

25 FRIARS QUAY NORWICH NR3 1ES

21 October 2008

Mr Ian Streeter
Licencing Manager
Legal and Democratic Services
Norwich City Council
City Hall
Norwich NR2 1NH



Dear Mr Streeter

St Georges Street: Premises Licence - New

I am alarmed by this 'everyday 24 hours' licence application. It raises a number of serious issues regarding the City centre.

The City centre is already difficult enough for residents to enjoy, particularly in the evenings and at night. The problems in St Georges Park are an every day witness to the difficulties of maintaining a reasonably peaceful environment. The area covered by the application is largely residential; with a few offices, some pubs, pleasing cafes and restuarants, a cinema, a theatre, and nearby, the unique King of Hearts it is, I suggest, a successful and eclectic community.

It has been made quieter, safer and visually striking by the changes to St Georges St and the park - although the children's play area could do with some serious improvements. Despite being surrounded by the bustle of a busy city it is a relatively peaceful area of quiet streets and squares. It should remain so and be valued as such by the City authorities; it does not need and nor do I think it wants to be 'livened up' by imported entertainment and, sadly, the too often related rowdiness..

Young and old alike are well catered for by the pubs, clubs and restaurants of Wensum Street, Tombland, Prince of Wales Road and the Riverside complex. Of course, individual licencing applications for the St Georges Street area can be considered on their merits - time consuming though the bureaucracy may be.

The pleasing space created by the new St Georges Street and the park does not have to be filled except by a peaceful throng of pedestrians, residents, city workers and the occasional picnicker enjoying the (relative) quiet. For the sake of us all the City Council events team application must be refused.

Yours sincerely

Stuart Pearce

25 FRIARS QUAY NORWICH NR3 1ES

telephone 01223 455555

1 November 2008

Mr Ian Streeter
Legal and Demoratic Services
Norwich City Council
City Hall
Norwich NR2 1NH



Dear Mr Streeter

St Georges Street: Premises Licence - New


Thank you for your letter of 30 October. The conditions requested by the Friars Quay Residents Association ameliorate to a very limited extent the dangers to the cohesion and to the physical environment of St Georges Street inherent in this application.

I can add little to my letter of 21 October except this important detail; St Georges Park is a relatively small recreational area serving a largely residential locality. With a childrens' play park, a few trees and shrubs and a modest amount of grass it is a pleasing space used by city workers, residents and passers-by. It is a quiet and green 'lung' for a crowded city neighbourhood.

I would submit that this precious amenity should not be invaded by the 1000s envisaged in this application. Further, the damage to the grass of several thousand feet is real and likely to reduce the park to a muddy, unsightly space clearly unacceptable to the neighbourhood and to the the City Council.

I ask these serious considerations be taken properly into account and the application refused.

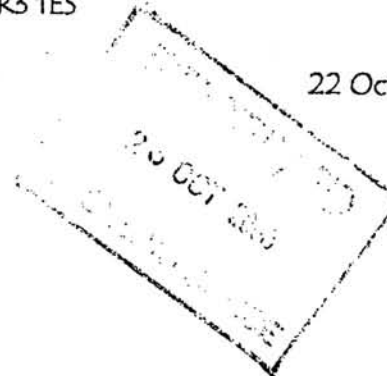
Yours sincerely


stuart Pearce

email pearce.sa@gmail.com

27 Friars Quay
Norwich NR3 1ES

22 October 2008



City Centre 4
St Georges St
Licensing Act 2003: Premises Licence-New

Dear Licensing Manager

I strongly object to the above application. A ridiculous idea to have the suggested activities in a residential area. Also I wonder if the Events people have bothered to discuss their plans with other local officials.

The Sanitation folk. Obviously they would have to clear up rubbish, but what about "other stuff". We already have a lot of urine sprayed in pathways between houses and listening to music, etc, is very thirsty work. Already we find 'empties' and the occasional syringe left in the children's playground and on the green

"Norfolk's finest" would obviously have to police yet another venue. Already they are stretched and, in light of current events, are expected to cover yet more areas.

Third group - the Parks and Gardens people. They do a superb job, but the poor devils would subsequently need to come in and replant even more damaged shrubs on the Green (St. Georges Park) than they do at the moment.

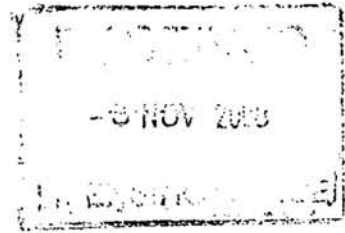
Most of us have no objection to the annual Summer Fair on the Green - acoustic music, very responsible visitors and the whole event finishing early evening. But crowds of people, amplified sound until all hours then no way.

Yours sincerely

Sheila Sharp (Mrs)

NCC Licensing Section
City Hall
St Peter Street
Norwich NR2 1NH

27 Friars Quay
Norwich NR3 1ES
01603



2nd November 2008

Your Reference 08/01831/PREM

Dear Sir,

Licensing Act 2003: Application...../St. Georges Park.....

I have your letter of 30 October.

