

To whom it may concern,

I understand that this event is only one weekend out of the year, only happening once. However I do think a lot more consideration needs to be put into this event for residents in the area who don't take part.

Last year (2018) we had our newborn baby who was only 4 weeks at the time. We were made to walk through the party area to get back to our house on Margaret Street, as the security down the bottom on the street before wouldn't let us down that way to then walk up our street. Walking through the party area with a 4 week old baby was terrifying with everyone drinking and smoking it wouldn't of taken much for someone to fall/trip or drop a lite fag end and it mistakenly going into the pram. People were not considerate or respectful to get out the way, if it wasn't for one female security asking someone to guide us through it could of been much worse and even then people weren't moving and the male security acted as if it was a hard ship to help us. Our pram, baby bag were also searched and we had a shopping bag with coke and a few other bits the security tried to take it from us event through we had resident bands on.

All through the weekend we had our bands on and carried ID, however security still refused to let my partner in (at the bottom of st James street) he then had to walk all the way round and up the seafront. The security working on our street (Margaret street) were lovely and I couldn't fault them but the rest need teaching some manners. As we had just had our baby we had family coming to visit from Scotland and down here, they were not allowed in the street which I think is awful.

We had people peeing up our wall by the front door, glasses left etc.
I know you cannot watch everyone but residents should be a priority!

I think moving it to marina drive would be more convenient as there isn't as many residents and would cause less inconvenience. More consideration is needed especially for those with babies and young children.

I did contact pride 2018 after the event and the council because the behaviour we received manly from security guards was not acceptable. It was that much of a disruption that myself and partner will be looking into booking away this year (2019) as I refuse to put my baby through that again!

I just wanted to add this letter as there isn't enough space on the form sent to us.
If you have any further questions my email is natasha.k.weir@icloud.com feel free to contact me.

Sincerely

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Resident



