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Dear Sir/ Madam

**Licence Application for Milton Park**

I wish to express my concern at the proposed licence application for Milton Park, Alsager.

I feel that the last couple of years have seen a return of the park to a family-friendly place with minimal night – time disturbance and a reduction in anti-social behaviour.

I welcome any initiatives contributing to this trend, and I have grand-children of my own who benefit from the park.

However, the application is a request to hold events potentially on a Wednesday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday. I have concerns about the 'open' nature of the application, should it lead to more than 2 or 3, especially evening, events per year, given its potential for noise/ traffic/ litter nuisance for local residents and the adjoining Elderly Care Home. In addition, although a 10 pm finish sounds reasonable, there are workers, shift- workers and children 's bedtimes to consider.

Milton Park / Gardens is, unlike Congleton Park, a small area which cannot contain anything other than small-scale, mostly day –time events without having a detrimental effect on the park and the residents in the local area – hence the decision to re- locate the summer Carnival to an alternative site.

Could I suggest that, if this licence is approved, at the least a strict limit is set on the number / nature of events permitted per year.

As a footnote, we see that a beer tent is to be provided at the Bank Holiday Concert. Do you consider, given that the park is an alcohol-free zone, that this gives out mixed messages and does not make the job of the police any easier?

Yours faithfully,

9<sup>th</sup> August 2011  
The Licensing Department  
Cheshire East Council  
Westfields  
Middlewich Road  
Sandbach  
CW11 1HZ

Dear Sir/Madam

Re Milton park application

We are writing to object to the open licence application to hold events in Milton Park Alsager on any Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday between 10am and 10pm.

We write as residents of Station Road who over a year ago were subject to an attack by more than 20 young people who threw stones at our windows, broke 3 window panes and banged menacingly at our door terrifying us. We had a young baby in the house at the time.

This attack on our home was totally unprovoked and was a result of a young person seeking refuge in our back garden trying to escape from a crowd of young people from Milton Park. They had injured him and were chasing him to commit further violence on him. The young people had been drinking.

This incident is the most extreme but we have had our car windows smashed as well. We are subject from time to time by anti social behaviour by groups of loud and unruly young people who frequent Milton Park on Fridays and Saturday evenings and spill out unto Station Road usually drunk. They shout loudly and throw bottles and cans into our garden.

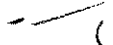


We have not found the police helpful. When we phoned them for help on the night our home was surrounded and attacked they took nearly 30 minutes to arrive. We do not think that they have the manpower to adequately police these events.

In view of our experience we feel that any application to increase the use of Milton Park for evening events will see a rise in anti social behaviour, noise and litter.

We are also concerned about the impact on New Milton House Care Home and its elderly residents. We feel they deserve some peace and quiet in the evenings. We do not object to the park being used for family friendly daytime activities.

We would be grateful if you would take our concerns seriously and expect a reply to our letter. If you have any queries we can be contacted on

Yours faithfully.

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