What puzzles me is why the Council should suddenly want to hold large events in the tiny St. Georges Park which locals refer to as The Green. Further reduced in size since last year when a chunk was removed to make way for the Playhouse lorry-turning-park. Trees removed from that area were then transplanted by the Parks and Gardens people into the centre of the Green, thus making the effective area even smaller. I suggest that a few of you wander down some lunch time and inspect personally - you could always revive yourselves with a drink/lunch at the Playhouse.

The annual Summer Fair held during the day - then fine - but noisy evening events with Musak then no way. This is a normally a quiet residential area and the Green, next to the children's playground, a small oasis of peace near the city centre.

There are other larger suitable venues in the city centre, well away from residential areas. The Forum steps would be ideal, but I imagine the adjoining Church wields a stronger veto than do mere residents.

Yours faithfully



Sheila Sharp (Mrs)

Senior Licensing Officer
Legal and Democratic Services
Norwich City Council
St. Peters Street,
Norwich NR2 1NH

3 Princes Street,
Norwich, NR3 1AZ.

21~~st~~ October, 2008

Ian Streeter, Esq.,
Licensing Manager,
Legal and Democratic Services,
Norwich City Council,
Norwich, NR2 1NH.

Dear Sir,

Re City Centre – 4

St. Georges Street, Norwich, Licensing Act 2003: Premises Licence - New

Ref. 08/0831/PREN

Thank you for your letter dated 1st October 2008 addressed to the “occupier of 3 Princes Street”. We are the owners and residential occupiers of that property and are writing to you in response to the invitation contained in that letter to make representations concerning the above application. We object to the application – no doubt in common with other local residents – on grounds that we will set out in the remainder of this letter.

This present application relates to St. Andrews Plain, St. Georges Street, and to an area which is described as ‘St. Georges Park’ which is an area which as far as we are aware has not until recently been so designated but which we understand is the grassed amenity area hitherto intended as open space for the benefit of the residents of Friars Quay. Elsewhere in the documentation relating to the application we notice this area seems to be described as St. Georges Plain.

This application is similar in scope to an application heard by the Norwich City Council Licensing Committee on 14th March 2008 but which on that occasion related to a wider geographical area including Bishopgate, Elm Hill, Muspole Street, Princes Street and other locations. The application was rejected by the Licensing Committee on that occasion. It was again rejected on an Appeal to the Licensing Justices in June 2008 brought at the Council Tax payers’ expense by the Council’s own Events Team.

On the occasion of the rejection by the Licensing Justices the appeal failed in respect of a number of rudimentary matters including failure to stipulate the extent of limits of the proposed licence, and the failure to supply an adequate operational schedule. In those circumstances the Magistrates did not feel it necessary to determine other wider aspects of the matter including the question as to what constituted an open area for the purposes of such a licence. Although the latest application makes reference to a risk assessment having been carried out for the area which is the subject of the present application no such risk assessment is attached to the application nor have its provisions been notified to local residents. They cannot therefore determine the type and size of events likely to be held nor whether health and safety safeguards are adequate.

The present application appears like the previous one (to use the words of the Council's own solicitor) to be one which seeks 'a permissive and vague premises licence, inappropriate and contrary to all published guidelines and in the opinion of the Court containing numerous defects of a fundamental nature'.

The Norwich City Council Events Team are seeking a blanket licence or perhaps what might be described as a 'carte blanche' to put on plays, films, live and recorded amplified music and dance events as well as blocking public highways in an area where there are a very considerable number of residential dwelling houses, including not only our own and those of our neighbours on Princes Street and Elm Hill, but eight apartments opposite the Art College, thirty-odd houses in Friars Quay, as well as flats and apartments on the Playhouse side of St. Georges Bridge. We append a plan showing the very considerable number of residential houses and apartments in the vicinity of the application site. The Council are seeking permission to stage all such events, in many cases until late at night which under a blanket licence will afford no opportunity for residents to object to or make representations concerning individual events. In effect, were such a licence to be granted, residents' only remedy would be to seek a review of the whole licence rather than to be able to comment on specific applications which might give rise to problems or difficulties. Placing local residents in such a position is tantamount to depriving them of the safeguards which the Licensing Act intended for their protection.

There may be many events which the Council might seek to stage which would have no great impact upon local residents, and there may be events (as is often the case) where local residents would put up with the inconvenience, noise and potential nuisance in order to facilitate the enjoyment and cultural diversity of the local scene. In many instances such as concerts involving late night amplified music for the Norwich Festival, local residents, ourselves included, have been happy to waive objections and to assist the organisers. However it is patently unacceptable that we should be prevented from making representations to the Licensing Committee and/or to the Magistrates concerning specific events which might cause disturbance and disruption. Clearly it must be wrong that the

Council should arrogate to themselves powers which would override those of individual citizens.

The events in contemplation are not minor ones. They envisage gatherings in the region of 2,500 people on 'St. Georges Plain' and 1,300 people on St. Andrews Plain which is in itself an echo chamber for the transmission of noise. (See capacity figures on the plan accompanying the Application). The scope and indeed the likelihood of public nuisance is considerable by virtue of the size of attendance alone.

Although the application indicates consultation concerning events with the police and fire service there is no provision for consultation with local residents. As was made clear by numbers of witnesses at the Appeal hearing last June the 'Central Norwich Citizens Forum' is not regarded as being in any way representative of our views nor those of the preponderance of residents in the locality. This was stated by the Licensing Magistrates to be a finding of 'fact'.

