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TEMPORARY CHANGE OF USE OF BROCKWELL PARK FOR THE LAMBETH COUNTRY SHOW YOUR REF 25/00693/RG3 - OBJECTION

Although the Brixton Society has supported and participated in the Lambeth Country Show in previous years, with regret, we oppose this planning application for the temporary use of Brockwell Park for the Lambeth Country Show from the 2nd June to 18th June.

We do this on the following two grounds

Firstly, this planning application would not be necessary if there had not been an earlier Certificate of Lawfulness application for Brockwell Live (25/00003/LDCP)

It has only been necessary for a planning application to be submitted for change of use for the Lambeth Country Show because the 28 days permitted development rights that would otherwise be available for events in the Park in 2025, have already been used up by an earlier application, a COL (or Certificate of Lawfulness) for Brockwell Live covering the period 12 May to 1st June (25/00003/LDCP).

We agree with many other local objectors that the Brockwell Live COL should be rejected because of the adverse impact it would have on the amenity of the Park. If the Brockwell Live COL is withdrawn, as solicitors acting for objectors have proposed, then there would be no need for a Planning Application for the Lambeth Country Show which could take place as it has in previous years using permitted development rights.

Secondly, the character of the Lambeth Country Show has been changed in recent years to the point where it is now a continuation of earlier commercial events, prolonging the adverse impact on the Park

The Lambeth Country Show is planned to take place immediately after Brockwell Live, using the same site footprint and the same hard structures, which will not be dismantled and reassembled. It will be run by the same organisers.

We also note that the majority of the hard structures listed in the Planning Application (including the seven bars selling alcohol and the three large stages) appear to be structures required for the commercial events being organised under the Brockwell Live banner, and it is unclear how many of

these would be required for the family and horticultural activities most of us associate with the Lambeth Country Show.

The effect of the coupling of the two events is that Brockwell Live and the Lambeth Country Show, with one event taking place immediately after the other and using the same footprint, are being morphed into a single largely commercial event in the Park from 12th May to the 28th June, with the following results

1. A large part of the Park (30% by area, or 45% of the grassed areas) will be fenced off for nearly two months during early summer preventing local people from enjoying the park. The area to be fenced off includes the football pitch used by local youth teams.
2. It will prolong and exacerbate the damage caused to the fabric of the Park, including compaction damage to grass and tree roots, and damage to the Victorian pathways of Brockwell Park which are not roads and were not designed to take the axle weight of the vehicles used for large events.

For the reasons stated above, we object to the planning application for change of use of the Park this summer for the Lambeth Country Show as well as for the Change of Use application for Brockwell Live earlier in the summer.

Yours sincerely

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