Dear Sirs,

I wish to make representations against this application under the licensing objectives regarding Prevention of Public Nuisance, Public Safety and Prevention of Crime and Disorder.

The license applied for seeks the provision of alcohol until 22.15 on weekdays and 22.45 on Friday and Saturday, and a closing time of 22.30 on week days and 23.00 on Friday and Saturday.

The event site is very close to Clapham Common High Street and Clapham Common tube station and patrons of the Winterville event are likely to leave in the direction thereof. As the Winterville festival offering is very much directed towards the provision of alcoholic beverages, patrons leaving, especially in the later evening, may well be intoxicated. This will potentially lead to an increased number of potentially intoxicated individuals in the night time economy area of Clapham.

The area of Clapham High Street/Clapham Town suffers such levels of anti-social behaviour during the weekend period that each weekend sees a successful application by the Police for authorisation to use dispersal powers. This means that a senior officer is satisfied of the likelihood of members of the public being harassed, alarmed or distressed, or of the occurrence of crime or disorder. The reasons for those applications are consistently associated with the prevalence of alcohol-related disorder.

Moreover, residents in the vicinity of the Winterville festival (which includes roads off Clapham Common Southside, Northside and the High Street) are subjected to noise nuisance and antisocial behaviours such as shouting, rowdiness, littering, street urination and vomiting.

Although not strictly in the Clapham High Street cumulative impact zone as identified by the current Council’s statement of licensing policy, the so-called event site is just outside the CIZ. Patrons leaving the Winterville are likely to go towards Clapham Common tube station and the High Street thus adding to the number of people in that area, many of whom may be intoxicated. The applicant has not demonstrated that there will be no negative cumulative impact on the licensing objectives as a result of increased hours for supplying alcohol.

This application is for a festival which will operate from 15 November to 23 December 2018 but will mean enclosure of a considerable area of the Common at the very least for two months as set-up and take-down work will start on 1 November and end on 31 December. However, as Winter South’s agronomist admits, the event site is likely to be seriously damaged and hence enclosed from use by the public or for other events for probably six months i.e. from November to April.

The experience of the 2017 Winterville was that it led to a large area of Clapham Common
being fenced off from the end of December until May 2018, following the damage caused by the event. Damage to the Common will cause significant public nuisance.

The likely enclosure of around 10% of the Common for several months will also cause enormous public nuisance because it excludes residents from the free use of the Common for walking, running and sports activities and obstructs their view of and across this strategically important open space. In other words, a prime area of our Metropolitan Open Land, acquired and secured for the people of Clapham and Battersea 160 years ago, will be seriously impaired and removed from public use, a real and significant public nuisance.

I object also to the application on the ground that its approval would breach the Council’s commitment to “conserving, managing and improving Clapham Common” and, in consequence, lead to public nuisance.

We are frequently told about the beneficial effects on people, both physical and psychologically, of green spaces. The enclosure, and consequent removal of use to residents of a large part of the Common for many months, does not further this ambition in any way.

As a local councillor, I have received many complaints relating to the Winterville 2017 event, both verbal and in writing. I am aware of objections to this event, on the event site, by the Clapham Common Management Advisory Committee, the Clapham Society, the Friends of Clapham Common, the Clapham Town ward of the Labour Party, and on the website Nextdoor. The subject application, if granted, is liable to lead to similar complaints.

I submit that the application should be refused.

Yours faithfully,

Cllr Linda Bray
Labour member for Clapham Town ward
I am writing in my capacity as ward councillor for Clapham Town Ward

I wish to object to the license application for the Winterville 2018 by Winter South Ltd

The extension of the hours being requested compared to the previous event has raised a number of concerns by myself and local people that this will result in an increase in anti-social behaviour and cause a nuisance to my residents.

The later hours will increase the risk of people who have drunk excessively at Winterville merging with people using venues on the high street - which already has high numbers, especially at the weekend causing disruption and putting the safety of the public at risk.

Councillor for Clapham Town Ward
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Which application do you want to comment on? Winterville, Clapham Common from 25th October until 23rd December 2018  
Preventing crime and disorder:  
The high concentration of alcohol outlets, 15 according to the Street Feast website, in an area which will discharge into a dark open space, may well render attendees vulnerable to crime.

Preventing public nuisance: Egress at 23.00 on Friday and Saturday is too late. Last drinks are scheduled for 22.45. It would be unreal to expect the site to empty of attendees before 23.30 at the earliest. Particularly in the case of private Christmas parties guests are unlikely to leave quietly.

Protecting children from harm:

Any other comments: It is clear from the Street Feast Winterville website that it is Street Feast rather than Winter South Ltd. which dominates this event. Marcus Weedon assured a recent public meeting that the whole event site would not be offered for private hire. Clearly this is not the case.

Supporting evidence 1:  
Supporting evidence 2:  
Supporting evidence 3:  

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