

Noise Abatement Notice

On 1 May 2013 the Noise & Nuisance Team received information regarding a potential rave which would allegedly be held on the night of the 4 May 2013.

In response officers visited the site on 1 May 2013, and established that the 'old sausage factory' in Bianca Road was being squatted. Officers spoke to the squatters who were residing there, and whilst they did not substantiate the claim, they did not deny it either. Officers felt that should the rave go ahead it would likely cause a nuisance to nearby residents.

In a proactive attempt to address this, on 3 May 2013 Officers served a section 80 abatement Notice for 'likelihood of nuisance' which effectively prohibited the nuisance from occurring or recurring. Whilst the Notice prohibited the occurrence or recurrence of nuisance from the rave, it could not prevent the rave from taking place.

In addition to the above, Council Licensing officers also visited the site with Police and a warning letter was issued regarding unlicensed entertainment.

Actions on the 4-5 May 2013

The Noise Team made several visits at the following times:

01:37hrs - 2 officers noted that the rave had started; they contacted Southwark Police to enquire whether there were sufficient resources to shut it down (should a nuisance be witnessed), and were informed that this would be unlikely. They also spoke to the organisers of the rave, and reminded them that the Notice was in place. The organisers reduced the volume to a low level.

03:50hrs -The Noise team Unit Manager also visited the site along with the Police who were attached to the Council's Nighttime Economy Team. She also spoke to the organisers, who stated that they would reduce the volume further on request. No Police ID numbers were taken or recorded.

11:47hrs - 2 officers visited the premises but no nuisance witnessed.

16:53hrs - Same 2 offices visited with nothing being witnessed.

Reports Written

No reports were written on the events for both dates.

You are free to use the information provided for your own purposes, including any non-commercial research you are doing and for the purposes of news reporting. Any other re-use, for example commercial publication, requires the permission of the copyright holder. You may apply for permission to re-use this information by submitting a request to accessinfo@southwark.gov.uk; you can find details on these arrangements at