

APPENDIX E

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Subject: RE: Premises Licence Application - We are FESTVL @ Central Park, Rainham Road North, Dagenham RM10 7EJ

Hi

I have discussed this with police and there is concern given the timing that this will be viable (depending on what government instruction is at the time); social distancing is not enforceable in law so a large gathering of this kind will be impossible to protect everyone's safety, this could therefore cause a spike in infection putting public health at serious risk and pressure on NHS. Also this would need to go via Met control to ensure there are officer numbers available to assist.

The Council has no powers to enforce social distancing and also any security contractor may have issues with risk assessments for officers who could also be put at risk. There is further risk with putting extra pressure on public transport and increasing numbers travelling by public transport thereby also putting public health at risk and increasing for potential flash points on public transport. This again will need to be resourced with police and security and put further pressure on resourcing.

There could also be issues with public resistance that an event like this is occurring during a pandemic which would threaten public order and public safety.

All of the above would also put pressure on the NHS and medical services which again could threaten public order and community safety.

This is also scheduled to take place two weeks after Notting Hill carnival was originally scheduled to take place; Notting Hill has been cancelled as a result of the pandemic and this should also be considered as the Notting Hill organisers felt it was not practical, viable and would threaten public health and community safety.

Considering all of the above points it is mine and police's view that this event should not take place in 2020.

Thanks

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