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Dear Sirs

London Farmers Market: Salusbury Road School

Whilst I do understand the need for Salusbury Primary School to raise much needed funds, as a local resident I am extremely concerned about the application by the London Farmers Market to sell food and drink on Friday nights in the school playground.

The first thing I would like to point out is that local residents have not been consulted in the normal manner. Indeed I only found out because I am the Hopefield Avenue street rep on QPARA and attend the resident's meetings. I informed the other residents in Hopefield Avenue, none of whom had read the small notice pinned to the school gate. Why did none of the residents in adjoining streets receive notification of the application?

Secondly I am very worried that serving food and drink every Friday evening will result in many more cars coming into the area which will cause huge problems with congestion and parking and add to the already high pollution levels in Salusbury Road: something I thought Brent Council was concerned about?

You may not be aware of the problems caused by the huge number of cars coming to the area on a Sunday for the Farmers Market so you need to know that people park illegally (eg parking in disabled bays) and dangerously and there are loud verbal altercations with drivers vying with each other for a parking space.

As a resident you think twice about moving your car on a Sunday as you can never get anywhere near your home when returning. Perhaps if restricted parking on a Friday night was introduced that might go some way to alleviating the congestion, parking issues, and pollution issues?

I am however also concerned about the proposal to serve alcohol in the playground until late. How do Brent Council intend to monitor and manage this? There were problems in the past with noisy and abusive behaviour when the Corrib Rest was operating and frankly we would not wish to return to those times. In addition restaurants in the area are already struggling to survive and we are beginning to see closures. I think there is a worry that the remaining restaurants will be adversely affected by this competition and I think that Brent need to look at the wider impact this proposal will have on local establishments otherwise we will face more and more empty buildings in Queens Park.

Street cleaning is at a bare minimum, and we are beginning to see litter left on the street for days on end. Will Brent Council take this into account when considering the application?

I do not agree that my personal details should be given to the applicant and do not understand why there is any suggestion that they should be. When some residents raised perfectly reasonable

concerns about the Corrib Rest we received personally extremely abusive messages on social media; messages I might add that were based on completely inaccurate information.

I trust my comments will be taken into account when considering this application.

Yours faithfully

