

Burgess Park Stakeholder

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Dear Stakeholder,

**Re: Boiler Room, Burgess Park, 16 and 17 September 2023**

### **Stakeholder consultation findings report**

We are writing in reference to event application: **SWKEVE000596** in accordance with our stakeholder consultation and notification process.

Details of this consultation were circulated, by email, to those listed on the stakeholder register for Burgess Park on the 16 May and letters were posted to approx. 3,000 properties around the park on the 20 May.

The consultation was open from 16/05/23 until 13/06/23.

A total number of **11** responses were received by the Events team during the consultation period.

The responses are shown in Table 1 below. Blue text has been added to give context where needed:

**Table 1.**

| <b>1</b> | <p>I do not agree with holding this event for a second time this year. I am a resident and believe that it is entirely unacceptable for those who live surrounding the park to be subject to 24 hours in total of amplified music over the course of an entire weekend. It is detrimental to wellbeing and entirely without regard to those who have to endure it. The park is simply not big enough to hold this level of event without this kind of disturbance to residents' environments.</p> <p>The base is constant. People with small children can reasonably expect to put them to bed without the constant throng of a dance music bass line to contend with</p> |
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|   | <p>until 10 pm. This is effectively a large scale rave. Please take it somewhere less intrusive.</p>  |
| 2 | <p>I've read through the proposal for the rearranged event in September.</p> <p>Based on my lived experience of the event in May 23 my quality of life was significantly reduced.</p> <p>I am aware that the Royal Borough of Kensington provides support to residents negatively impacted by their festival. Please can you let me know what comparable support will be offered to residents affected and how i can access similar support from Southwark, if the event goes ahead in September.</p>   |
| 3 | <p>I would like to express my huge support for this event. We need more events like this in Burgess Park as it is a huge boost for the local area.</p> <p>I live right next to the park and the local atmosphere is great.</p>  |
| 4 | <p>The number of events have already increased recently.</p> <p>The park's biodiversity is already affected by the noise, litter, and lighting pollution as it is.</p> <p>If that wasn't already a deterrent to prevent even more events happening in the park, we the residents endure the same suffering with the added drunks, pee smell, vomit etc.</p> <p>Why protecting nature and respecting residents (animals and humans) alike are strongly considered over profit.</p> <p>We already pay enough council taxes to have more disturbance, would the surrounding residents get a tax deduction for having to put up with all this?</p> <p>Would the animals and biodiversity in the park get financial compensation for pain and suffering? What are the benefits for us having even more events in our doorstep?</p>   |
| 5 | <p>I received a letter in the post inviting a view on the proposed Boiler Room event in September 2023...I live near Burgess Park (on South side between Wells Way and the Canal Bridge).</p> <p>I'm against the proposed event taking place. There has already been an event last month (which had two nights of loud music that carried to our house and beyond) and it also meant flow within the main area of the park (in relation to access to the nursery and a usual route taken to work) was very disrupted due to the large event barriers.</p> <p>If it was only one event, then I'd be less concerned - but as I say, this would be the second event in a year (with one weeks' disruption due to event build, de-build at end) and the park has also hosted fun fairs, Eid celebrations and film crews at various points in the year. I understand the need to raise revenue, but these events</p> |

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|                 | <p>are becoming more common with no real benefit to those who live closest to the park.</p> <p>I'd much rather the council invested in / encouraged a business to take over the disused cafe by the parks which would provide a regular income across the year and is sorely needed in a park of the size of Burgess (esp near pay parks where lots of parents mill around).</p>   |
| <p><b>6</b></p> | <p>I am submitting comments on event reference SWKEVE000596, further to the consultation process advertised on the council website.</p> <p><b>1.</b> Could you confirm how many free and how many discounted tickets vs tickets sold are going to be provided under the "Community benefit" part of this application?</p> <p>It is not possible to comment objectively on the benefit this event brings to the community if key facts such as this are not made publicly available. Generally speaking, I would welcome a more robust approach to the evaluation of community benefits rather than vague or unenforceable statements of intent to do good by event organizers.</p> <p><b>2.</b> Will a council officer monitor the availability of the resident's hotline?</p> <p>I highlight that during the last Boiler Room event an incorrect number was provided in the residents' letter. This is disappointing and leaves residents feeling they have nobody to contact about issues arising from the event.</p> <p><b>3.</b> Does the sound management consultant employed by the event organizer log data relating to the MNLs they are monitoring further to sections 6.1/6.2 of the "Noise Conditions for Open Air Events in Southwark"?</p> <p>Can you confirm whether this noise monitoring data can be made available upon request?</p> <p>Specifically, it would serve the interests of transparency and objective public debate to have this data made available. As a more general comment, I am concerned that responsibility for monitoring the noise rests entirely with a contractor of the event organizers, which constitutes an obvious conflict of interest. It would be much better if the council conducted spot checks of its own to independently verify that licensing conditions are being adhered to with regards to MNLs.</p> |
| <p><b>7</b></p> | <p>WATF has stated that they deliberately choose Burgess Park for their event, Why &amp; who recommend Burgess Park?</p> <p>WATF stated that their voluntary reduced numbers to 8000 on Saturday 27 May – The police objected to the original planned number 8-12,000 &amp; the numbers were reduced to 8000 people. This is a misleading statement. Information sourced from local police meeting. I'm sure the police will again object to 10k people attending each day.</p> <p>WATF stated only 15 police officers present at May event – The police numbers in reality were 3 senior officers &amp; 25 constables, 28 in total on duty each day. Information sourced from local police meeting. How many police personnel will be required for the proposed 20K number of people they want?</p>   |

The leaflet drop on Tuesday 16 May was a complete failure with around 1 in 3 properties on my estate, Albany road side receiving that information; it was a one time delivery. I assume the same ratio elsewhere around the park. Many residents found the event a nasty shock with no prior notice, lacked the basic information & vital contact details, due to lack of information.

WATF stated that the community hot line 0203 0971 1001, for problems including noise management will only be live on Saturday & Sunday, during event hours - 12-10pm. They stated that the contact number was incorrect and they discovered this fact on Sunday 28 May, wherefore they monitored the emails more closely for complaints. How can this happen after months of planning? WATF gave a feeble apology for a gross mistake.

The number was in fact CORRECT since one of my friends called up on Saturday afternoon and got voicemail box full message and I called up at 9.30 pm and got number not recognised message. Email complaints were simply ignored and answered hours later according to other people at meeting. The noise management team failed completely and the process collapsed totally by Saturday, they were forced to switch off the community hot line and let the residents suffer the whole weekend.

Any statics produced by this noise management team should be ignored, since they are total rubbish. They cannot be proved to be accurate due to the collapse of the community hot line on Saturday.

According to WATF, The noise levels were below the recommend high set by the council, by 20db even. If these figures were produced by the noise management team, then they should be ignored.