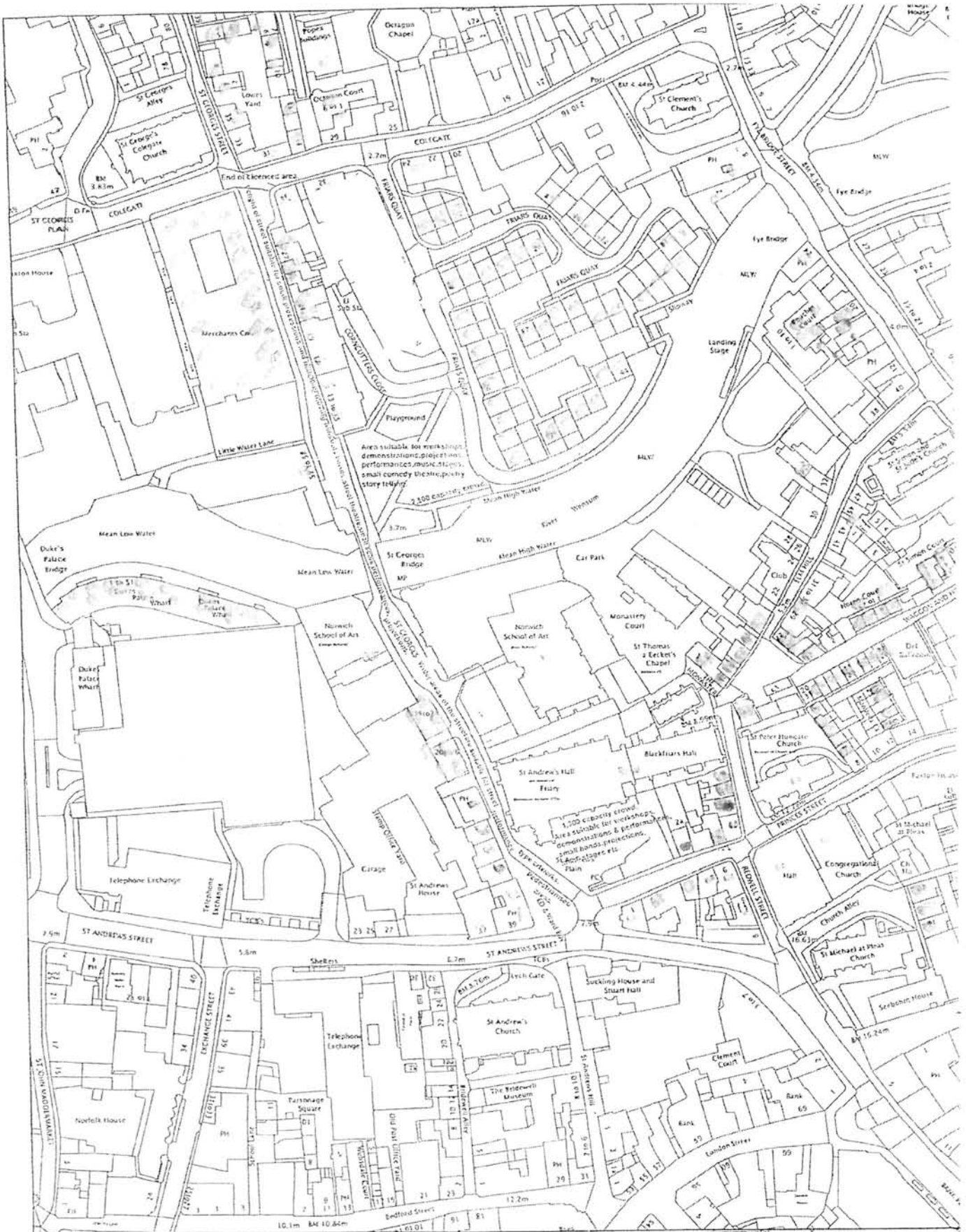
Although the current application specifically excludes the sale of alcohol as part of its remit it is in fact the case that there are numerous public houses and other outlets along St. Georges Street and in the vicinity which are permitted to open until 2 in the morning and which would provide a ready outlet for the many hundreds of people which the applicants envisage attending these events. Thus the scope for potential crime and disorder would inevitably increase.

The Norwich City Council have in relatively recent times been severely criticized by the Licensing Justices for their failure to investigate legitimate complaints of local residents relating to noise and nuisance and also for patent failure to recognise conflicts of interest in circumstances where they should have done so. On this basis we believe they cannot be considered sufficiently responsible to exercise and hold extraordinary powers which would prejudice the individual rights of local residents. We and other residents only seek the same protection enjoyed by the generality of people in their homes and it appears reasonable to us that the mere fact of living in the city centre should not deprive us of such rights.

For all the reasons stated above (and which are by no means exhaustive) we urge the Licensing Committee to adhere to their earlier principled decision and once again to reject this persistent and misconceived application.

