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**Subject:** License application 16/01174/LQN

**From:** Mrs Dominique Pearse, New House, Recreation Rd, Burghfield Common  
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Good afternoon

I am writing to oppose the above license for the planned 'Burghfest' on 23rd/24th Sept 2016 to take place on Burghfield Common recreation ground.

The organisers circulated a leaflet which misrepresented their intentions to residents. They indeed highlighted the charity element but failed totally to mention that they were applying for a license to include in excess of 499 people attending and that the event could be repeated 3 times a year.

The use of the recreation ground for such a large scale event is totally inappropriate. There is no planned parking facility for such numbers and the adjacent streets are already congested at week ends when football matches take place with a maximum crowd of about 50 people. It would be a free for all parking, blocking narrow roads, private entrances, obstructing pavements and making it difficult for emergency vehicles.

There are year round existing noise and littering issues around the Rec which is surrounded 360 degrees by residential housing. How far worse would the situation be with the expected mountain of bottles, cans, plastic cups scattered around as well as thrown into residents' private drives and gardens.

The Rec has suffered for years from issues of criminal damage and anti-social activity fuelled by youngsters consuming alcohol illegally at night. This poor image has slowly started to improve thanks to the parish council advocating using the Rec specifically for sporting and family friendly activities such as the new multi sport area and the large children playground. Mixing this peaceful environment with a large number of unvetted adults and a lot of alcohol is a very bad message to give to children as well as putting them at risk.

Who will be responsible to compensate local residents for potential damage done to their properties and possessions by drink fuelled crowds?

The Rec is suitable for family orientated entertainments not large scale drinking and loud music events. The organisers should not be allowed to mislead the local residents and be economical with the truth.

The environmental Health officer has a duty to protect the Burghfield residents and refuse this licensing application.

With regards  
Dominique Pearse

Sent from my iPad