The noise levels heard by residents around the park near the lake were higher than top volume set by council otherwise why would they ring and complain. These complaints were not recorded of course. Properties behind the main stage of course got a small dose of music volumes and properties on St Georges road & Albany road received the full blast, travelling down towards Camberwell road where the new housing developments are located, they escaped the worst of it.

Many residents were forced to make plans to leave their homes to escape the mega noise levels if they knew of course, many others had to flee their properties on the day as it become more and more unbearable.

WATF stated in their presentation (20 mins long, very quick) they will be using the West part of Burgess Park near lake as before.

In the consultation letter sent a few days before the May event, it states that East & West parts of Burgess Park will be used and certain parts will be inaccessible. Misleading information in Events letter, dated 22 May 2023.

The events letter of the 22 May, was sent & received 25 May 2023, the consultation period runs from 16 May to 13 June 2023. By sending out letter in this timescale, you have effectively reduced consultation by about 2 weeks. The link for

the September event was wrong – it sent you to the May event and now it has been removed.

The debrief meeting for the May event has not been scheduled yet but we had the stakeholder meeting for September already and a closing date for the consultation of 13 June, also the events team did not attend the stakeholder meeting, leaving WATF to face the questions and take notes.

Why this ridiculous compressed timetable & NO debrief meeting date? To bypass the major failings from the May event, and reduce the opportunity to give the residents a proper chance to object to event.

I estimate that the May weekend grossed a minimum of 600K for the organisers, based on ticket prices on web & services provided within the festival. According to the organisers about 15k attended over the 2 days.

How much have the organisers paid the council to take over the majority of Burgess Park West, for 9 days? That information is not provided in the consultation documents.

The timetable for the September event consultation is illogical and wrong; the debriefing meeting has yet to be scheduled, thus trying to eliminate the major problems from the consultation. The consultation period effectively shortened to 2 weeks limiting the number of comments on the consultation, misleading information on events letter & very messy stakeholder meeting in May where the events team failed to turn up.

Burgess Park West will suffer damage, from festivals like these & be put out of action for the local residents & users; the organisers will make a large fortune while the residents suffer and are forced to disappear for these events to preserve our sanity.

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Thank you for your email dated 16 May 2023. Here are my comments on the event application for 16 and 17 September 2023:

### **Social/environmental impact**

Burgess Park is a public park in a very urban area. It was conceived and designed as a public green space to be open to the public and not as a venue for a private, large scale event for 10,000 attendees.

Large scale events prevent access to and through the park by the local community and the wider public and cause excessive, prolonged noise pollution and stress to residents. In the past, violence in and around the park, such as fights and stabbings, has also increased as a side-effect of events like fairs and concerts.

### **Space**

The plan shows that the proposed area for the event (as for the May 2023 event) encompasses effectively most of the lake-side of the park, crossing the main thoroughfare through the park. The remainder of the lake-side of the park is rendered effectively unusable during set up until the event is broken down. The

spaces not taken by the event include the lake and the new, enclosed football pitches. The assessment of what remains available for public use is misleading in practical terms. As the main thoroughfare is blocked by the event, people cannot effectively use that side of the park until the event has finished and the site cleared away.

The May event took place in a walled space which crossed from the main lawn area over the main route through the park. It created a bottle neck around Chumleigh Gardens which was the only route available to use.

The wall was a highly offensive gesture of exclusion towards the local community as it created a no-go area in a space which is usually 'owned' by the public. As I understand it the structure was required to comply with licencing requirements but I find it difficult to accept that this is the only way for you to host an event and manage numbers. If that is the case, then perhaps you can accept that large scale private events of this nature are not suited to the park.

### **Cost/beneficial analysis**

Clarification is required in terms of what Southwark actually achieves financially through events of this scale and nature. And what are the additional costs such as policing and repairs to the park after the event?

If there was a significant financial gain for Southwark, proportionate to the overall turnover and profit of the event, that could contribute to the upkeep of the park and other projects in the local community, such events could become significantly more acceptable.

### **Noise pollution**

The sound levels of large scale music events of this nature are truly unacceptable to those living in the area and those who wish to use the park for recreation and respite. They render the purpose of the park and homes around and in the vicinity useless for the weekend.

People are significantly negatively affected. It ruins lots of small private events, such as birthday parties and gatherings of families and friends that go on in the park; and also causes significant stress to people who cannot live their normal lives in their own homes at the weekend.

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I would like to take this opportunity to express my comments regarding the proposed Boiler Room event for September 2023 in Burgess Park west, close to the lake.

This is based on experiencing the May events; firstly, the preliminary measure taken were ineffective, such as we never received letters informing us of that event, the TRNA were also ignorant of this event happening. During the event I called up ([Parks Manager](#)) to find out what this cacophony was all about. I also called up the event number I was given, to say that the voice mail full. I tried to look at the information on the website links ([Columbostar.com](#)) but it was unavailable. My neighbours also did not receive an informative letter. This minimises the potential for feedback from local residents and thus should not be taken as an automatic approval of the event. There needs to be a better and more productive way of communicating.

Events such as these put a strain on our already limited police resources and makes residents like myself feel more at 'risk' in general, especially as I tried to call up the local SNT Police on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of May regarding another matter and they were unavailable, which means calling 101 and waiting for ages. When help is not readily available you feel more vulnerable.

Alcohol being provided at these events can encourages drunkenly behaviour which also goes hand – in - hand with Antisocial behaviour, this is is of grave concern as we have had a few very scary and violent attacks on and close to Burgess Park recently.

I am not surprised that the police objected the intended event proposal capacity of 12,000, making them reduce it to 8,000 and making the event finish at 10:00pm instead of 11:00 pm.

Health and safety is of paramount importance as we do not want people hanging around until the early hours of the morning in front of our premises being a nuisance / behaving antisocially and or threateningly, As you simply cannot legislate the behaviour of the people coming and going to these events.

I must also mention how inconvenient and congested Albany Road was and the surrounding areas due parked cars,

I have lived by Burgess Park my whole life and we have loved living close to it, however since 2017 the noise and activity there has significantly increased, such as football commotion all day until the evening, the BBQ areas were full to the brim of people and their many many portable speakers & sounds systems. Big Groups of people always congregate along this western area with their portable systems too, very large illegal parties take place there. There is also a brass band with drums playing there every weekend which is extremely imposing. We have also been informed that a Basketball court will be built opposite too

We are not averse to people enjoying the park and its amenities, even if that means something out of ordinary every so often and its understandable that Parks can hold events every now and then that is suitable for that Park and the surrounding areas.

People living on the outskirts of burgess park, for example the Old Kent Road end or towards the Walworth Road may well not have been as negatively affected. However, for the people living directly in front of the event for example Albany Road such as ourselves, this event was intolerable for myself. family, immediate neighbours and the local residents I spoke to.