Yours faithfully,

John Hardman and Carol Hardman



Location: St. Georges Street
 Information: Street Performance Licence
 Date: 2008



RECEIVED
 26 SEP 2008
 LICENSING OFFICE



1:1

Fuller, Maxine

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 November 2008 11:00
To: Licensing
Subject: City Centre 4

Your ref:08/01831/PREM

In view of the limited time available to meet your deadline of Tuesday, 4th November we are responding by email to your letter dated 30th October which was sent following a meeting between the applicant and representatives of the Friars Quay Residents' Association.

Whilst we note the amendments that have been made to the application we feel that none of these affects the concerns set out in our earlier letter to you. We would also like to point out that the Friars Quay Residents' Association does not in any way speak for the majority of residents in the locality many of whom live in Princes Street, St. Georges Street, Elm Hill and the Colegate area. indeed from our conversations with a number of Friars Quay residents it seems unlikely that the Residents Association is in a position to speak for them on such matters.

Some of the proposed amendments to the application appear to be unworkable, in particular the limitation to 1,000 as the maximum number of persons allowed into 'St. Georges Park'. Any number of that kind would cause appreciable public safety problems as well as the strong likelihood of nuisance and annoyance to residents in the vicinity. As the area in question is a public open space it seems to us to be a matter of practical impossibility to limit numbers and marshall crowds effectively in such circumstances.

We reiterate that all of the points raised in our earlier representation remain relevant and should be considered by the Licensing Committee.

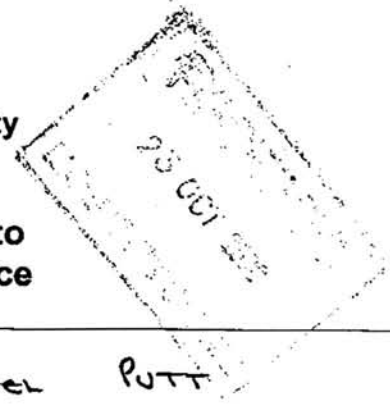
John Hardman Carol Hardman

03/11/2008

r

Norwich City Council Licensing Authority
Licensing Act 2003

Statement of support or objection to
an application for a premises licence



Your name/organisation name/name of body you represent (see note 1)	THOMAS MICHAEL PUTT
Postal address	3, OCTAGON COURT, CALVERT STREET NORWICH, NR3 1AN
Email address	
Contact telephone number	
Name of the premises you wish to support or object to	CITY CENTRE A
Address of the premises you wish to support or object to.	ST GEORGES STREET NORWICH

Your support or objection must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives (see note 2)

Licensing Objective	Please set out your support or objections below. Please use separate sheets if necessary
To prevent crime and disorder	We oppose the application because of the likelihood of large crowds congregating in open areas mid to evening (providing their own alcohol) will result in disorder and anti-social activities.
Public safety	
To prevent public nuisance	We oppose the application because amplified music and entertainments with accompanying crowds of revellers would constitute a public nuisance in an area where there are large pockets of private residences - Calvert St is almost totally residential with some shops planned.
To protect children from harm	

Please suggest any conditions which would alleviate your concerns.	Not to proceed with the proposal at all.
--	---

Signed: -

Date:

19/10/08

Please see notes on reverse

Fuller, Maxine

From: Laurie Hayward
Sent: 23 October 2008 23:27
To: Licensing
Subject: CITYCENTRE 4 St Georges Street Norwich

Dear Sirs,

OBJECTION to Application by Norwich City Council Events Team
By L J and ME Hayward
31 Friars Quay
Norwich
NR3 1ES

CITY CENTRE 4 - St Georges Street Norwich and St Georges Park, St Andrews Plain

To Prevent crime and Disorder

Norwich City Council and Norfolk Police have proved incapable to policing or supervising the Children's Playground at St Georges Park which has for the last 2 months been taken over at night (5pm-12.30am) by up to 20 youths who have been very noisy, abusive and have consumed alcohol illegally and caused damage to the playground and park and intimidated residents. On the basis of the current capacity of the City Council and the Police we have no confidence in either the Police or the City Council to manage the proposed events and they will lead to unruly behaviour, drunkenness with cheap alcohol supplied by Tesco Metro, the Norwich Playhouse, the Dog House and Delaney's.

Public Safety

The proposed numbers that the City Council Events team want to be able to assemble in St Georges Park (2500 people) is utterly unacceptable because the City Council Events team will be incapable of managing such numbers. The proximity of the park to the River Wensum provides a very real hazard to such a large crowd especially as there is inadequate lifeguard and safety equipment. Friars Quay and other high density living accommodation are adjacent to the Park and it is unreasonable to impose this on residents.

Public Nuisance

The proposed availability of an open ended license for the City Council Events Team to inflict noise of 140db of so called selected entertainment without consultation with local residents is unacceptable and anti-democratic. The hours proposed for all manner of events and shows lasting up to 12.30am is totally unacceptable and we reject these proposals wholeheartedly. The area already suffers from a very high level of graffiti and this may encourage a greater level of vandalism.

There are no conditions which would alleviate our concerns because the City Council and the Norfolk Police have proved incapable of stopping two months of illegal behaviour concerning underage and on the street drinking of alcohol and persistent damage to its own playground. The numbers of people to assemble are vastly too many. The hours and frequency envisaged are unacceptable. Local people do not want their privacy, community and paid parking spaces infringed by others who will not care about our community, who will be allowed access to alcohol from the many licensed premises on St Georges Street and will not be controlled or supervised to ensure the integrity of the homes on Friars Quay.

