

## APPENDIX 4

Robin Cooper [REDACTED] 21/04/2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you in connection with the application by Market Square Group Ltd for a premise license at Higginson Park. I have to object in the most strenuous terms.

As this is relevant, I should mention that I turned 90 a few months ago. I have also lived in my current home, [REDACTED], which borders Higginson Park, since 1993. I have never in all these years seen such an increase in events and activities in Higginson Park as in the last couple of years. To put this in perspective, the most long-standing event, the Marlow Regatta, typically only lasted for two days. At present, the length of events has increased so much that last year Alfresco in the Park lasted for six days from early morning until late evening without any respite. Pub in the Park has grown to 4 days with a suggested eightfold increase in numbers! Who is in charge of managing the park?

With the exponentially growing number of events, there has also been a tremendous increase in noise and air pollution (from generators near my home). I have had significant difficulties sleeping when excessively noisy events are held in the park, which has been detrimental to my health. Even during the daytime, my well-being is affected by the endless and constant noise daily for many days on end. It is no longer unreasonable but has now become dangerous.

If the Market Square Group can now host weekly events, I will be at a loss. Unlike some of my neighbours who leave their homes and Marlow when the unreasonably noisy events are held in Higginson Park, I have nowhere to go. You cannot and should not allow the Market Square Group to host weekly events in the park! It is important to note that an application is also made to serve alcohol. Over the last almost 30 years in which I have lived next to Higginson Park, each time alcohol is served, it has led to consequences ranging from indecent exposure to my wife to unruly behaviours and even threats of violence.

In summary, your rapid and extensive increase in events in Higginson Park is at present interfering with my health. Depending on your immediate actions, you will leave me with no choice but to report you to the Health Authorities.

Yours faithfully,

Robin Cooper

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Marlow SI7 [REDACTED]

Tim Morris [REDACTED] 11/04/2022

We write to object strongly to the above application by Market Square Group Ltd. This will spoil the character of the park and is so broad (9.00-22.00) as to be permanent. The park is a place of public enjoyment and is surrounded by lots of residential buildings which would be badly affected by the noise, general traffic and mess as well as environmental pollution this would bring. Higginson Park is a public space for all and this application simply seeks to exploit this for commercial gain in an entirely inappropriate way.

You will also no doubt have realised that by asking for such a broad licence this group is hoping to set a negotiating position and that you will compromise on a more limited time frame. It is a classic negotiating ploy and you should not fall for it. This application should be dismissed completely.

Yours,

Tim and Helen Morris

Marlow residents

Matt Hornsby [REDACTED] 25/04/2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you in connection with the application by Market Square Group Ltd for a premises license at Higginson Park. To which I object in the most strenuous terms.

I am a resident of Marlow and have been for several years, never have I felt the need to express concern and outrage to such plans to allow for an almost '24/7' type of license/permit to hold events during the time stated in the proposal.

I feel for all the residents that will endure the anti-social noise and discomfort throughout. I have concerns for residents (including the elderly) that such a proposal will prevent park walks, meeting points, dog walking and general health and wellbeing for all.

By allowing events between the hours stated goes against Marlow's town life and will certainly cause many issues as a result. Need I mention parking?

The historic Regatta is great for the town, but this too is being extended year upon year. On the same token as Marlow Regatta, it was seen as a good move to close the fairground early in the evenings, even removing the fairground altogether! But honestly, allowing more and more events well into the evenings will attract trouble and anti-social behaviour, reverting to days of multiple Police presence and riot vans – poised for any trouble that invariably occurred. Once such events have finished, the mess is another factor our council

must deal with, noisy machines and flashing vehicle beacons well past the event will be a common sight – only to refresh for the next morning.

As an observation during Alfresco In The Park last year (2021), I noticed generators were running 24/7 for six days. This I'm sure would be of interest to Marlow Environmental and Health authorities along with the constant droning of the machines, day and night.

I feel very strongly for our town's vibe and yes at times it will become a hotspot with tourists etc but allowing it to become a 'go-to' destination to visit and walk away will drive out the residents that at present support local business and contribute to the town communities.

With regards,

Matt Hornsby