Burgess Park is unsuitable for holding large scale festivals like this due to its proximity to local residents and the harm and pain it inflicted upon us. As we experienced this on the May events; by NTS 27<sup>th</sup> of May 23 & then the Boiler Room event on the 28 May 23.

After experiencing first-hand this horrendous ordeal, I am fully able to say that these festivals cause harm & pain to residents directly affected. The event is a 10-hour long ordeal on both days, plus sound testing prior making it even longer. and as such we are the ones that have the right to say whether further suffering should be inflicted upon us.

The event was 12pm – 10pm making it excessive long, the base and music P.A system were unbearable loud, shaking walls. Despite what the sound monitoring data provided as the results can be way too variable, depending on what parameter were used, e.g. what side of the park what time of day.

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|                  | <p>We had to endure 10 hours of extremely loud music, base &amp; a blaring P. A system which was excessive and unbearable, even with my doors and windows closed, as this mayhem was coming directly over us. there was no escape from the wall shuddering noise as it was just as loud from the back of the premises. The only way to escape this was to leave.</p> <p>This resulted in myself and my family feeling imprisoned, suffering debilitating migraines, plus the physical, emotional and mental toil it took on our wellbeing preventing us from, resting, sleeping and functioning normally, we were emotionally &amp; physically exhausted, the knock-on effects from events such as these last for days afterwards.</p> <p>These events deprive us from a joyous &amp; peaceful weekend too.</p> <p>We hope our voices will be heard please do not put as residents through the same ordeal with these upcoming events.</p>  |
| <p><b>10</b></p> | <p>I write to raise serious concerns about the second music festival, proposed for Burgess Park this year, in September 2023.</p> <p>This consultation process is happening before the Council has arranged a meeting to receive feedback from stakeholders about the music festival that took place in May. Please arrange this meeting asap so feedback can be taking into account when determining whether this September event, which is even bigger, should go ahead or not.</p> <p><u>Community / environmental impact</u></p> <p>Burgess Park is a public park, it is a green space in a heavily dense urban area. It is designed and maintained as a space for everyone, a communal, social place, a place of calm and a place to enjoy sports.</p> <p>It is not an appropriate venue for a music festival accessible only to those who can afford prohibitively expensive tickets.</p> <p>Events accessible to everyone, free to access, or for very low ticket prices, are suitable for a public space like Burgess Park, but not ones that are making huge profits for a private company, at the expense of community access and the carefully managed and cared for environmental space of Burgess Park.</p> <p>While the festival may take up 13% of the grass, its impact is in fact park wide - both in relation to the music which in May, could be heard in every corner of the park and beyond, but also in relation to the ability to move through the park given the festival blocks key pathways.</p> <p>Huge walls had to be erected for the May event. Any events which requires such closed, walled space is not suitable for a public park like Burgess Park.</p> <p>The grass has been severely damaged by the festival and the music levels will have no doubt impacted on the wildlife Burgess Park normally enjoys.</p> <p><u>Financial benefits</u></p> |



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|    | <p>Please confirm the fee paid by We are Fair Limited for the May event and for this September event? The only basis upon which the Council seeks to justify the hosting of this music festival is financial gain for the Council.</p> <p>Please confirm exactly how much the Council made from the May event, having taken into account the cost of Council time, including planning, event, department and park staff salaries and police time and salaries. We understand 28 police officers were present each day, is that correct?</p> <p><u>Noise Levels</u></p> <p>The Council level set for May was not appropriate for the residential area in which Burgess Park is located - it should be reduced by half.</p>   |
| 11 | <p>I recently received a letter regarding the Boiler Room event, and I must express my opposition to it. It is crucial that you promptly inform me about the stakeholder consultation process that was undertaken for allowing the same company to organise a similar event in May 2023.</p> <p>Upon reviewing the provided letter, I noticed that there is no mention of any possibility to voice our objections to the event. Instead, it appears to be solely focused on informing us about an upcoming event scheduled for September.</p> <p>Considering that this will be the third or fourth ticketed event taking place at Burgess Park, I kindly request you to provide evidence of where the funds generated from such events have been allocated since 2022. It is important for the community to have transparency regarding the utilisation of funds derived directly from hosting ticketed events at Burgess Park.</p> |

This report also acknowledges the feedback received during the community debrief meeting for the NTS / Boiler Room May event\*, held at 1<sup>st</sup> Place Children’s Centre on the 6 July 2023. The meeting was attended by members of the community, who raised the questions listed in Table 2 below.

\*This event took place in Burgess Park on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 May 2023.

**Table 2.**

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| Can the location and direction of the stage be changed?  |
| Can the wildlife survey report be shared?  |
| Can people be invited to submit feedback about the event before the community debrief takes place – can a survey be sent out as soon as the event has taken place? |
| Noise nuisance reported along Albany Road (Emberton and Danesfield estates in particular)  |

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| Can noise levels be monitored around St. Georges Churchyard – noise behaves differently in this location – can noise be monitored at higher points, not just at ground level? The bass from this event was not as bad as other events   |
| Aylesbury Estate TRA do not want the event to go ahead due to concerns about noise and litter – especially the impact of litter around lake area  |
| Noise affects vulnerable people who cannot leave their properties to escape it  |
| How is sound monitored? What equipment is used? Can the noise monitoring report be shared? Can noise monitoring data be shared live?  |
| <p>There were various comments about issues with other events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pollution from generators used at the EID event</li> <li>• Litter and noise issues caused by the Radiate Festival</li> <li>• Ongoing issues with unlicensed event activity</li> </ul> |

In response to all feedback received:

## **Licensing, consultation and income**

### Licensing:

Two key licences need to be issued to the event organiser in order for the event to take place:

1. A premises licence, which permits the provision of regulated entertainment and alcohol sales within a designated space
2. An events licence, which permits use of the space

The event organisers also have to apply for the following licences to approve other areas of event activity:

- Temporary Structures licence
- Private Operators (Markets) licence
- The premises licence application is submitted to the Licensing Team
- The events licence application is submitted to the Events Team
- The temporary structures licence application is submitted to the Building Control Team
- The private operators (markets) licence application is submitted to the Street Trading Team

The event has already been granted a premises licence (879960). You can view the premises licence and the conditions attached to it [here](#).

The NTS/Boiler Room event in May was compliant with all conditions attached to the premises licence and the Licensing Team have indicated that there will be no review of the licence for this event.

The events licence is issued in line with the [Outdoor Events Policy](#) and the final decision as to whether to award an events licence is made by a senior

officer in the Department of Environment, Neighbourhoods & Growth. The decision is based upon the response to the consultation, the findings detailed in this report and any further response to the report received between the 15 and the 20 August 2023.

