Hi Tom

I have received the email below from another resident regarding the secret Garden TEN events at 53 Mount Ephraim Lane, this is a new complainant who contacted yesterday (Friday 11th September 2020) and I spoke with today (Saturday 12th September 2020) hence why this was not included in the original representation.

I have removed personal details such as email address and contact details but can you just double check it for me please?

Please can you add this to the Public Protection representation for Friday, I’m presuming this needs to sent to the applicant as well, but I’m not sure, please let me know.

Many thanks.

Kind Regards

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To: Keith Badrick <KBadrick@lambeth.gov.uk>
Subject: Mount Ephraim Lane Concerts

Dear Mr Badrick

I wish to follow up our recent conversation concerning the music events that have been taking place at 53 Mount Ephraim Lane.
I am happy to be a named complainant.

These events started on July 26th and were a surprise to a number of residents as there was no prior warning.
To start with there was not much reaction as we assumed it was a one off. However we then found out that the events were being sponsored by Rampton Baseley Estate Agents and a flyer, (attached) had been produced along with a web site to promote five further events in August.
However there was a total of 11 events in the pipeline. Which we find unacceptable, and especially after three nights in a row from August 21st.
These concerts start mid afternoon for rehearsals, there is a short break whilst paying guests arrive, the performance then takes place. At the end there is usually applause followed by guests leaving noisily and then the caterers tidy up and leave, this can go on for sometime and on one occasion until 12.30am. I have some video footage of this, but sadly cannot transfer it at the moment, possibly because of the file size.
My daughter sleeps at the front of our house and is constantly disturbed be these events. There is little or no social distancing by the attendees, and very little mask wearing, please see the attached photographs from the August 9th and 23rd events. I assume no more events will be legally allowed after the new government distancing rules come in to play on Monday 14th. Also the quantity of the attendees impacts on parking availability.

There's some indication that this will be an ongoing series of events into next year and beyond, which is unacceptable. I understand that the arts sector has been severely hit by these difficult and strange times and Mr Grist should be applauded for trying to address the situation, and in the big scheme of things a couple of concerts is no problem with anybody. However there is an indication from Mr Grist that he intends to continue these concerts throughout the year and beyond, which turns them into a commercial enterprise. For example three more events in October are currently being advertised.
It is not my intention to be a killjoy and stop any events from event happening again, there are, after all, halls, and venues specifically set up to host these types of events. What I wish to clarify is the councils' intention to allow the events to continue on a commercial basis in the coming months and years, thus creating a dangerous precedent and encouraging a change of use to a residential dwelling. If this is allowed who knows what other events may take place or be proposed for our residential street.

I look forward to receiving your comments on this matter.

Charlie O'Shaughnessy

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