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**Representation to Application for a Premises Licence at
Alexandra Park School**

DEAR SIR/MADAM

I would like to make the following representations to the application by the Alexandra Park School for a premises licence.

In the application the applicant is seeking a licence to enable them to put on Plays, recorded music and entertainment of a like nature.

If granted it will enable the premises to carry those activities until midnight seven days a week.

PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

As you can see from my address I reside within 40 metres of the school grounds and during term time we already suffer greatly from vehicle traffic in the mornings and at the end of school time.

A capacity of 600 will mean that the area will have to cope with up to 300 extra cars driving around looking for parking space.

This amount of extra cars also means that there will be a likelihood of car theft in the area.

Even though the application is not for the retail sale of alcohol there is nothing in the operating schedule detailing how the premises will prevent persons "bringing their own".

ENSURING PUBLIC SAFETY

Again the applicant has not furnished enough details in the operating schedule to demonstrate how they will deal with the following matters that are potentially relevant in promoting this licensing objective.

1. The adequacy of the means of escape in the event of fire
2. Whether any regulated entertainment to be provided involves the use of hazardous materials
3. The training available and provided to staff to ensure that necessary measures to secure public safety at the premises are properly implemented

PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

These premises are situated in a densely residential area and as previously mentioned there is a potential for over 600 people in the area and a licence for these activities for the hours sought will lead to extra people noise, outbreak from the school grounds of noise both people and music. People attending plays and concerts will also have to stand outside the building if they wish to smoke.

THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM

I have like many people in the immediate vicinity to these premises have small children and there sleep if undoubtedly going to be disturbed if these premises are granted a licence to the hours applied for. It is a well proven fact that their health and development will suffer if they have inadequate sleep.

I believe that this application should be refused in its entirety or the hours and days of permitted use limited to take account of the representations made. I also believe that the licence if granted should have suitable conditions attached.



Mrs Marie Conlon

**Mr. Terence Conlon
15 Rhodes Avenue
Alexandra Park
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N22 7UR**

Date: 7th February 2008

To: Haringey Licensing Dept.
Block 2
Technopark
Ashley road
Tottenham
N17 9LN



**Re: Representation against the Alexandra Park secondary school premises
Licence application, Bidwell gardens, Alexandra Park, Haringey, London**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please accept my representation toward the premises application at Alexandra Park Secondary school. I am making my representation under the four Licensing objectives. I believe that there will be a huge negative and direct impact on the residential amenity if these hours are to be granted. If the license is to be granted safeguards (conditions) must be set in place upon the operating schedule of the premises or the direct residential community will suffer.

I wish to make my representation under the four licensing objectives listed below.

PUBLIC SAFETY

I believe public safety will suffer both inside and outside the premises. There is no capacity limit set on the numbers to be permitted into the premises or either into what parts of the premises. This needs to be set in agreement with London Fire & Emergency Planning Authority.

I believe SIA (security industry association) security staff should be present on all events after 6pm. **We have been told in the past that the school is no longer responsible for its grounds or its pupils after 6pm. At this time of the evening the responsibility gets handed over to the Buildings owners, I believe this is Jarvis PLC.** The security staff must ensure that areas inside the school do not suffer from overcrowding. Currently there are 1500 pupils what happens if 1500 adults decide to utilise one area of the school at the same time. Door staff needs to control numbers, in order to allow safe escape of patrons should the need arise. The premises operators need to demonstrate that they have a facility to control and constantly monitor these

numbers. This facility must be made use of and it must be made a condition of the premises license and be included in its operating schedule. The Designated premises supervisor or premises operator needs to be present at all evening events and at weekend events. He/she need to be able to demonstrate how they will control numbers & control access upon each of the 3 entrances and exits.

Licensed security staff need to be patrolling the school, its grounds and the vicinity outside around the school grounds to prevent people who are under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol from causing harm to themselves or to others or cause harm to the local environment. These may be patrons who will newly be attracted to visit this destination venue. This needs to be made a condition of the Licence and needs to be in the operating schedule. Here needs to be drug patrons and the premise needs to have an active drugs policy. All staff need to be trained in Health and safety and also in conflict management. There needs to be a paramedic available and on-site at all times that the event capacity exceeds 400. Search arches and search wands need to be used on the main entrance to detect knives and weapons on night time and weekend events to ensure public safety both inside and outside the premises. This is helping towards ensuring knife crime does not return to Alexandra Park and it my concern that they meet public safety. Only One entrance should be used to maintain control of numbers. Handheld radios should be used by all security door staff to help maintain safety and to control numbers. First aid kits need to be readily available. All of the above are good licensing practice and can only benefit public safety in and around the premises. These measures will ensure a safer residential amenity both inside and outside such a large premises.

