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2nd May, 2019



Dear Sir/Madam,

Re. Application by London Farmers Markets Ltd., Variation to existing licensable activities. Salusbury Primary School Salusbury Road. Received

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Friday 17.30-22.00, and Sunday 10.00-1500.

As a local resident I wonder why this application has not been generally circulated as part of the consultation process. Particularly, if it is granted, it would affect all the residents in the area.

I only found out about it via a QPARA meeting.

There is only a small notice pinned to the school gate which hardly constitutes an adequate consultation process for such a major change of hours. If you have not received much correspondence from residents regarding it, it's because they haven't heard anything about it, or is that the intention?

The Sunday Farmers market, which I patronise, is well established and an asset. However, in many ways it is disruptive with traffic jams, aggressive driving in the narrow streets and illegal parking by some drivers, plus increased air pollution from all the cars idling in Salusbury Road. If you visit late on a Sunday morning you will find the roads exceptionally busy and congested for a residential area.

The existing hours of trading are adequate and an additional hour is unnecessary.

As already noted by Brent air pollution in Salusbury Road is already very high everyday, and a health hazard. Adding the additional hours on a Friday night will further exacerbate the problem. We were under the impression that Brent wanted to reduce car exhaust emissions not add to them.

Unfortunately, people who live relatively near, e.g. on the other side of the park, prefer to drive to rather than walk to Salusbury Road.

I do object to the proposal to serve food and alcohol on Friday night in the school playground. This is quite different from the Sunday Farmers Market in terms of time spent there by clientele and traffic.

The Queen's Park area is already very well served with pubs and restaurants on both Salusbury Road and Lonsdale Road. Therefore, we don't need any more.

The school playground would be much more difficult to police than a licensed restaurant. It would be impossible to confine people to the school grounds. People will spill out and consume food and drink on Salusbury Road and adjacent residential streets.

We residents have suffered in the past from outside drinking and rowdy and abusive behaviour from the Corrib Rest Public House, all of which is well documented both with Brent and the Police.

Parking on these narrow streets is difficult at the best of times, and the proposed opening of the school playground on a Friday evening would make it much harder for residents, coinciding with the time we are returning home for the weekend to relax and enjoy our visitors.

Also, there is little enough street cleaning as it is, and the additional litter would be a further eyesore and nuisance.

Finally, I do request that my personal details are not given to the applicant for the valid reason that I observed my neighbours receiving abusive and aggressive messages via emails and social media, based on inaccurate information, when they objected to aspects of the development of the Corrib Rest public house, needless to say they found this extremely upsetting. I think it sufficient that you know that I am a bona ride resident, and I don't see why the applicant needs to know my personal details.

Yours faithfully,