

**Shaun Banks**

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**From:** Hilary Coates  
**Sent:** 12 September 2013 13:38  
**To:** E & P Licensing  
**Subject:** Objection to the application for extended hours by Lydiard Park

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my opposition to the application by Lydiard Park to increase the hours by which they may serve alcohol and be allowed to play live or recorded music by 1 hour to 1am instead of the current midnight proviso.

As a local resident living on Tregoze Way very close to the Conference Centre and Church entrance to the park, I am surprised that this application has been proposed, as I believe there are few occasions when events go up to the current time of midnight, therefore why do they need an extension anyway?

If it is to be able to accept bookings for larger events/groups, then I would hope that the relevant authorities will be consulted in order to provide their input, as events like this put a large strain on resources.

I would like to use my experiences of Big Arts Day, an event in July at the park, which did not actually take place this year but has caused concerns in the local area for the previous two summers, as an example of why you should take time to reflect upon the impact of this application.

After the first year of the event, which caused traffic chaos locally due to the inconsiderate parking of those from further afield, the following year the Park put in place parking restrictions and gave local residents permits.....they unfortunately forgot that there are people living on Tregoze Way itself, but luckily I made a phone call or two and made sure that we received our permits!

Even then, we found that the monitoring of traffic was good from the main Tewkesbury Road, but very hit & miss from the Hay Lane end, as the Community police stationed there would occasionally be called away. This left it possible for some people to come and park cars up the smaller side streets off Tregoze Way, again causing problems for the residents.

As the Park had not advertised that the event was to be alcohol free, many people walking up to the Conference Centre entrance were advised to go to the green area in between that entrance and the footpath into the park to drink up before entering! These people then left empty beer cans and boxes as well as plastic bags strewn about before entering the event, presumably reasonably intoxicated as well.

I did not attend the event myself, but as I walk my dog in the park every morning, I can tell you about the aftermath:-

- \* In the first year, my neighbour's fence adjacent to the footpath on Tregoze Way had been broken by people fighting (the Park did repair the fence)
- \* The same neighbours had various items thrown into their garden
- \* In both years, there was a lot of litter in Tregoze Way where those leaving the park had been waiting for buses
- \* Litter including beer cans & bottles left all the way up the road to the church and also in the fields where the horses are kept every summer

- In the park itself, a lot more rubbish all over the lawn in front of the house including dirty nappies
- Litter in the green area between the road entrance & footpath entrance, (which was actually tidied up by householders overlooking the green area who are in the Neighbourhood Watch scheme)

As I was not happy about these things, I immediately telephoned the number for Lydiard House, to be told that one of the cleaning crews hadn't turned up for work that day and that Mr Webb, the manager of the park, was not going to be in that day because he had had a long day the day before. I was very disappointed, as I think the person responsible for organising an event MUST also be there to supervise the clearing up process.

They did actually ask the wardens on duty that day to come and tidy up along the road and Tregoze Way, but I personally do not think that the wardens should be expected to do this – they are there to look after the Park, not to clear up outside the park.

If this is the aftermath of a day-long event where alcohol is not served, I dread to think what could be the consequences to the local neighbourhood of extending alcohol hours. If it is in conjunction with providing music, then I can only imagine it is for concerts, which would also give us a lot of noise pollution, depending on the wind direction.

My then teenage children went to the very successful JLS & Olly Murs concert a few years ago.....very little alcohol consumption as most attending were under-age; a certain amount of litter but in a very enclosed space and no left over impact on the surrounding area in terms of litter or noisy people leaving very late. Surely this is the best sort of event to lay on?

It is unfortunate for the people running the park that there will always be some very inconsiderate people who spoil it for the rest, but they have to take into account the worst case scenario in order to ensure they have everything under control.

I would appreciate acknowledgement of receipt of this email & to know if I need do anything further - the poster I saw in the park indicated that an email was sufficient.

Regards,

Mrs Hilary Coates  
Tregoze Way  
The Prinnels

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**From:** Maria Blackmore  
**Sent:** 07 September 2013 20:52  
**To:** E & P Licensing  
**Subject:** Ref Variation of premises licence Lydiard House and Park

Dear Sir/Madam

I see that there has been an application for additional hours for alcohol and music for Lydiard house to be extended to 1:00am. As residents of Lydiard Millicent and knowing that on many occasions we have had loud music carry from the House/Park when various events take place , we would like to express our concerns and object to the application for the music extension. We would also like to air our concerns that the music is already at this time being allowed to midnight? On a week night we thought that the cut of time for this was 11:00pm.

If this licence is for the December venues being organised by Besteverparties I have great worries as I believe these are being held under canvas and will be heard for a great distance. I also understand that they well be held for almost three full weeks every night and go on from 7:00pm to 1:00am. We both have to get up early in the morning for work and the prospect of not being able to get to sleep until 1:00pm every night for three weeks is not a good one.

We therefore wish to ask you to consider the ramification of this application.

Regards

Kathleen and Richard Blackmore

The Mews

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**From:** John Bennett  
**Sent:** 17 September 2013 17:02  
**To:** E & P Licensing  
**Subject:** Best Parties in Lydiard Park 5th to 21st December

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to state my strong objection to the subject parties, one night might be tolerable but not three weeks of loud music which will be heard distinctly in Lydiard Millicent. The venue for the parties is probably only 1 ½ miles across open parkland and fields from my house and the prevailing wind is in this direction. Please have some consideration for your neighbouring local authorities.

Cllr John Bennett  
Forge Fields  
Lydiard Millicent SN5 3WS

**From:** Tim Blackmore  
**Sent:** 09 September 2013 17:46  
**To:** E & P Licensing  
**Subject:** licence application for Parties in LYdiard Park December 5th-21st

I write with concern about an application in the Swindon Advertiser for an extended music, dancing and sale of alcohol licence from 'Best Parties Ever'. They advertise what looks like an excellent night out. However, I have received concerns from residents of Lydiard Millicent that whilst no one objects to the occasional disturbance from a one off party, the idea of 17 consecutive nights of amplified music until midnight, let alone 0100 has all the appeal of a CIA rendition. I know from experience that the noise from outdoor events at Lydiard Park frequently carries easily into this village, and through the period in question, I also know that most of my Parishioners will still be needing a good night's sleep before their normal working days.

The 'Best Parties ever' website reports that their noise control policy includes "pointing the loudspeakers at the dance floor" – as someone who's been working with sound all their professional lives I know that bass frequencies are non-directional and that therefore this gesture is meaningless. They also report that the event is contained within the walls of the structure. But the structure as far as one can tell is merely a conventional lightweight temporary construction and thus unable to absorb very much in the way of sound waves.

I am very fearful that these events are set to cause much distress in this area and I hope the Council will consider carefully the wisdom of allowing any extension to existing permissions.

Yours,

Tim Blackmore  
Chairman Lydiard Millicent Parish Council

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**From:** Groom, Mollie  
**Sent:** 08 September 2013 17:39  
**To:** E & P Licensing  
**Subject:** LYDIARD PARK - DECEMBER

Sirs

I do have concerns regarding the planned every night drinking and extended hours proposed, together with pop music!!!

Best wishes

*Mollie*

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