

Formal objection – Blondin Park Live proposal

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This is the formal objection of Ealing Fields Residents' Association (EFRA) to the proposed event, "Blondin Park Live," in early September 2026.

EFRA is a long-established residents' association, founded in 1974, with approximately 400 members representing around 2,000 households across the Northfields and South Ealing area of the London Borough of Ealing. Our area stretches from Windermere Road in the north to Ealing Park Gardens/Lawrence Road in the south, and between Blondin Park/Northfield Avenue in the west and Weymouth Avenue in the east. Blondin Park sits squarely within the EFRA area. EFRA is formally recognised by Ealing Council and regularly engages with the local authority on issues affecting our community.

Ealing Fields is a densely populated residential area with a high number of young families and long-standing residents. Blondin Park is a vital community asset, used daily for sport, wellbeing, children's activities, education and support services. On this basis, we believe the current proposal presents a significant and unacceptable impact on both park users and the surrounding community.

It is also important to note that a similar large-scale commercial event was previously proposed for Acton Park, a significantly larger park with less immediate residential proximity. That proposal was strongly opposed by the local community and objected to by the local MP and did not proceed. Against that background, it is deeply concerning that Blondin Park — which is smaller and more tightly enclosed by housing — is now being considered for an event of this scale.

Our key concerns are set out below.

1. Impact on community services and vulnerable groups

The proposed footprint appears to encompass the sports area and Community Pavilion, which operate seven days a week. This would severely disrupt:

- grassroots football and children's holiday provision
- charities working with vulnerable adults and young people
- school use and structured education activity
- community room hire, which financially supports the park

Preventing access to these services, even temporarily, would directly affect vulnerable residents and undermine long-standing community provision.

2. Loss of a vital local amenity

Blondin Park is not simply an events space; it is a neighbourhood park relied upon daily by families, older residents, dog walkers and informal sports users. Closing large areas of the park for a multi-day commercial event would remove one of the area's few accessible green spaces during peak summer use.

Residents from Blondin Avenue and surrounding streets have also highlighted that, when set-up and de-rig are taken into account, this proposal would in reality result in the loss of the park for nearly three weeks during the school holidays, not merely three days.

3. Noise, disturbance and residential amenity

A three-day event with evening programming raises serious concerns around noise, crowd management, antisocial behaviour and late-night disturbance. This represents a major escalation from the one-day Blondin Festival, which residents have tolerated over many years. The likely impact should be assessed as medium to high, given the close proximity of housing.

Residents have specifically raised concerns about the effect of late-night amplified music and dispersal noise on young children, older residents and long-standing households in what is ordinarily a very quiet residential area.

4. Scale and suitability of the event

Blondin Park is a relatively small neighbourhood park. Attendance levels comparable to much larger parks are fundamentally inappropriate for this site and risk over-intensification, facility damage and serious strain on local infrastructure.

Residents have also highlighted that the proposed 5,000-person capacity mirrors that of much larger parks such as Boston Manor Park, raising serious questions about site suitability and due diligence.

5. Damage to park infrastructure and sports facilities

The sports pitches and surrounding areas are heavily used year-round. There is no realistic window for remediation before scheduled school and football activity resumes. Any damage, even if repaired later, would result in cancelled programmes and loss of community benefit. There are also concerns about the longer-term impact on the park's ecology and recently maintained or planted areas.

6. Access, safety and operational concerns

Residents living immediately adjacent to the park, particularly on Blondin Avenue, have provided EFRA with a collective submission highlighting specific, localised risks, including:

- Blondin Avenue being a narrow, dead-end residential road where HGVs already become stuck
- increased risk from event deliveries, traffic displacement and visitor parking
- safeguarding, emergency access and congestion concerns in a confined residential environment

There is currently insufficient detail regarding:

- stage locations and orientation
- power supply and generator use
- protection of uneven and newly planted ground
- security, access management and safeguarding of park assets
- any fee payable to the Council and how this would benefit the local area

Without this information, residents cannot have confidence that risks are being responsibly managed.

Conclusion

EFRA believes that the proposed "*Blondin Park Live*" event, in its current form, is unsuitable for Blondin Park and would cause disproportionate harm to residents, community groups and vulnerable users.

We therefore urge that this application be rejected. If the Council is minded allowing any form of event, it should be fundamentally reconsidered with:

- meaningful resident consultation
- a much smaller scale
- strict limits on duration and operating hours
- robust safeguards around noise, licensing, policing and security
- clear commitments on protection and full restoration of the park
- transparency regarding any financial arrangements and community benefit

We would welcome confirmation that this objection has been noted and that residents will be fully consulted on any future proposals.