The application for this event is to run at a capacity of up to 9,999 people and to close at 10pm each day. The police have not requested to the council that the capacity of the event be reduced from 12,000 to 8,000, nor that a finish time of 10:00 pm be imposed instead of 11:00 pm. It is also worth noting that the police have not objected to the award of premises licence **879960**. Any future application requesting a higher capacity or later closing time would be subject to the event consultation process.

The following premises licence conditions are in relation to site capacity and event closing times:

**343** - *The exact capacity for each event would be agreed with the Local Authority and SAG at least 12 weeks in advance (of the event taking place);*

**840** - *That there will be no amplified music or other entertainment after 22:30hrs on Saturday or Sunday and 22:00hrs on Bank Holiday Monday;*

**841** - *That the maximum duration of events per day will not exceed 10.5 hours (Saturday) and 10 hours (Sunday or Bank Holiday Monday) from doors open;*

#### Consultation:

Details of the consultation were circulated to those listed on the events stakeholder register for Burgess Park by email. The register includes contacts for park user groups, park businesses, the Friends of Burgess Park, ward and neighbouring ward councillors, a number of local residents and representatives from local TRAs. In an effort to reach as many people as possible, letters informing about the consultation were also posted out via Royal Mail to approx. 3,000 properties around the Park.

There is a dedicated stakeholder web page for this event, which can be viewed [here](#).

The stakeholder web page for the previous event, which took place in May, can be viewed [here](#).

A summary of the key consultation and engagement activity undertaken for this event is as follows:

| Activity:                                | Date:                    |
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| Ward Councillor event briefing           | 21/03/2023               |
| Friends of Burgess Park event briefing   | 22/03/2023               |
| Event licence application consultation   | 16/05/2023<br>13/06/2023 |
| Resident information letter 1 circulated | 20/05/2023               |
| Stakeholder engagement meeting 1         | 31/05/2023               |

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| Safety Advisory Group meeting 1          | 22/06/2023 |
| Stakeholder consultation findings report | 15/08/2023 |
| Safety Advisory Group meeting            | 17/08/2023 |
| Stakeholder engagement meeting 2         | 31/08/2023 |
| Resident information letter 2 circulated | 04/09/2023 |

It is acknowledged that there was some confusion over the overlapping consultation and engagement exercises for the NTS/Boiler Room event in May and the application for this September Boiler Room event. The May event was supposed to take place in September 2022, but was rescheduled due to the Queen's death and some overlap in the consultation and engagement processes was unavoidable.

Please note that residents would only have received consultation letters from the council for the September event this year. Prior to this any consultation led by the council was via online channels only. Resident letters from the council (in addition to those the council requires event organisers to send out) were introduced at the start of 2023 to increase the number of residents who are aware of event proposals that may affect them.

Information given in the consultation letter posted out from the 20 May was correct:

*If the event goes ahead, approx. 13% of all available space (East and West) will not be accessible for non-ticket holders for a period of 9 days and there will be more people in the local area on event days, travelling to and from the event. The remaining 87% would be open and accessible as usual.*

The event organisers have applied to use a section on the East side of the park but it is recognised that the 'whole' park includes the West side too. The calculation given is meant to indicate that the event site will take up 13% of available space in the whole of the park. 'Available' space does not include areas such as the lake, or the football pitches, as these are not areas that people can go into to conduct usual park activities.

It is acknowledged that some residents want a clear way to submit feedback about an event straight after the event has taken place and therefore not have to wait for the formal community debrief to be arranged. We are working on a way for this to happen for larger-scale events in the future.

#### Income:

The council are unable to publish the site hire fees for individual events, due to commercial competition interests.

The event organisers are required to pay these standard charges to the Events team:

- An application fee
- A site hire fee
- An Environmental Impact fee (EIF)
- A damage deposit

The application fee is paid at the point of submitting the application and is an administration charge.

The site hire fee goes directly towards the running costs of the council's Events service, which supports the delivery of over 50 community events per year and continues to fund free community events through the Cultural Celebrations grants programme. More detail about the events that have been funded this year can be found [here](#).

The Environmental Impact Fee (EIF) is a set percentage of the site hire fee and is charged to all private and commercial event operators. This fee is in addition to the site hire fee and is ring-fenced specifically for park enhancement projects. The Events team transfer this income to the Parks team for the Parks team to spend on their chosen project(s).

The damage deposit is a set percentage of the site hire fee and is taken in advance of the event taking place. It is used to cover the costs of any necessary ground reinstatement works post-event. If the cost of reinstatement exceeds the amount of deposit held, the organisers are liable to cover the additional cost – this is a condition of their events licence.

You can view the current Events fees and charges on this [page](#).

Details of the park project(s) the EIF is spent on will be published on the council's [web page](#) once confirmed.

Other fees are payable to other council departments, such as Licensing, Building Control and Street Trading.

Any expenditure incurred by the council, which is connected to this event, is recharged to the event organiser.

There will be no paid-for policing at this event. All crowd safety and security aspects are covered by the event organiser's security contractors, Alliance Management Group and CT Security Ltd. The event is planned in order for it not to have any impact on local or wider police resources.

## **Choice of location**

Burgess Park has a proven track record of successfully hosting this scale and type of event and the promoter/production team has specifically chosen the venue because of the following factors:

- It is a beautiful park in South London
- The NTS/Boiler Room event in May was delivered safely and successfully
- The promoter has begun to develop a relationship with charity partners Mentivity and Southwark Pensioners
- There is a strong London-based following for this event
- There are good public transport links in the area that will comfortably service the amount of people expected to attend the event
- There is ample event space for an audience capacity of up to 9,999 people

- No other events similar to this one take place within the park
- There are lots of hardstanding areas within Burgess Park, which reduce the need to use trakmat and/or drive on grasses areas

## Frequency of events and loss of space

### Frequency of events:

Burgess Park is a public amenity outdoor space, which is intended and designed to be used for a mixture of activities, including events. Outdoor events held in Southwark are known to support health and wellbeing as well as celebrating and supporting culture and diversity. The council will always try to facilitate a varied and well-managed outdoor events programme, which benefits local people in terms of opportunities provided and income generated.

The current site-specific conditions for Burgess Park, which detail how many different scale events can take place and how frequently, were produced in 2019 following a review of the council's Outdoor Events Policy. The review included a series of public consultation exercises including a questionnaire and a series of stakeholder workshops. A summary of the consultation report, along with Southwark's Outdoor Events Policy can be viewed on this [page](#). The site-specific conditions for Burgess Park can be viewed on this [page](#) at the 'Burgess Park site information' link.

The current conditions allow for up to 3 x large (between 2,001 - 7,999 people) or major (8,000 people or above) scale events to take place per annum.