I would also refer you to the letter from the Norwich City Council Solicitors, David Lowens, dated

24/10/2008

24 June 2008 noting that the Events Team have failed to comply with the Licensing Act 2003 and the Statutory guidelines made under the act. David Lowens notes that, and I quote: "Their approach of requiring a permissive and vague premises license was inappropriate and contrary to the published guidelines, and the opinion of the Court is that the operating schedule contains numerous defects of a fundamental nature."

We do not understand why the Events Team are intent on resubmitting this unacceptable and anti-democratic license.

I trust that you will present these objections to the licensing authority.

Yours faithfully

LJ and ME Hayward

**St George's Church, Colegate
Norwich**

Priest-in-Charge
Canon Phillip McFadyen
12 The Crescent
Norwich NR2 1SA

Churchwarden
Anne Duarte
181 Wellesley Avenue South
Thorpe Hamlet
Norwich NR1 4AD



22 October 2008

Licensing Office
Norwich City Council
City Hall
Norwich NR2 1NH

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you in my capacity as churchwarden of St George's Colegate and as the owner of a small business in St George's Street.

I was alarmed to hear of Norwich City Council's proposal to apply to itself in order to get blanket permission for 'events' of up to 25,000 people on St George's Plain. As the Carrow Road football ground only holds 22,000 people, I cannot imagine such a large gathering around our church on the roads of Colegate and St George's Street.

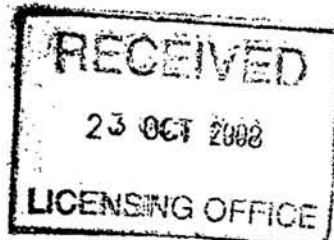
I have since discovered that Norwich City Council believes St George's Plain to be opposite the Playhouse. How can this be? All the Norwich plains are immediately adjacent to the source of their names - Maddermarket Plain, St Giles' Plain, St Benedict's Plain and St Margaret's Plain to name but a few. Yes, the Playhouse is in St George's Street - but it is the street which leads to the church of St George and its adjoining plain, the plain itself is not halfway along the street.

It is a great sadness that after the recent desecration of St George's Street (a 1970s shopping arcade paving is not a suitable road surface for one of Norwich's most historic streets), there is to be a further devaluation in the credibility of our parish. I have read that Norwich City Council is committed to improving the quality of life of its residents by caring for the living and working environment. I am sorry to say that you are failing as far as Norwich-over-the-Water is concerned.

Yours faithfully,

Anne Duarte

Norwich City Council Licensing Authority
Licensing Act 2003



Statement of support or objection to
an application for a premises licence

Your name/organisation name/name of body you represent (see note 1)	ROBERT CUTTER AND JEAN BISHOP
Postal address	6 FRIARS QUAY NORWICH. NR3 1ES
Email address	
Contact telephone number	

Name of the premises you wish to support or object to	CITY CENTRE - 4
Address of the premises you wish to support or object to.	ST GEORGES STREET. NORWICH AREA

Your support or objection must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives (see note 2)

Licensing Objective	Please set out your support or objections below. Please use separate sheets if necessary
To prevent crime and disorder	We object to 2500 possible crowd in this area until 23:00. It would attract people who could have been drinking elsewhere all evening, and disorder would be a likely outcome. We own a parking space adjoining the area.
Public safety	Access to the park area would be severely restricted for emergency vehicles by such a large crowd in the park/square with narrow access streets. We feel there are other larger spaces for crowds this size in the city and tested areas - Forum, Chapel Field etc.
To prevent public nuisance	Crowds do not immediately disperse following events and there is likely to be noise nuisance beyond 23:00. There are no public toilet facilities - where would people relieve themselves? Damage to the green space would be considerable on what's left of our park.
To protect children from harm	What was a lovely protected little children's play ground is now a 'hang-out' for teens and 20's especially in the evenings - quite intimidating for children. Potential existing from large crowds. Risk of drug users detritus - the bin is always overflowing!

Please suggest any conditions which would alleviate your concerns.	To reduce the numbers in your application drastically. Two people per metre square may be fine for some larger open hard landscaped areas but not for a small green space. For events to end at 21:00 hrs.
--	--

Signed:

Date: 21-10-08

Please see notes on reverse

Norwich City Council Licensing Authority
Licensing Act 2003

Statement of support or objection to
an application for a premises licence

RECEIVED
23 OCT 2008
LICENSING OFFICE

Your name/organisation name/name of body you represent (see note 1)	MRS DIANA HYAM
Postal address	6 ELM HILL NORWICH NR3 1HN
Email address	
Contact telephone number	

Name of the premises you wish to support or object to	ST GEORGES ST. NORWICH.
Address of the premises you wish to support or object to.	c/o CITY CENTRE 4.

