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To: Brent Council Licensing Committee

re: Planning application Sudbury school.

I am writing to express my objection to the granting of a premises licence to Sudbury primary school.

As I understand the proposals the application is for licensed events to be permitted till midnight on weekdays and 2-4 am on weekends.

The advertising would suggest that the target market would be weddings and large parties with perhaps a few hundred people attending.

While 'Sudbury Hall' would be an ideal venue for such celebrations were it located in the countryside or conversely, in the middle of Soho, it is located in the triangle formed by Elms Lane , Watford Road and Homefield Rd.

These are residential streets and provision of this licence would be likely to impact many families in a number of ways;

The roads mentioned are not wide and there is just about enough parking space for the current residents making it likely that 'inappropriate parking' by party guests will occur.

What are the parking implications for event days?

Noise will be a problem, disco and the deep bass beat of dance music will be easily heard in the bedrooms at the rear of all houses along the triangle. Events at Wembley stadium stop before 11pm presumably partially on the grounds of noise disturbance. Why should an institution make a licensing request which would result in levels of noise that if emanating from a private dwelling would result in a visit from a noise prevention officer?

While weddings and other large social gatherings are usually civilized affairs, the provision of what is essentially all-night drinking must carry with it some potential for disorder, resulting in damage to the property of local residents, or the school itself. Government guidelines of 2-3 units per day are likely to be exceeded by many guests with consequent deterioration in driving performance.

The fact that the main entrance to the school building is now topped with a large sign saying 'Sudbury Hall' and the fences are adorned with invitations for bookings might indicate that necessary permissions have either been taken for granted or have been already promised.

I trust that this is not the case.

Yours sincerely,

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