### Loss of space:

It is acknowledged that a portion of the park will be closed to the general public for a period of time. Consideration of whether to allow a portion of the park to be closed for a period of time is balanced against how much remaining space within the park is left for people to access:

Please note that approximate calculations have been made using [Southwark Maps](#), the council's interactive map service.

The event site footprint measures **32,500 Sq M**.

The area accessible to the public on the West side of the park is estimated to be approx. **101,000 Sq M**.

The area still accessible to the public on the East side of the park (not including the event site) is estimated to be approx. **157,500 Sq M**.

When combining the collective areas, which are accessible to the public on both the East and the West sides of the park when the event is on site, we estimate that there is still approx. **258,500 Sq M** of the park which can be used for other activities.

These calculations have not included the football pitches as 'available' space.

There are still many areas on the East side of the park available for people to use for usual park activities. There were a large number of people still enjoying space on the East side while the event in May was on site.

The event site sits in a central location on the main lawn on the East side of the park. It is acknowledged that the diagonal footpath has to be closed, but the site is designed so that other park users still have access to the usual footpaths around the site, which get them from East to West and North to South areas on the East side of the park. There are plans to increase the width of the section of thoroughfare by the playground at Chumleigh Gardens, as this area did get busy during the May event. The canal path is also now open again following essential bridge works, so flow around the event site is expected to be much improved.

## **Noise**

The event organisers have to be compliant with the noise-specific conditions attached to premises licence **879960**. For reference, they are:

**349** *An event and site-specific Event Safety Management Plan will be developed and shared with the Licensing Authority and SAG*

**350** *The ESMP will include details on the following subjects: Event Risk Assessments, Event Schedule, Site Plan, Fire Risk Assessment, Security & Crowd Management Plan, Drugs Policy, Liquids Policy, Alcohol Management Plan, Traffic Management Plan, Egress / Dispersal Plan, Waste Management Plan, Medical Management Plan, Adverse Weather Plan, Crisis Communication Plan, **Noise Management Plan**, Sanitation Plan, Child Welfare/Vulnerable Persons Policy. These documents will be 'living documents' which will be reviewed and revised in the planning phases of the events*

**351** *The premises will be run in accordance with the event management plan submitted*

**374** *The Premises Licence Holder (PLH) will be required to employ a noise control consultant who shall produce a Noise Management Plan (NMP)*

**375** *The Noise Management Consultant will carry out a test of the noise sources prior to the event (sound check). The tests shall be conducted at the nearest residential premises*

**376** *The PLH will ensure an officer from Environmental Protection Team (EPT) is invited to the proposed sound tests prior to the event (preferably one day before the event)*

**377** *The PLH shall ensure that all reasonable requests from the Council Officers are complied with*

**378** *The details of two contact telephone numbers, including a mobile telephone number, permanently staffed during performances, will be made available to Council Officers prior to the event(s)*

**379** *At least one week prior to the beginning of the event, a leaflet drop is to be made to households in the immediate area. The leaflet is to include a*



*timetable and description of each performance and the contact telephone numbers*

**380** *The PLH should ensure that the music noise level limits proposed in the Noise Management Plan are not exceeded during the event*

**381** *The PLH will ensure that regular checks are to be carried out at the nearest sound sensitive locations to the event (e.g. houses, residential homes, churches as described in the NMP) to monitor the noise and ensure that the limits agreed are not exceeded*

**382** *The volume of all sound equipment on site shall be the responsibility of the Noise Management Consultant appointed by the PLH*

**840** *That there will be no amplified music or other entertainment after 22:30hrs on Saturday or Sunday and 22:00hrs on Bank Holiday Monday*

**841** *That the maximum duration of events per day will not exceed 10.5 hours (Saturday) and 10 hours (Sunday or Bank Holiday Monday) from “doors open”*

**858** *That no additional sound equipment shall be used on site without the prior agreement of the council’s environmental protection team and the appointed noise control consultant*

**859** *That the appointed noise control consultant shall continually monitor noise levels at the sound mixer position and instruct the sound engineer accordingly to ensure that the above noise limits are not exceeded. The Council shall have access to the results of the noise monitoring at any time*

In relation to condition **380**, it is proposed to control the off-site MNLs to a limit of LAeq,15min 75 dB for selected artists/performances (“headliners”), with a lower target level of LAeq,15min 70 dB for the remainder of the artists/performances (“support acts”).

The number of “headliner” performances will not exceed 6 performances throughout the weekend.

Readings taken by the noise consultant at the event in May, which followed the same arrangement, confirm that noise stayed within the permitted levels of 75 dB and 70 dB at all times and fluctuated between 50-70 dB for a majority of the time.

An Environmental Protection Officer from the council monitored noise levels on Saturday 27 May and corroborated the noise consultant’s findings. The officer’s report is as follows:

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*I attended Burgess Park on Saturday 27 May 2023 to monitor sound levels from a music event taking place inside an enclosure on the north side of the park, near to the park car park off of Albany Road.*

*Arrived on site 16.20pm and calibrated the meter, which gave a level within tolerance of 114.6 dB using the supplied calibrator. Weather was sunny and dry, with a light breeze.*



*There was a style of music playing inside the enclosure that I would consider 'ambient', consisting of largely electronically generated music, percussion, and vocals. The music noise was the most dominant sound by some way, with road traffic, overflying aircraft, and conversation from passing pedestrians also audible.*

*I picked a location in line with the wind direction from the main stage, about 20 metres north of the path intersection that lies to the west of Burgess Park lake. This location was closer to the music stage than any noise sensitive premises to the north of Albany Road.*

*I obtained a 10 minute LAEQ of 69 dB(A). this indicates the venue was operating within the terms of its licence at that time.*

*I then took a reading on the highest part of the elevated section of bank dividing the park from the car park, overlooking the arena. The wind was gusting by this time at this elevation, making a more variable noise profile, with an overall LAEQ of 67 dB(A). Occasional spot sound levels were higher, occasionally hitting up to 72dB(A). It is possible that premises across Albany Road were occasionally experiencing levels of up to 69 dB(A), which might create some level of annoyance, but would be well within the terms of the licence.*

*I took a third reading on the mound by the flagpole near the café. There is a flat area here between the park and the road, unlike alongside the car park, where there is a raised bank that may act as a barrier to some extent. The wind had picked up, and was coming from the direction of the ancillary stage, although music from both stages was audible.*

*Other noise audible included children playing in the playground, and a nearby ice cream van running its engine. The music was the dominant source of sound.*

*I recorded a reading of 70 dB LAEQ. This was within the terms of the licence, and would be reduced still further at the facades of houses across Albany Road due to the additional distance separation.*

*I returned to Burgess Park at 7.40pm. According to the production schedule, a group called 'Dry Cleaning' was performing. Noise from both stages was audible. I took a second reading at the flagpole location, which showed no change from the 70 dB(A) level recorded earlier. This will still be within the licence conditions.*

*These levels may still cause some amount of annoyance locally, particularly later into the evening as the background levels fall, which may mean people perceive that the noise from the concert has gone up, even though it is just more predominant against a lower background level.*

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In relation to premises licence condition **381**, regular noise monitoring checks will be carried out at the following locations:

Monitoring Positions:

MP 1 64 St Georges Way

MP 2 80 to 84 St Georges Way  
MP 3 Willsbridge Court  
MP 4 Loncroft Road  
MP 5 51 Cobourg Road  
MP 6 120 Albany Road  
MP 7 241 to 471 Wendover  
MP 8 1 to 2 Danesfield  
MP 9 St. George's Church

Equipment:

Off-site noise levels will be measured using Class 1 specification integrating sound level meters capable of measuring third-octave bands.