Your support or objection must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives (see note 2)

Licensing Objective	Please set out your support or objections below. Please use separate sheets if necessary
To prevent crime and disorder	THE APPLICATION IS NON-SPECIFIC BUT LARGE CROWDS WITH ACCESS TO ALCOHOL ARE LIKELY TO RESULT IN CRIMINALITY.
Public safety	
To prevent public nuisance	IF APPLICATION OF MUSIC IS ALLOWED OUT OF DOORS IN THE NATURAL AMPHITHEATRE BY ST. ANDREWS THERE WILL INEVITABLY BE NOISE NUISANCE.
To protect children from harm	

Please suggest any conditions which would alleviate your concerns.	AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO OBJECT OR SUPPORT INDIVIDUAL EVENTS.
--	---

Signed:

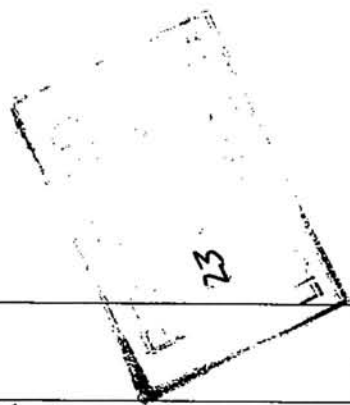
Date:

23/10/08.

Please see notes on reverse

Norwich City Council Licensing Authority
Licensing Act 2003

Statement of support or objection to
an application for a premises licence



Your name/organisation name/name of body you represent (see note 1)	D. FULLER
Postal address	24 FRIARS QUAY NORWICH
Email address	
Contact telephone number	

Name of the premises you wish to support or object to	EVENTS TERM BLANKET LICENSE
Address of the premises you wish to support or object to.	

Your support or objection must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives (see note 2)

Licensing Objective	Please set out your support or objections below. Please use separate sheets if necessary
To prevent crime and disorder	SEE ATTACHED
Public safety	
To prevent public nuisance	
To protect children from harm	

Please suggest any conditions which would alleviate your concerns.	
--	--

Signed: *[Signature]* Date: 15.10.08

Please see notes on reverse

ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS
NORWICH NR3 1ES

15.10.2008

TEL

Norwich City Council Licensing Authority
City Hall
Norwich.



Reference Activities & operational times application as submitted by NCC Events Team. I have to object most strongly on two aspects viz:

ASPECT 1

- A. The Events Team was unsuccessful with their recent application. The solicitor at NCC observed that "their application failed to comply with the Licensing Act 2003 & statutory guidelines. Their approach of requiring a permissive and vague premises license was inappropriate and contrary to all published guidelines & the opinion of the Court is that the operating schedule contains numerous defects of a fundamental nature"
- B. The Events Team are endeavouring to obtain a blanket license to cover all xany events throughout the city apparently on the grounds this facilitates not having to treat all applications on an individual basis. Apart from the fact that it may be to them a repetitive and tedious operation they would appear to be oblivious that it is what they are paid to do as servants of the community & it is incumbent to abide by the democratic procedures at all times. They cannot by-pass legal obligations for their own benefit.

ASPECT 2

- A. The Generic Risk Assessment carried out shows a possible maximum of 2,500 persons on St Georges Park until 2300 hrs. There would also be an added time for dispersal and the public leaving.

LOVEL



5 Friars Quay NORWICH NR3 1ES

01603

e-mail

20 October 2008

Mr I Streeter

Licensing Manager, Legal and Democratic Services

Norwich City Council

Dear Mr Streeter

City Centre 4 – St Georges St – Licensing Act 2003: Premises Licence – New: ref 08/01831/PREM

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of 1 October, and enclose our detailed objections (please see separate sheet) to the proposed application by the Norwich City Council Events Team in respect of St Georges Street and the surrounding residential area.

As the previous application relating to a wider area was rejected earlier this year by both the Licensing Committee and the Licensing Magistrates, we can see no reason why this application should be granted. Like the original application, this one seeks in the words of the City Council's solicitor "a permissive and vague premises licence, inappropriate and contrary to all published guidelines", which will grant the City Council in the person of the Events Team the right to block public highways and put on a variety of events for up to 2500 people in what is predominately a residential area. The lives of residents in Princes Street, Elm Hill, St Georges Street, Friars Quay, Colegate, Calvert Street, as well as the flats overlooking the river in Duke Street would all be affected, yet the City Council is seeking to prevent consultation with us about these events and deny us the rights enjoyed by the remainder of the citizens of Norwich.

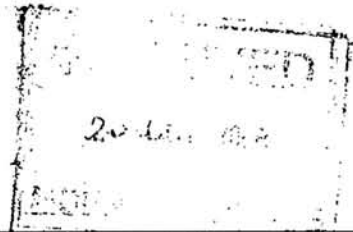
We urge the Licensing Committee to uphold their earlier decision and reject this totally inappropriate and unnecessary application.

