

From: Meredith Ezard
Sent: 12 March 2018 13:40
To: Steve Ashby
Subject: RE: Stand Road Park

Hi Steve,

Alcohol is not currently an issue on Stand Road Park. In the past there has been some minor anti-social behaviour issues on the park such as the damage to the tree saplings however we have no knowledge of this incident being fuelled by alcohol. As for the other two incidents highlighted I have no knowledge of them so could not comment whether they were alcohol related or not. At the minute we are not seeing any significant anti-social behaviour issues or criminal activity in the park. We often get complaints regarding behaviours of young people in parks across the borough stating that the young people are drinking alcohol or are drunk but more often than not this is not the case and it's just youths congregating in the parks with their mates and sometimes acting immaturely.

Many Thanks,

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From: Steve Ashby
Sent: 12 March 2018 12:26
To: Meredith Ezard
Subject: Stand Road Park

Hi Meredith

We have a premises licence application ongoing in respect of the Cricketers Inn Public House building at the side of Stand Road Park. The applicant's intention is to change the half of the building nearest to the pub car park into an off licence.

We have one letter of representation against this application from the "Friends Of Stand Road Park". As we have receive a representation, this application will now be heard before the Licensing Committee to decide whether it is granted or not. The association identifies all the good work they have done to improve the facilities and usage of the park.

Their letter refers to the young demographic of park users and expresses concern that a greater availability of alcohol would have a negative effect, impacting by increasing alcohol-fuelled antisocial behaviour, violence and criminal damage.

They cite the following events which they have intelligence to indicate were fuelled by alcohol consumption.

- 010917 and 080917 – violent altercations on the park with verbal abuse and fighting
- 080917 – damage to recently planted tree saplings, apparently linked to the altercations mentioned previously

- January 2018 – female with a young child in a buggy assaulted by a drunken man who also assaulted another woman who came to assist.

Are you able to comment on the application from a Community Safety perspective and provide your response in a format that you would be happy for me to share with the licensing committee.

I would particularly like to know whether

- You have any additional information to better explain the above incidents
- alcohol is currently a problem on the park
- there are any particular antisocial behaviour or criminal activity problems on the park at the moment.

Many thanks

Steve

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