Community hotline:

A dedicated community hotline number will be available for residents from 11:30am to 22:30pm on each event day. All complaints will be logged and those relating to noise will immediately be relayed to the lead noise consultant. If noise levels are found to be above the permitted limits, then actions will be taken to reduce them.

The noise consultant contracted to monitor noise at this event is:

[F1 Acoustics](#)

A copy of the noise monitoring report will be published on the council's [web page](#) within 4 weeks of the event taking place.

A copy of the noise monitoring report for the NTS/Boiler Room event, which took place in May, has been added to the council [web page](#) for reference.

Unfortunately, there is no feasible way for the council, or the event organiser, to communicate 'live' noise monitoring data to local residents whilst the event is taking place.

There are no requests from the council's Environmental Protection team for the organisers to review the stage location, or change the stage direction for this event.

## **Litter**

The event organisers are required to produce a waste management plan, which covers both inside AND outside the event venue.

The event organisers have to be compliant with the waste-specific conditions attached to premises licence **879960**. For reference, they are:

**349** *An event and site-specific Event Safety Management Plan will be developed and shared with the Licensing Authority and SAG*

**350** *The ESMP will include details on the following subjects: Event Risk Assessments, Event Schedule, Site Plan, Fire Risk Assessment, Security & Crowd Management Plan, Drugs Policy, Liquids Policy, Alcohol Management Plan, Traffic Management Plan, Egress / Dispersal Plan, [Waste Management](#)*

**Plan**, Medical Management Plan, Adverse Weather Plan, Crisis Communication Plan, Noise Management Plan, Sanitation Plan, Child Welfare/Vulnerable Persons Policy. These documents will be 'living documents' which will be reviewed and revised in the planning phases of the events

**351** The premises will be run in accordance with the event management plan submitted

**385** The PLH shall have in place an arrangement (contract) with a reputable Waste Management Company to manage the event site and externally affected areas for the duration of the event and a post event clean up

**855** That all drinks shall be sold in either opened cans, PET containers or decanted into polycarbonate vessels. No glass will be permitted into the public festival arena. Glass bottles will be retained behind bars for disposal

The event organisers have to be compliant with the waste-specific conditions included in the Outdoor Events Policy. For reference, they are:

**19.4. Waste:** Effective waste management contributes to Southwark being a cleaner and greener borough. The council expects event organisers to be solely responsible for both the avoidance and disposal of waste. Organisers will be expected to promote and facilitate waste reduction and recycling methods as a first option of waste management before general waste disposal is considered. All event organisers are required to produce a waste management plan.

**19.5.** Every effort should be made to minimise environmental impact and maximise the 'green' delivery of events through the use of recyclable, reusable and sustainable products and materials in line with the [Events Environmental Sustainability Guide](#).

The event waste management contractor is:

Gold Door Group

## **Site protection and reinstatement**

### Protection:

Southwark's Greenspaces are an asset that all relevant council officers and teams work hard to protect. There are conditions placed upon the organiser to ensure that the event causes as little negative impact as possible, both in the area where it is located and across the wider environment.

The event organisers have to be compliant with the following condition attached to premises licence **879960**:

**860** - That the Ecology and Sustainability Plan will address the protection of bats in Burgess Park.

- A bat and nesting bird survey was carried out for the May event. Another survey is due to be carried out before this event takes place

and any recommendations from the survey will be actioned by the event organisers.

The event organisers have to be compliant with the following conditions included in the Outdoor Events Policy:

**19.9. Wildlife and nature:** *Wildlife and nature is extremely important and preservation of biodiversity is paramount. It is a priority to safeguard the ecological future of the wildlife and habitat in the borough. Event organisers must make every effort to minimise the impact that their events have on biodiversity within the council's parks and open spaces. All organisers are required to adhere to the guidance in the council's [Events Environmental Sustainability Guide](#).*

**19.10.** *Event organisers may be required to commission at their own cost an ecology report to assess impact on bats and birds, or any other species of wildlife that inhabits or frequents the event location. This will be done entirely at the cost of the event organiser.*

**19.11.** *Trees are a major, natural asset in Southwark's parks and public spaces. It is therefore important to ensure that adequate arrangements are in place to prevent damage to or loss of this asset. All organisers are required to adhere to the guidance in the council's [Events Environmental Sustainability Guide](#).*

The event organisers will produce site protection and reinstatement plans in liaison with the council's Parks, Arboriculture and Ecology officers. Site protection measures will include:

1. The use of trakmat to protect ground where required
2. Tree protection to be installed ahead of any installation of event infrastructure
3. Scheduling a specialist reinstatement company to commence works as soon as all event items have been removed from site (if works are necessary)
4. Implementing specific event production vehicle routes around site to ensure no damage is done to sensitive areas
5. Ensuring appropriate (grass) tyres are on all plant production vehicles
6. The deployment of traffic management marshals onsite for duration of build and break periods, to manage vehicle routes outside of the event space to ensure they are being correctly used
7. Carrying out Transect Activity and Nesting Bird Surveys and implementing any measures regarding the outcome of these surveys

The event organisers will be required to carry out appropriate ecology and biodiversity studies with regards to the protection of wildlife and habitat if deemed necessary by the council's Ecology officer (see item 7 above).

The Wildlife surveys, carried out by [Bee.Wise.Eco](#), for the May NTS/Boiler Room event have been added to the council [web page](#) for reference.

The event organisers will be required to produce an event environmental sustainability plan, which includes an estimation of the event's carbon footprint. This is to support the council's climate action plans and make Southwark a carbon neutral borough by 2030.

The event organisers will be required to produce and adhere to strict event management and site protection plans in respect of the environment they are operating in at all times.

Secure bicycle racks will be provided at the event and bicycles promoted as a way of sustainable travel in all event travel and transport communications.

Access to the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Children's Centre during event build and break days will be uninterrupted. All production vehicle movement will be via the route from Wells Way. A majority of the set up and clear down activity will take place within a fenced area (the event site footprint). All other areas of the park will be free for the public to access as they normally would. There may be occasions where vehicles need to be driven in and out of the fenced area, but vehicle movement will be controlled and priority will always be to cause minimal disturbance to other park users.

