerable traffic problems which are further exacerbated by closed roads. Parking is limited in Sketty and on street parking especially mirroring the current trends for parking on pavements creates dangerous situations for pedestrians and pram pushing parents. Alcohol infused noisy pedestrians too are always an inherent part of these events

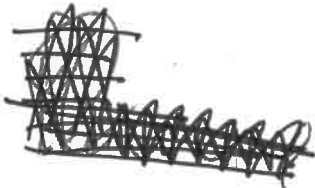
The Council will be able to use our Park as the site for virtually any type of event and they will use it as a "cash cow" to host all manner of entertainment,

not for the genteel type of quiet relaxation and exercise for which the park was created by our forefathers.

The park always takes a long time for the grassy areas to recover from the intense footfall after an event, and remaining litter is never cleared away properly to an acceptable level.

The alcohol licence application is for sales for 15 hours a day starting at 8am!!

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Evans', written in a cursive style.

Peter Evans

~~BY COUNCIL FILE~~
Sketty
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City & County of Swansea Licencing Division
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January 14th 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write in connection with the application for varying the entertainment licence currently held by Special Events for Singleton Park (SA2 8QJ).

As a close resident to the park and also as current ~~President and Chairman~~ of the Swansea Neighbourhood Watch Association I am very well acquainted with problems caused to residents not only in the immediate vicinity but also further afield when large events take place within the park. SNWA still retain the legal documents presented to the court when we successfully appealed and received costs for the decision council made in relation to a previous attempt to vary the licence and increase the number and duration of events within the park.

I am aware that discussions have not indicated that are **currently** any plans to deviate from what has become "the normal" course of events. However once granted, the variation currently being applied for could easily change the current status quo. Local residents and regular park users would then have to endure significantly more disruption to the quiet enjoyment of their homes which is their legal entitlement or to their regular use of the park on a more frequent basis. This is absolutely not acceptable.

The last large event was a two day music event that had a significantly longer build up period and which severely restricted the use of the park for several weeks before the event. The associated road closures during the weekend of the event had further new disruptions. Whilst parking was arranged in Bishop Gore School grounds for residents, the more elderly could not all easily walk the distance to their own homes. St. Paul's Church (of which I am a member) cancelled services because of a) inability of members to get to and use car park and b) possible noise interference with worship.

I would therefore object to any variation and ask you to refuse this application outright for the following reasons.

1. The noise problems caused over a prolonged period by the event itself (music and dance especially) and also during the arrival and departure of some clientele depending on the event (mostly music/dance). The noise intensifies depending on the wind direction, as it moves up the hill north side of the park. Those who are

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Ref: Notice of Application for a Premises Licence
Premises: Singleton Park

I write to register my objections to the changes to the Licence for activities including:

- a) Plays
- b) Films
- c) Indoor sporting events
- d) Boxing or wrestling entertainment
- e) Live music
- f) Recorded music
- g) Anything or similar to (e) or (f)
- h) Supply of alcohol

This objection is based on previous experience that includes:

- a) Unacceptable noise levels
- b) Unsociable behaviour
- c) Disruption to local residents
- d) Litter: paper – bottles – cans left in residential streets
- e) Damage to the fabric of the park
- f) Proximity to places of worship
- g) Proximity to a major hospital
- h) Lack of toilet facilities outside the Park resulting in private lanes being used as toilets
- i) Inadequate Policing before, during and at event closing time

I trust these points shall be taken into consideration before the License amendment is granted.

Yours faithfully





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Tel: ~~01792 208888~~

14th January 2019

City & County of Swansea
Licencing Division
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Dear Sirs

I am writing with regard to the Council's application for a premises licence for Singleton Park.

I am concerned that there doesn't seem to be a limit on the number of activities proposed or the type of activity.

Whenever there is an event in the park there is considerable inconvenience to people living in the vicinity: noise, traffic, parking and litter.

Because of the openness of this application I wish to forward my objections.

Yours faithfully

~~Angus [unclear]~~

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Uplands

Swansea

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Dear Sir,

Application for a premises Licence under the Licencing Act 2003

Singleton Park Swansea SA2 8QJ

I should like to comment on the above application.

I am not automatically against the use of Singleton Park for "events", having attended many of them in my time and having thoroughly enjoyed them, and am aware that well run events can bring many benefits.

I understand that there is no proposal to alter the timings of the present licence, but it is the capacity and footprint which would be increased.

I am not specifically objecting to this but do have certain concerns and would like to respectfully request that these concerns are reflected in any conditions applied to the License. My concerns are as follows :

1. I appreciate the change from "events" to days, for the purposes of clarity, but I would like to respectfully request that a set limit be put on the number of days- possibly 10 days. My reasons for this are a) The Park is a Park and a valued green amenity. With an increased capacity and footprint being sought then this will result in reduced green amenity for people wanting to use the Park for other purposes at the same time as the event b) Also the increased capacity will inevitably result in increased congestion of movements around the exits and entrances to the Park and to roads adjacent to it, which are already congested. Depending on the timing of events these roads, particularly the Mumbles road are used by children going to the beach, cyclists and walkers. This increased congestion may result in reduced safety c) There is bound to be damage to green areas by all the equipment etc and time is needed between events for grass etc to recover.
2. I am aware that disturbances occurring outside a licensed premises are not factors for consideration when granting a License as of course it is not possible to say from where the perpetrators of the disturbance have come but I would respectfully suggest that when an event is likely to be attended by tens of thousands of people it is quite clear that there are likely to be consequences on the surrounding area at points of exit. This is already the case and any increased capacity is likely to create more disturbance, and a greater footprint will result in more exits /entrances being used for the event, thus causing disturbance at more points.

