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Ban on French chainsaw circus act is lifted

A chainsaw-wielding French circus act has been given permission to perform in London after a last-minute change of mind by Islington Council.

The outrageous Archaos group claimed yesterday that a ban on them was only lifted after an intervention by the French minister of culture, M Jack Lang.

But the council's chief executive, Mr Eric Dear, denies that the council was swayed by M Lang.