In order for the premises to meet the **prevention of public nuisance objective** certain additional conditions must be placed upon the operation schedule and be brought into effect each time an event is held after 7pm at the premises. Any music shall be stopped 1 hour prior to the end of the permitted hours and replaced with low background noise with the lighting increased to prepare patrons to leave. Notices (A1 size) will be displayed, around all exits, to encourage and remind patrons that this is a residential area & to please leave quietly. Security staff should actively encourage patrons to disperse from the area in a peaceful fashion. To prevent late night noise and nuisance patrons should not be permitted to loiter or sit in the park or upon surrounding garden walls. Many residents have children who need to sleep without disturbance.

The premises operator needs to demonstrate that controls will be in place to prevent people shouting and disturbing the normally quiet residential area late at night as this is not a commercial centre or major town centre. The school location is where noise is more likely to travel or be heard in neighbouring properties due to little traffic noise or other disturbance being in existence. The premises capacity needs to be set at a limit of 400 persons during all weekend and evening events, the hours need to be cut to allow people to still get home late in the evening as logistically the location is very poor for transportation links.

There needs to be a sound monitor to cut out power to speakers and amplifiers for 5-10 seconds if the noise level exceeds permitted and agreed levels. Music and amplified noise should not be heard from 1 meter distance outside any school building as noise breakout will travel and disturb neighbours and cause nuisance. All school premises doors and windows must be kept closed shut to prevent noise escape. The premises will need to demonstrate how they will keep patrons cool in the summer. A Haringey council recognised Acoustic noise report needs to be carried out by the

school to show that there is no chance of noise breakout emitting from the premise or its buildings. Only one Live Music or recorded music evening event should be permitted every month this does not include plays or sporting events which I am not concerned with.

No patrons shall be permitted into the school grounds after 10pm. The premises will operate a 10pm "Lockout". This will help prevent patrons going to the pubs and getting very drunk first. It will also discourage the premises from becoming a destination venue. Patrons will not be permitted to loiter around outside the schools buildings this may cause noise pollution and disturb local residents. Litter patrols need to be active in collecting rubbish around the perimeter and the surrounding streets including Albert road, Rhodes Avenue and Bidwell Gardens. The litter patrols also need to operate in the Albert road recreation ground itself.

The premises need to demonstrate how they plan to get people away from the vicinity of the premises as night buses are only every 20 minutes and the transport system cannot cope with this multitude of people.

In order for the premises to help achieve the **protection of children from harm objective** there must be no noise breakout from the school or its grounds as this will wake local sleeping children and adults alike. The premises must demonstrate how they will control or prevent drugs and or alcohol from entering the school grounds. The school has suggested functions such as weddings may take place. The operating schedule must actively demonstrate how it will prevent children from receiving alcohol during these events. This includes event where Alcohol is provided free to patrons and also where alcohol is provided free after an entrance fee or ticket is purchased. An active drugs policy needs to be in effect with licensed security staff patrolling the premises as part of this policy. There needs to be a children's safety strategy in effect when the premises are operating. Ideally there should be a child safety officer at all events after all this is a school premises. He/she can also report glass breakage etc so that the premises are completely safe for the pupils who return to the school after an event. All of these above suggestions will help ensure the protection of children from harm if implemented into the operation schedule and set as conditions upon the licence.

I fear anti social behaviour late at night either from youths or patrons who have not been permitted entry to the premises or who are leaving the premises late at night. In order to meet the **Prevention of crime and disorder objective** I have suggested the following:

In order for the premises to reduce this adverse and negative impact of up to 1500 patrons there needs to be a capacity limit of 400. Security staff need to patrol the perimeter block of the park, in sufficient numbers, including patrols of Rhodes Avenue, Bidwell gardens and Albert road to actively encourage patrons to leave the area quickly and quietly. The Premises operators need to lay on buses in Albert road to get people away to the tube station at Bounds green and to the transport hub at Muswell hill roundabout. He night buses are too few and far between to cope with potentially 1500 patrons trying to get home. This premise is positioned in a highly residential area this late night a premise does not comply with Haringey's **Unitary Development Plan**. The Premises needs to organise a taxi rank on the main road to get people out of the area quickly late at night. The taxi rank needs to be monitored with security marshals as this area may become a flash point for fighting, noise and anti social behaviour. Logistically this premise is not an ideal location for a late night

premises due to difficulty that patrons will have getting home at night. CCTV needs to be installed extensively and maintained throughout the premises and its entrances and exits to enhance security and to gather court quality evidence if required. In particular the Dance floor and outside of toilet areas need CCTV coverage. Active drugs policies need to be in effect and patrols also require to be executed by security patrols during evening/nighttimes events.

