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Your ref: Temporary Event  
Notice, Uganda Festival 2025  
Date: 19/08/2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: Objection to Temporary Even Notice – Uganda Festival 2025**

Police acknowledge receipt of an application for a Temporary Event Notice 2025 for Uganda Festival 2025 on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

They are seeking to hold an event at Damyns Hall Aerodrome, Aveley Road, Upminster, RM14 2TN. Upon reading their application for a TEN and that they are requesting to hold the event with a maximum of 499 people in attendance (including staff), Police have been made aware that they have previously attempted to hold this festival at Morden park, in the London Borough of Merton. Police are aware of online advertisement that the Uganda Festival are coming to their new venue after being refused by the London Borough of Merton, their new venue allowing them to go 'BIGGER, LOUDER AND BETTER'. The numbers that they have applied for at the original site in Merton were 5000 attendees, this was submitted along with an EMP for the event. Officers from Havering Police licensing have been in contact with officers from Merton Police Licensing, who state that this has been rejected by them due to them not being given suitable notice period between the date of application and the date of the event. The event poster, posted on Eventbrite boasts 13 acts at least, which would suggest they expect numbers far greater than the 499 that have been applied for in the TEN.

In relation to the application received, The Metropolitan Police would like to object the application. The licensing objectives that Police are objecting under are as follows:

Public Safety: There has been no engagement with the Safety Advisory Group (SAG), in regards to traffic management, security and everything that goes with the general running of a safe festival. Police licensing and local authority have tried on numerous occasions to call applicant, this phone number does not ring and goes straight to voicemail. Even though this states it is a TEN for up to 499 people, police have reason to suspect there will be a lot more people attending, so planning meetings for large scale events would be necessary to manage risk.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder: No engagement with police licensing or police events team, an event as large as this one (assuming it is 'BIGGER, LOUDER and BETTER than the original application in Merton), this would need a full policing plan, again to be planned in SAG meetings in a suitable time frame before the event. No plans have been submitted in regards to how they plan to deal with issues relating to drugs and weapons.

Prevention of Public Nuisance: This appears to be a substantial event that is being planned, where the local residents would need to be informed of any traffic implications and an noise nuisance that goes with festivals, the local town of Upminster would be affected with people using trains and local transport hubs, the original EMP states that attendees will be encouraged to use public transport.

In summary police feel that his event is going to go way beyond the number (499 including staff) that are allowed for a Temporary Event Notice if advertisement and previous applications to other Local authorities are anything to go by. If allowed to go ahead this event will be impossible to police due to such a short turn around and this will put the public and people who attend this event at risk.

Police ask the sub committee to reject the application.

Yours Sincerely,

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Licensing Officer