

Premises Licence Application Entertainment and Alcohol Licence

at

Sudbury Primary School, Watford Road, Wembley, HA0 3EY

Premises Licence Initial Application Initial Application 223630357

Sudbury Primary School Ltd

Statement of Objection

Introduction

I have read the notice displayed outside the site. I have examined the details of the licence application on Brent website link...

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I live at ■■■ Homefield Road, Wembley HA0 2NJ. I have lived here since 1994, namely for 22 years. I first became aware that this licence application had been made on 26th July 2016.

Objections in relation to the application form Section N on the form states “concerns regarding children none”. Since this is a primary school with a nursery and has children from 3 years old to 11 years old attending there is a crossover of activities between the licence and the children and therefore there is potential for harm to the children. Some of the risks are security and child protection, associated exposure to motor vehicles just outside the premises, noise nuisance, exposure to alcohol use, exposure to adult behaviour in relation to alcohol, exposure to environmental consequences of alcohol use and entertainment use, loss of the wildlife habitat denying the children of that learning experience. Therefore the statement on the form is false. Since the applicant is an expert in children the statement is also reckless.

Section O on the form states that the “hours the premises are open to the public” and lists opening hours. The premises, namely the school, are in fact not open to the public as this would be a breach of security and undermine safeguarding the children. This closed school policy was adopted after the Dunblane school massacre in 1996. In addition the form states that the school is open to the public midweek until midnight; on Fridays open until Saturday morning to 2am; Saturdays until 3am on Sunday morning; Sunday all day until 2am on Monday morning; also on Christmas Eve, New Years Eve, all the bank holidays which would include Christmas Day and Easter Day. That statement is a blatant lie. Therefore the statement on the form is false. Since the applicant is an expert in children the statement is also reckless.

Objections in relation to the procedure

I am a direct neighbour. In June 2016 the school wrote to me about traffic management. There was no consultation or even mention in regard to the licence application.

There is no mention of the licence application in the adopted Neighbourhood plan. The matter is serious and important with a major impact on the whole of Sudbury Town. Therefore to use the method of posting site notices to inform the neighbours and wider community is unacceptable.

The whole licence idea needs to be thrown out and started again properly with full consultation in the community.

Objections in regard to the adopted Neighbourhood Plan.

The adopted vision is to make Sudbury Town... "A GREENER, CLEANER, SAFER SUDBURY TOWN, WITH A HIGH STREET AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY THAT WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF".
<https://www.brent.gov.uk/media/16404339/d63-sudbury-town-neighbourhood-plan.pdf>

The licence application fails to make Sudbury Town greener, cleaner or safer. It dilutes the high street as the heart of the community by taking business away and taking some of the entertainment centre away.

Objections in regard to the licence application

- Inevitably exposes young and vulnerable children to bottles, bottle tops, cans, poured out alcohol remnants, alcohol smell in bins, urine smelling of alcohol, behaviour associated with alcohol, noise and light pollution. To say there is no foreseen harm to children cannot be substantiated.
- Some parents do not want their children exposed to awareness of alcohol until they themselves want to expose them. The application unacceptably exposes those children to awareness alcohol.
- An important part of the school is to have out of hours sports for children. Having alcohol throughout the premises will deter parents from allowing participation therein. Denying any child access to sport harms them.
- Teaching staff working late will be exposed to noise, disruption and alcohol use. That will detrimentally affect their work. In turn poor quality work will harm the children.
- My family and I will be seriously affected by light pollution, noise, activities and behaviour associated with alcohol use.
- There will be never ending police calls made by the neighbours which in turn will disturb my peace.
- With alcohol use inhibitions are reduced and so there will be temptation to illegally start fires or have BBQ's in the wooded area behind the school.
- The wooded area is a distance from the toilets therefore with alcohol use there will inevitably be urination in the wooded area.
- The times stated on the application form that run into the early hours of the mornings do not take into account that the participants will then walk to their vehicles and drive off creating considerable noise. Also once participants have left there will need to be cleaning up immediately afterwards extending the disturbance further.