Glassware should not be permitted. Bottles should be plastic P.E.T. Drinking utensils should be plastic polycarbonate in order to prevent these items being used as weapons.

Patrons should be prevented from leaving the premises with drinks and alcohol so that they do not hang around loitering and drinking. This will also comply with Haringey's controlled drinking zones. The operating hours need to be limited to 11pm so that patrons will be able to wait for a bus and still get the underground or British Rail trains home before the station shuts otherwise patrons will get angry and disgruntled as there is inadequate transport to get this many people away from the area late at night (night buses are only every 20 minutes). All of these above suggestions will help ensure the **prevention of crime and disorder** if implemented into the operation schedule and set as conditions upon the licence.

There shall be a negative impact on residential amenity if this premises Licence is granted without safeguards such as the conditions that I have included in the Licensing objectives above to protect the environment and its local residents. The layout of the premises and its surrounding area make this location for a premises licence far from Ideal. **This premises Licence application should have specified which parts (buildings or grounds or both) of the premises are to be used. The application should have been more specific with its requirements as potentially it may become a venue each and every day of the year after the school closes.** At 6pm the school and its premises are no longer the responsibility of its headmistress. It becomes the responsibility of a Business and business's shareholders require profits. If the Licensing panel decides to grant this premises licence then the opportunity for this premise to then apply for Temporary Event Notices must not be permitted. Temporary event notices will make it is far too easy for the school to then extend the licence into the early hours a dozen times or more per annum.

I am making a reasonable request that you only permit the use of the premises to sporting events and plays for the reasons which I have listed above. However please note that professional boxing promotions also have had much anti social behaviour at premises in the past. I would like safeguards in place in the form of a capacity limit and shorter permitted hours closing at 10.30pm at weekends and 10pm during the week. This includes all staff and their vehicles off of the premises.

The premises operator should give a contact phone number and an email address to ensure disturbance may be actively minimised during events. These details should be given to residents and residents associations alike.

Thank you for taking the time to read my representation.

Kind Regards



TERENCE CONLON.

27, Rhodes Avenue
London
N22 7UR

7th February 2008

Application for the provision of regulated entertainment from Alexandra Park School

I have few objections to the above application, however my concerns are great over the use of the gate in Rhodes Avenue.

I live directly opposite the school gate. From time to time the school has evening events and we are always disturbed by those leaving the premises by this gate, sometimes quite late at night. I have been a resident in this road for twelve years, and once the school children have left, the road is very quiet. This has always been one of the attractions to this area. Those using the school for evening events are obviously never reminded to consider the residents in the area, and their behaviour is often raucous and noisy.

As events will presumably attract large numbers of people, there is also an issue with parking, as people will take up all the residents' spaces if the Rhodes Avenue gate is used as the approach. Also there will be a further disturbance from the cars leaving the road.

My general concern over the application is the noise level. I hope that this will be regulated and monitored carefully at all music events. The proximity of the school hall to the houses in Rhodes Avenue must be taken into account when measuring noise levels.

Could you please notify me about any progress on this application.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. A. Taylor-Smith





70, Bidwell Gdns,
London N.11.2AU.
13/2/08

Dear Sir / Madam,

Representation - Premises licence

Application - Alexandra Park School,

Bidwell Gdns London N.11.2AZ

I am writing to object to the granting of an Entertainment licence for the above premises.

The school is sited in a residential area and I believe that it is inappropriate for a licence to be granted there for what would effectively be nightclub facilities.

for use of the general public. There would undoubtedly be a significant increase in traffic, parking and noise pollution in the area, and the likelihood of an increased risk of crime and public disorder with potentially large numbers of people entering and exiting the area at night - every night - of the week.

Accordingly I strongly oppose the application and urge the Council to reject it.

Yours faithfully,
J.F. Murray

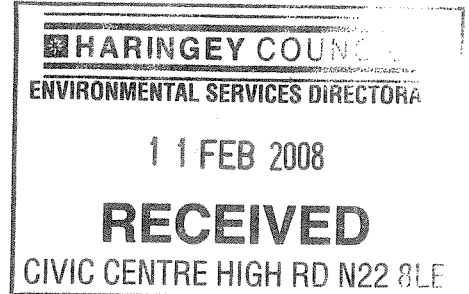
VIVIENNE MURRAY

Mr Melvyn Shaffer
25 Rhodes Avenue
London
N22 7UR



8/2/08

The Licensing Team
Civic Centre
High Road
London, N22 8LE



Dear Sir/s,

Re: Licensing permit for The Alexandra Park Secondary School

As a very long standing resident of 25 Rhodes Avenue I hereby wish to formally lodge a firm objection allowing the above school premises to be used for Live Music etc. until midnight each day of the week all year round as mooted.

