

Richard Parkins
Senior Licensing Officer Barking and Dagenham

24th June 2020

Dear Richard,

Re: Time Limited Premises Licence Application, We Are FSTVL 20, Central Park, Dagenham.

Thank you for your representation.

I wholly understand your concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic but this is an evolving situation which has changed significantly since your representation was made. As you know Government Guidance has relaxed social distancing measure and introduced different mitigation measures. Further relaxations are planned and the current direction is towards getting back to normal as far as reasonably possible.

I am grateful that you acknowledge that we are working to ensure the 2020 festival can be made COVID-19 safe. I propose that the way forward, at this time, is to continue to develop our plans through the SAG planning and scrutiny process. This process is set out in our proposed Licence Conditions and requires scrutiny of our plans by SAG and final approval by the Licensing Authority. If this approval is not given, then the event will not go ahead. Turning now to some of your more specific concerns:

- The event will be ticketed and if it is sold out or likely to be sold out, this will be widely advertised in advanced to deter people from turning up without tickets. It will be advertised that tickets are not sold on the door. These are established policies that we (and the industry) have in place for events and it is proven to work.
- The final sign off is provided for in the draft Conditions.
- There is an annual debrief provided for in the Conditions.
- There is an annual process each year for the approval of the Event Safety Management Plan (“ESMP”) for that year which is set out in the Conditions.
- The Conditions also require scrutiny of plans by SAG and approval of the final ESMP each year.
- Any changes to the layout and capacity of the site will automatically be fed into the SAG scrutiny process in any year that this should occur.
- Last years’ debrief is the starting point for the SAG process for the 2020 event. Rather than try and cover the debrief and our plans for 2020 in this response, I would prefer to meet/speak with you and go through this in detail, with you having the opportunity to raise any further questions you may have.

I understand that LBBB is organising a mediation meeting and we could use that opportunity to run through last years’ debrief and our current plans. However, in the meantime, if you wish to discuss the application with me, prior to the meeting, I will be pleased to do so.

Yours sincerely,

Reece Miller