



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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Ms Carolyn Downs
Chief Executive
Brent Council
Brent Civic Centre
Engineers Way
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Our Ref: BE / ZA21800

22 July 2016

Dear Ms Downs,

I write on behalf of a number of constituents who have contacted my office in regards to Sudbury Primary School's application for an alcohol licence. I share their concern that the granting of such a license would be inappropriate on the following grounds.

Residents of Elms Lane, Sudbury, have explained to me that they have previously been victims of threatening behaviour, from individuals attending events at Sudbury Primary School and parking inconsiderately, as well as at during peak school pick up and drop off times.

Residents are extremely concerned that the problems they are already facing will only be exacerbated by the granting of an alcohol licence. There will likely be increased traffic on a more regular basis meaning that there may be frequent incidents of congestion, blocked drive ways and threatening behaviour.

I am informed by one resident of Elms Lane that when events have been held in the past, a speaker has even been directed to park straight into his garden. My constituent and his family have been disturbed by loud music and announcements throughout the night. If the alcohol licence is granted, my constituent fears that this will become a regular occurrence.

Weekend and evening events have, in the past, caused considerable disruption for local residents from attendees of events who fail to respect that Sudbury Primary School is located in a quiet residential area.

I am concerned that the times applied for, until 2 and 3 in the morning at weekends, would be more appropriate for a nightclub in a busy city centre location rather than for a primary school in an overwhelmingly residential area. The application suggests that they are advertising the venue as suitable for up to 900 guests. Quite honestly this would be a monstrous imposition on local residents to have the inevitable noise and disruption of 900 people leaving in the middle of the night after consuming alcohol at weekends.



Finally I should point out that concerns have been raised by residents in relation to safeguarding. It is not clear how such use of premises outside school hours would prevent inappropriate access by those who may not normally be allowed on school grounds for safeguarding purposes. This is a matter that needs clarification.

I trust that these representations will be taken into account and placed before the licensing panel before a decision is reached. Please use the reference number at the top of this email in any correspondence relating to this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry Gardiner". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Barry Gardiner
Member of Parliament for Brent North