



Sam Ellis [redacted]

Fwd: AEG / Victoria Park Licence

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Beth Smith

9 February 2024 at 09:26

To: Corinne Holland [redacted], Licensing <[redacted]>
Cc: Dave Grindle [redacted], Sam Ellis [redacted], Simon Taylor <[redacted]>

Dear Licensing,

Please see below the latest correspondence with Simon Cooper regarding his representation for the All Points East licence.

Thanks
Beth

Beth Smith
Senior Projects Manager | She/Her



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From: **Lynsey Wollaston** <[redacted]>
Date: Thu, 8 Feb 2024 at 14:16
Subject: RE: AEG / Victoria Park Licence
To: Simon Cooper Office <[redacted]>
Cc: Beth Smith [redacted]

Dear Simon,

Thanks for your response, your additional context is very much appreciated. We want to assure you that your representation will be fed into the planning process for all future events.

With regards to both of your points below, we will pay close attention to these areas and commit to additional monitoring of these areas to ensure we fully understand any issues and provide the necessary mitigations. This will include monitoring the egress and ingress on Cadogan Gate and congestion at peak times at Cadogan Terrace.

To provide further context on our arrangements for local services, especially critical emergency services during the event, please allow me to provide further context. Consultation on any road closures take place with the emergency services and Tower Hamlets highways team well in advance of the show to ensure this provides minimal impact to any local services, this allows all emergency services to approve the plan and make any necessary considerations to their routes if required during this specific time to avoid delays. In our on-site event control room we also have members of the London Fire Brigade, London Ambulance Service and Metropolitan Police, who liaise with us in live-time for any emergency calls so we are able to facilitate movements if required through our road closures to further expedite these services. This is an important relationship and arrangement between us to minimise impact.

We do hope that this helps to provides you with the information needed, if you have any other questions or would like to discuss anything further please let us know.

Many thanks,

Lynsey

Lynsey Wollaston

Vice President & General Manager, European Festivals,

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From: Simon Cooper Office <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 30 January 2024 12:34
To: Lynsey Wollaston <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Beth Smith <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: AEG / Victoria Park Licence

EXTERNAL

Dear Lynsey,

Thank you for your carefully crafted response. Deftly skirting around all the main issues I raised and pushing the responsibility and costs onto publicly funded bodies like TfL and the Met police.

On your proposed northbound traffic deterrent, I don't think any Uber driver with a pickup will pay the slightest attention to such measures as you proposed, and these are proven to have not worked over the past few years.

My main points go unanswered:

- 1) The very restricted access at the Cadogan gate leading to the footbridge across the A102M and then onto Hackney Wick station, this is also a very busy cycling commuter route.
- 2) The traffic congestion on Cadogan terrace at event exit times. I think your anonymous traffic consultant should take another look at the issues I highlighted. I'm thinking of both residents and event visitors. The closest hospital with an emergency room is the Homerton north of the park, so emergency access will be severely restricted if Cadogan terrace is blocked by southbound traffic. Likewise the closest fire station is to the south at Roman Road, and again any fire access will be severely restricted by southbound traffic blocking Cadogan terrace as is normal at event exit times.

My objections still stand.

Regards Simon Cooper

On 24/01/2024 19:08, Lynsey Wollaston wrote:

Dear Mr Cooper,

I am contacting you on behalf of AEG Presents in response to your representation against our proposed Premises Licence for Victoria Park to host a series of events in the park from 2024 onwards.

Thank you for your engagement in the matter concerning our premises licence application. Your input is very valuable to us, and we are committed to addressing any concerns you may have.

We would like to address your specific concerns as follows:

The event is not adequately policed

As part of the planning of the event a Multi-Agency Planning Group is created including Tower Hamlets agencies, London Fire Brigade, London Ambulance Service, Metropolitan Police Service, and Transport for London. The purpose of this group is to approve event plans and provide on-site representatives from the relevant agencies to ensure events are delivered safely. AEG produce detailed plans surrounding audience ingress and egress, security and stewarding plans, traffic management, medical and fire provision, counter terrorism, safeguarding, alcohol

management, sound management and event specific risk assessments. Each year the relevant agencies scrutinise these plans to ensure we are delivering the event safely.

Over the past 3 years, we have continued to adapt our planning in response to community feedback, which has included increasing our security presence across the event by an average of 32%. The Met Police are integrated into our event specific security and stewarding and are satisfied with the current approach and staffing levels we deploy during and after the event. The Met Police conduct their own Risk Assessment and have their own Policing Plan in addition to the event security and stewarding AEG have in place.

We offer on-going engagement with the community through our webinars, community email address, and resident hotline where specific concerns can be raised, this is fed into a constant review of our event management plans through a multi-agency review process each year. Regarding issues specifically at Hackney Wick station, the multi-agency planning group is set up to give feedback to us of any reported issues such as this. The overground station managers haven't raised this issue in the past to us, however, we will pick this up directly with them to ensure we have the appropriate safety measures in place at the station.

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As part of our event management plans, we have a detailed traffic management plan which is reviewed yearly by the Multi Agency Group, and adjustments are made each year to ensure we continually strive to make improvements.

A traffic management consultant is appointed for the event to produce a traffic management plan in line with the audience egress requirements, this traffic management plan is produced alongside Tower Hamlets Highways teams to ensure the plans are delivered safely with as minimal disruption as possible.

Thank you for raising the issues specific to Cadogan Terrace, as part of our on-going engagement with the community and multi-agency group we have contacted our Traffic Management contractor who has reviewed our Traffic Management Plan to integrate any mitigations relating to these specific issues. A proposed suitable solution would be to close Cadogan Terrace from Jodrell Road and close Wick Lane from Monier Road. This would deter all through traffic from using Cadogan Terrace northbound.

I hope the above information provides you with assurance that we can safely manage the events as proposed in our premises licence application.

I would be more than happy to meet in person to discuss this with you shortly, if you would like further information. I hope we're able to find a common agreement and assure you that your representation will be fed into the planning process for all future events.

Look forward to hearing from you,

Lynsey

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