Yours sincerely

Greg and Evelyn Chapman

Norwich City Council Licensing Authority
Licensing Act 2003

Statement of support or objection to
an application for a premises licence



Your name/organisation name/name of body you represent (see note 1)	GREG and EVELYN CHAPMAN
Postal address	5 FRIARS QUAY NORWICH NR3 1ES
Email address	
Contact telephone number	01603 /
Name of the premises you wish to support or object to	St. Andrew's Plain, St. George's Park, St. George's St. to Colegate
Address of the premises you wish to support or object to.	_____ " _____

Your support or objection must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives (see note 2)

Licensing Objective	Please set out your support or objections below. Please use separate sheets if necessary
To prevent crime and disorder	Please see sheet attached
Public safety	_____ " _____
To prevent public nuisance	_____ " _____
To protect children from harm	_____ " _____

Please suggest any conditions which would alleviate your concerns.	Please see comments attached.
--	-------------------------------

Signed:

Date:

20 / 10 / 08

Please see notes on reverse

Licensing Objectives in respect of St Georges Street and the surrounding residential area

Ref: 08/01831/PREM

1. **To prevent crime and disorder:** - We cannot see how it will be possible to control the provision of alcohol to the attendees as there are at least three licensed premises open until 2.00 a.m. in St Georges Street itself, and others nearby. Drinking in the street (with the resultant anti-social behaviour, noise and disturbance, and vandalism) is already a problem for us, and one that is not currently being addressed.
2. **Public Safety:** - as this is an open unenclosed area bounded in places by the river, used by hundreds of people daily as a pedestrian through route to the city centre, - how is it intended to limit numbers attending (see "risk assessment"), - how is it intended to provide public toilets, and clear up litter, - how are emergency vehicles to gain access to the existing residential properties (approx 100) in the immediate area?
3. **To prevent public nuisance:** - the use of the area designated as St Georges Park for events involving up to 2500 will create unacceptable levels of noise and nuisance, for no other reason than it will prove impossible to control numbers and prevent the consumption of alcohol in a public place. Residential properties in St Georges Street, Princes Street, and Friars Quay will be at risk, as will the 21 private parking places in Friars Quay which are only feet away from the designated area.
4. **To protect children from harm:** - how is the children's play area on the green in Friars Quay (the area now designated as St Georges Park) to be protected from misuse and vandalism? How are families with small children to gain access to the centre of the city when "events" are in progress?

Norwich City Council Licensing Authority
Licensing Act 2003

RECEIVED
24 OCT 2008
LICENSING OFFICE

Statement of support or objection to
an application for a premises licence

Your name/organisation name/name of body you represent (see note 1)	<i>Jeanette Durant } have subtly Jim Durant } different views</i>
Postal address	<i>38 Frans Quay, NR3 1ES</i>
Email address	
Contact telephone number	<i>01603</i>

Name of the premises you wish to support or object to	<i>St Georges Park</i>
Address of the premises you wish to support or object to.	<i>" " "</i>

Your support or objection must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives (see note 2)

Licensing Objective	Please set out your support or objections below. Please use separate sheets if necessary
To prevent crime and disorder	<i>See attachments which apply to all of these objectives</i>
Public safety	
To prevent public nuisance	
To protect children from harm	

Please suggest any conditions which would alleviate your concerns.	<i>See attachments and Report of meeting with FQRA on 21st Oct</i>
--	---

Signed: _____

Date: *23 Oct 08*

Please see notes on reverse

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PREMISES LICENCE
City Centre – 4 St. Georges Street Norwich

Objections to application for use of St Georges Park

Jeanette Durrant
38 Friars Quay,
Norwich NR3 1ES



St Georges Street and St. Georges Park.

To Prevent Crime and Disorder.

The difficulty in controlling only 20-30 extremely rowdy young people who overrun the nursery play area and park until well over 11pm, leaves me skeptical about how up to 1000 would behave.

The antisocial behavior included breaking branches from newly planted young trees, skateboarding down slides designed for under-fives, and leaving alcohol cans and bottles around plus needles and on one occasion a knife in a waste bin.

Public Safety

Motorbike riding, chasing around in groups and blocking paths for other members of the public, leaves elderly and middle aged pedestrians wary of walking past them. One retired lady has been knocked over in the past in an attempt to mug her and others have been narrowly missed by objects like branches being thrown.

To Prevent a Public Nuisance

Once drunk or high on drugs it is difficult to know how to intervene. A quick response from police or community worker is necessary with the authority to remove troublemakers. CCTV should be trained onto the play area and another on the fishing landing by the river and monitored. A large crowd would of necessity be close to resident's parked cars and bedrooms overlooking the space. Film soundtrack and other music is usually set at too high amplification and would prevent children or the elderly from sleeping. There would need to be adequate provision of toilettes and no alcohol.

Anarchists using the park in the past were only there from 1pm to 6pm and tidied up afterwards, but there were only a maximum of 150 people and thankfully the monotonous drumming stopped by 6pm.

To Protect Children from Harm

Mothers of young children using the popular under 5's play area have been appalled by the mess left behind from the night before. Damage to the swings and slide by adults using it, and skateboarding down the slide, could harm toddlers and offensive graffiti has affronted mothers with five-year olds asking for help to read it. One way to protect the area would be a notice reminding them the playground is for small children and training the CCTV on that area.

Conditions which would Alleviate Concerns

11pm is too late for loud music, screaming, noisy talking and flashing lights. Some way of controlling it would be essential with time allocated for clearing up the mess left behind.

Assurance on the limit of numbers to a maximum of about 500.

Stewards or organizers with authority to bring events to an end.

Some advance warning of an event and limit on frequency of them.

Quick action to disperse the crowd if it gets out of hand.