#### Reinstatement:

No reparation works were required after the May event. Parks staff were satisfied that no damage had occurred, including to the grassed areas.

The event organisers have to be compliant with the following conditions included in the Outdoor Events Policy:

**19.12. Site reinstatement:** *All event organisers should consider the impact their event will have on the site that they are using and put measures in place to mitigate the potential for damage or disturbance.*

**19.13.** *A ground deposit will be taken from event organisers if council officers anticipate that, by hosting the event, there are likely to be costs incurred to the council post-event for reinstatement or cleaning. The deposit will be used to reinstate or clean the site to the condition it was in before the event took place.*

**19.14.** *All event organisers are responsible for leaving or returning the site to the state it was in before their set up and event took place.*

The ground deposit is taken in advance of the event taking place. It is used to cover the costs of any necessary ground reinstatement works post-event. If the cost of reinstatement exceeds the amount of deposit held, the organisers are liable to cover the additional cost – this is a condition of the events licence.

## **Crime and antisocial behaviour**

The recorded crime incidents for the May NTS/Boiler Room event are shown in table 3 below:

**Table 3.**

| Date | Crime | Details |
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| 27/05/2023 | Theft                                   | Victim was inside the festival, states they felt someone push them and their phone was stolen inside event        |
| 27/05/2023 | Theft                                   | Pickpocket phone stolen inside event  |
| 27/05/2023 | Theft                                   | Pickpocket phone stolen inside event  |
| 27/05/2023 | Theft                                   | Pickpocket phone and wallet stolen inside event   |
| 27/05/2023 | Theft                                   | Pickpocket phone stolen inside event  |
| 27/05/2023 | Theft                                   | Pickpocket phone stolen inside event  |
| 28/05/2023 | Theft                                   | Bag stolen from inside event  |
| 28/05/2023 | Common Assault                          | Domestic common assault, neither party willing to substantiate allegations. Advice given.                         |
| 28/05/2023 | Possession of drugs with intent to sell | Security of the venue stopped a male found in possession of 7 wraps of MDMA and 3 Ecstasy tablets. Male arrested. |

The audience for this event is expected to be predominately between the ages of 25-35 and London residents. Boiler Room is an online music streaming platform, famed for showcasing underground scenes from cities to wider audiences across the world. The audience profile for Boiler Room is a 50:50 female:male split.

The event organisers will use advance messaging, site signage (internally and externally) and consistent verbal encouragement from stewards and security staff to encourage festivalgoers to behave appropriately and respect the local area.

Event attendees had left the park within 20 minutes of the NTS/Boiler Room event closing on Saturday 27 May and Sunday 28 May. Event security staff checked all areas around the event site and along exit routes out of the park and reported all clear by 10:30pm. A council Events Operation Officer was monitoring the event at this time.

## **Safety and security**

The event organisers have to produce an event safety management plan (ESMP) which covers all safety elements in event planning and delivery. All elements of the ESMP, which includes crowd management, will need to be signed off by Southwark's Safety Advisory Group (SAG) before the event can go ahead. Members of the SAG include the Met Police who liaise with the organisers about security provision and operations.

The event organisers have to be compliant with the safety and security-specific conditions attached to premises licence **879960**. For reference, they are:

**349** - *An event and site-specific Event Safety Management Plan will be developed and shared with the Licensing Authority and SAG;*

**350** - The ESMP will include details on the following subjects: Event Risk Assessments, Event Schedule, Site Plan, Fire Risk Assessment, Security & Crowd Management Plan, Drugs Policy, Liquids Policy, Alcohol Management Plan, Traffic Management Plan, Egress / Dispersal Plan, Waste Management Plan, Medical Management Plan, Adverse Weather Plan, Crisis Communication Plan, Noise Management Plan, Sanitation Plan, Child Welfare/Vulnerable Persons Policy. These documents will be living documents which will be reviewed and revised in the planning phases of the events;

**351** - The premises will be run in accordance with the event management plan submitted;

**352** - The written dispersal policy shall be kept at the premises with the licence and made available for inspection by authorised council officers or the police. All relevant staff shall be trained in the implementation of the dispersal policy;

**353** - A suitable and experienced security and stewarding company will be appointed to ensure public safety and to prevent crime and disorder;

**354** - The ESMP Security & Crowd Management Plan (CMP) will outline the number, position and roles of the Security and Stewarding staff working at the event;

**363** - An event and site-specific Risk Assessment and Fire Risk Assessment will be undertaken and implemented;

**367** - A queuing system will be designed and implemented at the main entrance to minimise waiting time whilst maintaining crowd safety;

**368** - Crowd Management Stewards tasked with entry lane queue management will wear Hi-Visibility tabards;

**369** - Loudhailers will be available to assist Stewards in providing information to customers regarding delays and other pertinent information;

**370** - An agreed number of Stewards and Marshals will be deployed to manage the egress phase of the events. These Stewards and Marshals will wear Hi Visibility tabards. The number, role and position of these staff will be detailed in the ESMP and relevant appendices;

The event organisers have to be compliant with the security and safety-specific conditions included in the [Outdoor Events Policy](#). For reference, they are:

**16.1. People safety:** The safety and security of event visitors, organisers and other members of the public must not be compromised at, or by any event. It is the duty of all event organisers to make such provisions necessary as to ensure that this is the case. Adequately trained security & stewarding personnel are vital to ensuring the safety of all people in and around an event space.

**16.2.** All event organisers must ensure that a sufficient number of trained and briefed staff are in appropriate positions to maintain crowd control, provide



*public information and to enforce any applied restrictions on entry and behaviour within the space, as well as to implement procedures in an accident or emergency.*

**16.3.** *All staff working in an event security role must be qualified to the appropriate level with the Security Industry Authority (SIA).*

**16.4.** *Any staff who may be expected to work with or come into direct contact with children or vulnerable adults should be appropriately DBS checked.*

**16.5.** *Safeguarding: Event organisers have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults at their event. You may identify a child (under 18 years) or a vulnerable adult at your event who presents themselves as being harmed or neglected and you must therefore comply with a safeguarding policy and procedure on referring a child/person at risk to social care.*

**16.6.** *All licensed premises events will be required to sign up to the Women's Safety Charter.*

**16.11.** *Vehicles: Only persons who are properly authorised by the council shall be allowed vehicular access to any site.*

**16.12.** *Event organisers will be responsible for the safe management of event-related traffic on site and shall provide details of all vehicles in advance of the event.*

**16.13.** *It is expected by the council that event organisers shall ensure that all vehicles entering the site restrict their speed to 5mph.*

**16.14.** *Large vehicles will need to be escorted by a banks-person and in some cases event organisers will be required to provide a full traffic management plan regarding the movement of large vehicles in and around an event location.*

The two lead companies who have been contracted to provide stewarding and security provision at the event are:

[Alliance Management Group \(events division\)](#)  
[CT Security Ltd](#)

## **Transport, traffic and parking**

This event will be advertised as 'no parking' and all attendees are encouraged to travel to the event using public transport, or other sustainable methods of travel.

