

## Appendix 2.

FOBP comments on the 'Field Day' & 'Lovebox' proformas.

The proformas which have been presented for 'Field Day' & 'Lovebox' events in 2018 are similar in many ways. Comments on 'Field Day' also apply to 'Lovebox'.

- a). 'FIELD DAY', Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>-Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018; but with Set-up date starting May 20<sup>th</sup> & Off-site date June 10<sup>th</sup>.
  1. numbers attending: the figures quoted in the proforma are lower than those mentioned In other sources, where attendances of 45,000 per day are mentioned. Such numbers are not manageable in an urban park.
  2. The statement that Brockwell Park is similar to Victoria Park, the location of previous 'Lovebox' Events, is inaccurate. Brockwell Park is smaller and hilly. These features will affect the impact of the Event on the Park.
  3. The roads in Victoria Park circumscribe the Event, in a way not possible in Brockwell Park. This will mean a less contained effect in Brockwell Park than in Victoria Park. *See 14. below.*
  4. The presence of proper roads through Victoria Park means that heavy vehicles did not have to cross sensitive terrain there. That is not the case in Brockwell Park, where roadways are fragile, crumbling, narrow and winding, and unsuited to heavy vehicles.
  5. FOBP Committee is wholly opposed to the increased sound levels proposed.
  6. £15,000 is far too small a sum for the 'Damage Deposit' purpose, where the proforma states that 35% of the Park will be occupied, the size of the Park being 125 acres.
  7. The statement that the hope is to make this Event annual is unacceptable to the Committee, which sees an event of this size as being a once-in-a-generation operation.
  8. No consideration has been given to the impact of the Event on Brockwell Hall, Lambeth Film Festival, the Dog Show, the Railway and smaller Park events. (for instance, the owner/operator of the Railway fears it may no longer be viable, since access will be closed off during vital revenue-earning times over school summer half-term and holidays).
  9. The Brixton Water Lane gate entrance is seen as the main access route into the Park. Footfall through this entrance and along its

broadly-turfed avenue will be tremendous. No acknowledgement of this is made in the proforma, nor of the damage this will cause.

10. No account is made of the damage to the Wildlife & Flora of the Park, which is an urban refuge for these species with an especial ecological significance (for instance, the first hedgehog for years has just been sighted in the Park; this year Swans nested and bred in the Park ponds for the first time; Kestrels have been sighted in the Park this year for the first time; huge and continuing effort is being put by biodiversity volunteers into creating wildlife meadows).

11. The meeting was critical of lack consideration of other environmental issues: the huge diesel power generators which will be needed; the massive amount of glass, plastic and styrafoam rubbish that will be generated. No mention has been made of its sorting and disposal according to available recycling resources.

12. The meeting endorsed the concerns expressed in the proforma by the Parks Dept.

13. The meeting expressed concern over the Sports Platform near the Lido: plans to remove the Table Tennis Table; concerns over the weight-bearing capacity of the special rubberized surface, which once damaged in an area, cannot be partially-patched satisfactorily.

14. The maps posted with the proformas are too small-scale to disclose fully the actual footprint of the Events. The proformas estimate involvement of 35% of the Park, but in fact, taking into account the total areas off-limits to park users (for instance, the blocking off of the pathway between the Herne Hill entrance and the Lido...which in effect kills off access to the railway too) our meeting assessed the total denial of access to useable Park space by the Events to be 50% or more. **Action:** Event Sponsors need to post large-scale maps on the web at once, so that the public can see the full extent of Park denial to the public.

15. No account has been taken for the logistics of such large populations of Event attenders in their entry or exit. Both will lead to immense queues, bad temper and bad behaviour, from experience with recent and past smaller 20,000 attendance Events. What will it be like for a population of 45,000!

16. No adequate arrangements seem to have been defined for toilet facilities for such large crowds. The Events will be open for 12 hours at a time, during which large amounts of liquid and food will be consumed. This raises the spectre of massive human waste deposited in shrubbery and on the turf throughout the Park unless extensive facilities are provided.

17. There is no mention in the proformas of tree protection. The saplings need especial care, and need to be identified and mapped by the Sponsors. The established trees need a RPA (Root Protection Area, (as outlined in planning guidelines, and as instituted in the Royal and other Parks) of a 5-metre area, measured from the trunk, around each tree.

b). 'LOVEBOX'/CITADEL, Friday July 13<sup>th</sup>-Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup>, but with Set-up date starting July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Additional considerations.

1. The meeting endorsed the comments by the London Fire Brigade on the adequacy of emergency exit arrangements which rely on the same gates as the identified main entrance and exit points, which may be blocked by existing queues at the time of an emergency.

2. The proforma makes a virtue of the ability to use an overlap period with the Lambeth County Show with respect to infrastructure. Comments from the meeting are:

a). of what will this infrastructure comprise?

b). what useable area of the Park will this close off?

c). how will damage caused by 'Lovebox' to the Park be assessed, separately from any caused by the LCS? This discrimination will be necessary in order to deny the Sponsors the chance to refuse responsibility for damage.