NORWICH City Council

Norwich City Council Licensing Authority
Licensing Act 2003



Statement of support or objection to an application for a premises licence

Your name/organisation name/name of body you represent (see note 1)	RICHARD MOORE
Postal address	28 FRIARS QUAY NORWICH NR3 1ES
Email address	
Contact telephone number	01603

Name of the premises you wish to support or object to	CITY CENTRE 4 ST. GEORGES STREET, NORWICH
Address of the premises you wish to support or object to.	ST GEORGES PARK

Your support or objection must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives (see note 2)

Licensing Objective	Please set out your support or objections below. Please use separate sheets if necessary
To prevent crime and disorder	The site is too small for concerts & large gatherings. There is the potential for disorder, including violence, with greater numbers especially with public houses nearby
Public safety	There is no enclosure for St Georges Park and therefore crowd control is impossible (concert crowds mingling with drinkers etc.) No tickets and River Norwich nearby Risk assessment would rule out big concerts
To prevent public nuisance	Noise is a major issue not only for households but also restaurants and other venues near with the Riverside music after 22.00 hours is unacceptable. There are two public footpaths which should be kept clear
To protect children from harm	The venue is "not fit for purpose." Children would require supervision. Beware of the river.

Please suggest any conditions which would alleviate your concerns.	Revert to the original plan of a piazza theme. Drop the idea of outdoor concerts and stop outdoor music by 22.00 each night
--	---

Signed: _____

Date: 24 October 2008

Please see notes on reverse

Fuller, Maxine

From: Richard/Stella [mailto:richard.stella@talk.net]
Sent: 03 November 2008 16:57
To: Licensing
Subject: City Centre 4 St.Georges Park

Your Ref: 08/01831/PREM. Letter dated 30 Oct 2008

The added conditions are a step in the right direction. However I am still concerned about Open Air events in St.Georges Park attracting up to 1000 people.

In my opinion, the area is too small, is likely to be damaged and could represent a public safety hazard if such numbers attend.

Richard Moore
28 Friars Quay
Norwich
NR3 1ES

04/11/2008

T

Fuller, Maxine

From: KATE MONEY [mailto:kate.money@norwich.gov.uk]
Sent: 31 October 2008 13:44
To: Fuller, Maxine
Subject: Re: St Georges Street Premises Licence

Dear Maxine

Ok well there is nothing much as I can do now as I am away from my system till next Thursday and just accessing my e mails. Basically, my objection was based on what is reasonable and I do not think it reasonable to propose up to 1000 additional people gathering on the small space of St Georges park so near to residential properties. I am generally very happy to share this space and enjoy the general ambience. But this proposal would I believe create significant nuisance in terms of noise and environmental damage and would create a heightened risk of nuisance behaviour. I have no idea how you would monitor and control numbers coming into the area.

Hope this sets out my views adequately. I do not think that the committee have resolved this issue with the Events team to the satisfaction of many Friars Quays residents and I do not think the concessions negotiated will substantially address my concerns.

Best wishes

Kate Money

----- Original Message -----

From: "Fuller, Maxine" <MaxineFuller@norwich.gov.uk>
To: KATE MONEY <kate.money@norwich.gov.uk>
Sent: Friday, 31 October, 2008 11:47:36 AM
Subject: RE: St Georges Street Premises Licence

Hi Kate,

I'm afraid it's still not working.

Maxine Fuller
Licensing Assistant/Licensing Office
Norwich City Council
(01603) 212761
maxine.fuller@norwich.gov.uk

From: KATE MONEY [mailto:kate.money@norwich.gov.uk]
Sent: 31 October 2008 10:17
To: Fuller, Maxine
Subject: Re: St Georges Street Premises Licence

Maxine

Does this work?

31/10/2008

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 30 October(ref 08/01831/PREM).

The new arrangements are more in keeping with a primarily residential area, but we still have reservations, bearing in mind the restrictions that are currently imposed on "enclosed" venues eg St Andrews Hall, within the same area of the City Centre..

Presumably the Council will have to be satisfied that any potential organiser is well aware of the conditions and has the capability to control the event in a civilised fashion. eg that in the event of crowds up to 1000 adequate toilet and medical facilities will be "on site".

Yours faithfully

Roy and Susan Headland
15 Friars Quay
Norwich
NR3 1ES

Page 1 of 1

Fuller, Maxine

From:

Sent: 16 October 2008 12:30

To:

Cc: Licensing

Subject: Re: Disturbances

Dear John,

Nearly all the anti social behaviour arises from excess consumption of alcohol. This is also apparent on the green area at the back of Elm Hill where discarded drinks cans and litter spoil an otherwise attractive area. I feel that if the police (or other appointed authority) exercised the law and cracked down on unauthorised drinking in public places a lot of these problems would be alleviated. At the moment it is akin to the law on driving whilst on a mobile phone-no-one bothers to enforce it. Maybe a climate of zero tolerance for a while would work wonders!

I fear that the Council's application re City Centre 4 under the Licensing Act 2003 (Premises Licence-New) will only have the effect of "legitimising" rowdy behaviour among the worst elements of our society, so in the interests of local residents, any move to curtail late opening hours would be welcomed.

Regards

Roy And Susan Headland,
15, Friars Quay
Norwich
NR3 1ES