I shall presently be coming up for retirement after working nearly all my life in local councils and their social depts. for Adult Education... subsequently I hope I have served our community well... as such, I trust my views will be taken into consideration and validated.

I live directly opposite the school gates... I have had to endure the rowdy and unruly behaviour of the students for many years i.e.:

- Constant loud arguments
- Aggressive behaviour
- Destroying my front garden wall by sitting on it
- Sitting on the bonnet of my car
- The glass panel in my front door mysteriously broken

Confronting them only makes matters worse...

so you can imagine my dismay when a neighbour informed me of the licensing application... which can only make matters worse.

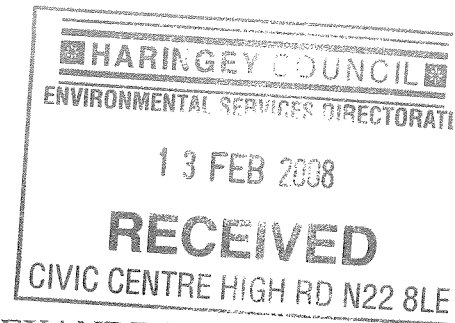
Parking will be a nightmare/ noise levels will be incessant/ bad behaviour into the early hours... total mayhem.

So please, please take into general regard the consequences of allowing the license for all the long suffering residents who are in accord with me... I beg You!!!

Yours in desperation.

Melvyn Shaffer

49 RHODES AVENUE
LONDON N22 7UR
10/2/08



With reference to notification of a License request by ALEXANDRA PARK SCHOOL for extension of use of premises,

As I understand it, schools have no need to make special requests for the normal activities common to all schools such as fund raising, sports events, school related social events, jumble sales and such like. These are part of the fabric of school life. As the major part of school life takes place between 8am and 6pm again there is no need to seek a license for the "normal running of a school" and to these I have no objection.

So! What is this "License" for? Third party activity in non-school hours.

There is a risk to the reputation of the school should any of these "Third Party Activities" bring the school into disrepute then this in turn would harm all the pupils of the school. The question of good relations with the local population should the school name be linked to noise pollution, parking problems, traffic congestion and the public safety consequences of these.

Large venues bring with them in some measure, as the Police will verify, all that is unsavoury in human nature and the pessimism which I present here is no more than the realism which makes headlines every week in local newspapers. Gangs of young teenagers are attracted to such events and carrying a knife now would seem to be de rigueur. Vandalism is the pastime of many and exposure to large gatherings at weekends can only lead to its increase along with theft, drug abuse and alcoholism resulting in urination, vomiting and the attendant litter.

What I have said above has effects which permeate the whole fabric of the society in which we live and as such it crosses all the areas cited in the notice and so belongs to each in some respect. It is my wish to preserve this fabric in the area and institutions of this neighbourhood, For these reasons I cannot agree to support the licensing requested dated Monday 14th day of January.

B G Fairbrother

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B G Fairbrother', written over the typed name.



49 RHODES AVENUE
LONDON N22 7UR

10 February 2008

This is a photograph taken this morning showing the location of the Licensing notice application. As you can see it is situated on one of the large access gates opening onto Rhodes avenue. These gates are opened during daylight hours and the notice is not apparent for most of the day, every day of the week. Is it legal to post a notice on a gate which is open for most the time on a hinge which opens back to greater than 90 degrees into the driveway?

I was unable to detect it from directly across the road.

Encl

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Law' or similar, written in a cursive style.

THE LICENSE
APPLICATION
NOTICE ON
RHODES AV GATE



Barrett Daliah

From: Sarah Lane [sarah@sarahlanerepresents.com]
Sent: 13 February 2008 08:29
To: Licensing
Subject: Premises License Application: Alexandra Park School, Bidwell Gardens, N11 2AZ

Dear Licensing Team,

It has been brought to our attention that Alexandra Park School have applied for an Entertainment License.

We, as residents of Bidwell Gardens, feel this would be totally unacceptable.

1. Prevention of crime and disorder.

We already have a problem with older teenagers in the summer months and better weather gathering at the back of the park. The problem is usually in the evening with groups of boys, and sometimes girls, meeting up. They can be very noisy and are often drinking and sometimes taking drugs. This is known by the local police and our Neighbourhood Watch team. The Albert Road Rec team are also aware of this and in contact with the council members and police.