The event organisers have to be compliant with the specific conditions attached to premises licence **879960**. For reference, they are:

**371** - *The ESMP (event safety management plan) will consider any service disruptions to local rail services and any subsequent rail replacement bus services;*



**372** - The Traffic Management Plan (TMP) will be developed following consultation with Southwark Highways and Parking departments as well as TfL. The TMP will be adhered to during the event;

The event organisers have to be compliant with the transport-specific conditions included in the [Outdoor Events Policy](#). For reference, they are:

**19.7.** *Traffic and transport: Traffic and transport management should be considered by all event organisers, but will be a priority for large and major scale events. The organisers of such events must liaise with the council's Road Network Management and Parking Services departments and Transport for London (TfL) where relevant and adhere to appropriate guidance given. A comprehensive traffic and transport plan for large and major scale events is required to be submitted as part of the application process.*

**19.8.** *All event organisers will be required to advocate the use of public transport, walking, cycling etc. as methods of getting to and from events. Where the use of bicycles is encouraged, an adequate amount of secure bicycle racks or a compound should be provided.*

The event organisers will be arranging a taxi and private hire vehicle pick up and drop off point along a section of Neate Road and CoBorough Road. This arrangement was in place for the May event.

Following the May event, there is no evidence to suggest this event causes increased traffic congestion or parking issues in local roads around the park.

The company who have been contracted to provide traffic management provision at the event are:

[EP Traffic Services](#)

## **Benefits and support for local residents and businesses**

Parks and open spaces in the borough are some of Southwark's most visited attractions. They currently host over 50 free community events and a range of income generating events per year. Providing a varied and well-managed outdoor events programme offers value and benefit to residents – events are known to support health and wellbeing, as well as celebrating and supporting culture and diversity. Holding events in parks is an important aspect of what public parks are intended for and Southwark is committed to hosting events that contribute to a vibrant culture, environment and economy.

We are happy to see that there is support shown for the event in the feedback received.

A list of community benefits include:

- Residents' ballot for 50 free tickets per day. The ballot is open to those residents living in properties in the immediate vicinity of the park
- 100 discounted tickets per day for residents living in a wider catchment area
- 10% discount on ticket prices for all Southwark Presents card holders (available through the Southwark Presents platform)

- A [Tickets for Good](#) offer will be set up
- Charity donation fund generated by guest ticket sales. Chosen charities are Mentivity and Southwark Pensioners. The NTS/Boiler Room event in May raised £1,283 for each of these charities
- Site tours with Q&A sessions for the young people at Mentivity during the set up of the event
- Event trading opportunities for local businesses and suppliers who are able to meet event organiser requirements. Opportunities will be posted on the event organiser's web page.
- Employment opportunities for local people via recruitment for event staff, bar, security, stewarding positions etc. Opportunities will be posted on the [Southwark Works](#) web site.
- Event staff and attendees are expected to use local businesses to purchase food, drink and sundries
- Income from EIF will fund park enhancement project(s)
- Site hire fee will contribute to council's Cultural Celebration Fund. Funded events this year can be viewed [here](#).

More information about how to access community benefits and support will be available on the event organiser's web site shortly:

<https://www.burgessparkevents.com/>

It is acknowledged that some people who pay their council tax to Southwark Council will be against the event taking place, but it is also acknowledged that some people who pay their council tax to Southwark Council will either be in support of the event taking place, or will feel indifferently about the event taking place. The council will always look to strike a balance between the varying views of its residents when considering whether to allow use of public spaces for events to take place. There is currently no mechanism in place to apply a reduction in council tax with regards to events taking place in public spaces in the borough.

## **Communication and contacts**

It is acknowledged that the community hotline number issued for the May event was incorrect. Before the number for this event is published, it will be checked by several members of the event organising team and a member of Southwark's Events team. The number will be:

- Included in a resident information letter, which will be circulated to local residents by post
- Emailed to the contacts on the council's stakeholder register for Burgess Park
- Included on information posters, which will be put up around the event fencing on site

Please note that the community number is only staffed on live events days.

On event set up and break days, residents are able to contact the organisers by emailing:

[burgessparkevents@columbostar.com](mailto:burgessparkevents@columbostar.com)

The contact details for the council's Events team are:

020 75253422

[events@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:events@southwark.gov.uk)

Please note that the Events telephone number is only staffed during office hours (Monday-Friday), but the email will be monitored during the live event days.

The contact for the council's Noise and Nuisance team are:

0207 525 5777.

[noiseandnuisance@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:noiseandnuisance@southwark.gov.uk)

The Noise Rapid Response operation times are as follows:

7.00 am Friday through to 2.30 am Tuesday, and then 7.00 am through to 2.30 am the following morning on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.

## **Unlicensed activity and other licensed events**

### Unlicensed activity:

It is acknowledged that there are ongoing issues with unlicensed activities within the park, but this particular event will have been subject to a strict application process and gained all the necessary permissions from various council departments and key partner agencies (including Events, Parks, Arboriculture, Ecology, Highways, Food Safety, Environmental Protection, Community Safety, Transport for London, Met Police, London Ambulance Service and London Fire Brigade) in order for it to take place.

There are a number of conditions attached to both the Premises Licence and the Events Licence that are designed to ensure the event is delivered safely and considerately whilst operating in the environment that it's in and residents can be assured that the event will close at 10pm on Saturday and 10pm on Sunday, with a view to all event attendees having left the park by 10:30pm.

### Other licensed events:

We have noted the comments made about other licensed events that have taken place in the park and will review the plans for those events with the organisers.

## **Conclusion**

We hope that the information in this report is helpful to you and has offered some detail and context around any concerns or points you have raised. Based on the findings of the report, it is the council's intention to issue the event an events licence in due course.

If you have any further questions or points you would like to make, or if you feel that this report does not fully address the points you have already raised, please contact [events@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:events@southwark.gov.uk) by **Tuesday 22 August 2023**.

If you prefer to speak to one of the events team, you can also call:

**020 7525 3422.**

Please note that this phone line is not staffed at all times. If there is no answer, please leave a message and we will respond to you as quickly as we can.

The next stakeholder engagement meeting will take place on **Thursday 31 August at 18:30hrs**. This meeting will be to let residents have information about final event plans. If you would like to attend, please email:

[burgessparkevents@columbostar.com](mailto:burgessparkevents@columbostar.com)

Best wishes,

Charlie Simm  
Senior Events Officer  
On behalf of the Southwark Events Team