

APPLICATION TO HIRE PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AT KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD ASHINGDON

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 On 21 February 2000 the Head of Leisure & Client Services received a request from Mrs R.A.Petley on behalf of the Churches of Rochford and District area (Appendix A) seeking permission from the Council to hold a 6 day Millennium celebration event at the King George V Playing Field in Ashingdon.
- 1.2 Members are asked to consider the proposal, details of which are provided later in this report, and decide whether the staging of the proposed event should be approved.

2 PROPOSED MILLENNIUM CELEBRATION EVENT

- 2.1 The proposed event is to take place between 13 – 18 June 2000. The Event Organisers' advise that preparations are still at the planning stage and therefore only outline details are currently available.
- 2.2 The group propose to erect a 300 seater marquee on the site in which "meetings" will be held each day, 3 times a day; morning, afternoon and evening. The last meeting of the day will end at approximately 9.30pm. after which time no music will be played. The Organisers' anticipate that the marquee and site will be vacated no later than 10.30pm. each night.
- 2.3 The Organisers' also advise that there will be a number of events taking place over the 6 days, full details of which are not currently available. However, they will include the following:
 - An event for children from 6.30.pm. to 7.30.pm.
 - An event for youth on Saturday evening, with music and finishing by 10.00.pm.
 - A meeting for women.
 - A day for pensioners, with a cold buffet.
 - An event for the family.

No further details are available at this point.

2.4 The Organisers' have suggested that they will be responsible for security on the site and will arrange for the presence of ambulance and other medical crew as necessary, as well as notifying the police. Temporary public conveniences will also be provided by the Organisers'.

2.4.1 Parking facilities will be required, although the Organisers' have indicated that some parking space will be available at the Rochford and District Elim Christian Fellowship.

3 COUNCIL POLICY FOR SPECIAL EVENTS ON PLAYING FIELDS

3.1 At the meeting of the Leisure Services Committee 18.10.94 Members considered the use of the Council's playing fields for special events. As a result of those discussions Members agreed that (Min.493) "restrictions should be introduced limiting special events to one in every four week period on any one site, with the proviso that if in addition, any exceptional event came forward, it should be subject to committee approval." (Minute 493/94)

4 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

4.1 If approval is given, there will need to be adequate police control.

5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Should the event be approved the Organisers' will require an Entertainments Licence, as well as indemnity and insurance.

6 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The proposed event will take place in the Parish of Ashingdon.

7 RECOMMENDATION

7.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDS:**

Its views on this request. (HLCS)

Head of Leisure & Client Services

Background Papers:

Letter of 18 February 2000 from Mrs R.A. Petley representing Churches Together.

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