I know that many people attending these events come from outside Swansea and clear the area along planned routes but also many people from Swansea attend and

depending on timing of event this may include many students if the event occurs in term time. Many of these students will be living in Uplands /Brynmill. Over the years a sort of "rat-run" has developed , particularly if the event is in the bottom end of the Park, namely Eateries and off licences Uplands Cresc, along Gwydr and Glanbrydan Ave, through Brynmill Park and down into Singleton. Groups of people congregate along route and are joined from the adjoining streets. After the event it is the reverse, up through Brynmill Park along Glanbrydan, to the streets locally or on to the late night eateries Uplands Crescent.

This can create considerable public nuisance and safety concerns along these roads, and within Brynmill Park, with noise, litter, glass bottles left on walls, urinating/vomiting into forecourts, damage to motor vehicles etc. This may well increase, if capacity increases.

I am aware that there are usually conditions attached to licenses regarding waste management, planning of exits etc and so I would respectfully request that any conditions imposed on this application, relating to management schemes of this nature are extended beyond the immediate vicinity of the Park to the close hinterland of Uplands /Brynmill, so that this area is not unduly damaged by these adverse effects.

3. I would also respectfully request that any conditions applied concerning sound management take account of the effects of sound from the events being heard inside the houses within the locality surrounding The Park. As it is, if there is an event occurring in the Park I usually hear it. With increased capacity and footprint area it may be felt necessary to increase the level of amplification etc. This would cause public nuisance and could have health effects .

An indirect effect of this would be the difference between week night disturbance and weekend disturbance (effect on children having to go to school following day, people going to work) The area around the Park is densely populated and this could affect significant numbers of people. I would respectfully suggest that some consideration be given to a condition that required most events be arranged on Fri/Sat rather than Sunday or other week nights – possibly expressed as a percentage of the total number of days.

Yours faithfully,

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16/01/19

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Swansea
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15 January 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in connection with the application for varying the entertainment licence for Singleton Park, SA2 8QJ.

We are close residents and regular users of the park.

We wish to object to the variation, based on our experience of the disruption to the quiet enjoyment of our home and the park caused by the current level of events held in the park.

Any event of the kind being applied for, particularly where alcohol is involved, results in issues relating to crime and disorder, public nuisance and threats to public safety. In addition the noise is intrusive, particularly for those who are unwell and cannot leave the house. Further disruption is caused by the road closures, which now frequently accompany this type of event. These cause traffic jams and difficulty coming to and from our house, while people parking in the area cause further difficulties. Setting up and taking down the staging for events increases traffic in the park and thereby danger to users, many of whom are families with young children. They also result in extremely muddy paths, causing difficulties for those walking in to work, and damage to the composition of the park which takes time to restore itself. The current number of events held mean that we do not have to experience these problems more than a few times a year and we appreciate that the Council is trying to raise revenue during financially difficult times.

The nature of this application is however very wide ranging. It sets no limits on the number of events that can be held, the range of events is extremely broad and includes things that have not been held in the park before eg boxing and wrestling. If approved, it would place an unacceptable and disproportionate burden on the residents of this area. It would also completely alter the nature of this public park and turn it into an events venue.

We would therefore urge you to reject the current application or to place limits upon it that do not exceed the number and balance of events currently held.

Yours faithfully

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Walker, Bethan

From: Chappell, Hayley on behalf of EVH Licensing
Sent: 16 January 2019 14:18
To: Walker, Bethan
Subject: FW: Representation re Notice of Application for Premises Licence, Singleton Park

Regards
Hayley Chappell

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~~From: Bethan Walker <bethan.walker@swansea.gov.uk>~~
From: Bethan Walker <bethan.walker@swansea.gov.uk>
Sent: 16 January 2019 13:33
To: EVH Licensing <EVH.Licensing@swansea.gov.uk>
Subject: Representation re Notice of Application for Premises Licence, Singleton Park

It has been brought to our attention that Swansea Council has lodged an application for a Premises Licence in respect of Singleton Park. That the Park lends itself magnificently for some smaller-scale events, such as the Last Night of the Proms, is not in doubt. An event, however, on the scale of the Big Weekend (May 2018) led to great traffic and parking disruption in the Sketty area, saw large parts of the Park closed to Swansea residents for close on a fortnight, and left some of the grounds in a state from which it took months to recover. In our view, the granting of a premises licence, with its potential for a blanket extension of disruptive activities, 7 days a week, 8.00 a.m - 11.00 p.m., including the supply of alcohol, is not to be welcomed. It raises the spectre of public nuisance, on a frequent basis, and could pose a threat to public safety. Much more preferable is adherence to what, we take it, is present policy, viz. that the granting of a temporary event notice be required, on an individual basis, to authorise any licensable activity in the Park. Singleton Park is a wonderfully beautiful and peaceful amenity, of which we, the citizens of Swansea, are rightly proud: the recent addition of the wild garden area within the precinct of the Botanical Garden is a delight. This year marks the centenary of the acquisition of Singleton Park by the Swansea Council in 1919. It would be a sad irony if its tranquillity and beauty were to be jeopardised by an indiscriminately permissive development of the activities proposed in the application.

We should be grateful that due consideration be given to this representation by the Council.

Yours faithfully,

~~Professor C. Davies~~
~~Mrs Angela E. Davis~~

~~Prof. C. Davies~~
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