There have also been acts of vandalism in the park sometimes targeted at the Pavilion.

We cannot stress strongly enough that we only believe this will make the situation much worse.

2. Prevention of public nuisance.

The teenagers who already gather create enough noise and disturbance already. It stresses the neighbours in the road and is an on-going problem. To add to this public nuisance is nonsensical.

We are sure that if you approached local police, Neighbourhood watch schemes and the Albert Road Rec team you will hear the same.

We look forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Lane & David Mitchell
56 Bidwell Gardens, N11 2AU

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Barrett Daliah

From: Gert Ormel [gert_ormel@yahoo.co.uk]
Sent: 10 February 2008 17:34
To: Licensing
Subject: Alexandra Park School

Sirs,

I would like to make a representation to the Application by Alexandra Park Secondary School to be allowed to use the School's premises for events like Sport, Plays, Religious Events, Live and Recorded Music etc., till 10.00 pm or 11.00 pm, as outlined in the Notice on the School's Gates

Motivation:

No mention is made in the Notice of the frequency of these events.

No mention is made in the Notice of the expected number of participants of these events.

In the Notice is not mentioned nor guaranteed the implementation of effective safeguards against the use of alcohol, noise annoyance and other disturbances.

No mention is made in the Notice on the implementation of any Health and Security measures.

Additional remarks:

To my knowledge, this application has not appeared in local newspapers, nor has Haringey Council consulted residents adjacent to the School's premises.

I would like to be informed whether or not the Council has a legal obligation to consult residents in the surrounding vicinity. If so, this application should be withdrawn.

Kind regards,

Gert Ormel
64 Bidwell Gardens
London N11 2AU

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LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM APPLICANT

Barrett Daliah

From: dmorgan [dmorgan@alexandrapark.haringey.sch.uk]
Sent: 14 February 2008 17:51
To: Licensing
Subject: Alexandra Park School - Premises licence application supporting document

Daliah,

In support of our application:

Reason for the application:

Since the school opened (1999) activities have been occurring outside of 'normal' school hours between the hours of 8am and 11pm at night and also on weekends. These activities include badminton, indoor cricket, indoor football, art clubs, drama & theatre clubs, revision sessions, booster classes, religious and cultural activities, community meetings, parents' evenings, school productions, student celebration of achievement evenings, parents association events etc which occur as part of the normal school operation.

From 1st February the PFI facilities management agreement was suspended with secondary schools in Haringey and we have therefore taken over responsibility for the use of our premises for activities outside normal school hours. In order to comply with the current licensing regulations we have applied for a premises licence for the existing out of school hours activities. We do not envisage any change in the use of our facilities as a result of this licence application, other than our commitment to deliver the government's Extended Schools agenda. The Extended School agenda means that we will be obligated to provide out of school hours services such as those listed above so that children (not just our own students) can be on the school premises beyond the end of the formal school day whether it be for formal learning or for recreational activities which may include their families and the local community. Being an Extended School will mean greater awareness and access to education. As an Extended School we would like to encourage our stakeholders to engage with the school, thereby improving access to learning and in order to improve attainment and achievement.

Practical considerations:

When an event is held at the school we assess the activity and make considerations for security and staffing and increase this depending on the numbers attending an event at any one time. We have three competent Site Managers that are responsible for health & safety including security and we engage additional staff for large events (e.g. the school production which is by advance ticket sales) to assist with crowd control.

In accord with health & safety recommendations for a school environment we have several first aiders / appointed persons and nominated individuals are also 'on duty' out of school hours.

The school currently has approximately 1250 students on roll and approximately 200 staff – therefore the school is adequately sized and risk assessed to contain large groups. However, for our out of hours activities we do not intend the premises to be used by more than 400 in any one group – except for parental events (e.g. parents evenings) where attendance is staggered.

The governing body of the school has reviewed a draft 'lettings policy' which includes provision for safeguarding children, insurance and responsible usage of the site which all users must adhere to.

For security, the school currently has extensive CCTV installed inside and outside the building which is recorded and closely monitored.

The school has its own car park and one of the playgrounds is used as an additional car park after school hours. However, in our school travel plan we are encouraging environmentally friendly methods of travelling and are currently purchasing additional bike sheds. In harmony with our travel plan and as we are very well positioned for public transport we are encouraging users to use the local bus and tube and enter via the park entrance (Albert Road).

Any events (e.g. school production) involving music are normally held in our Main Hall which is set back some

distance from any nearby residential roads. Therefore it is not envisaged that this will cause a noise issue for the local residents.

I would like to highlight that we are a school and our priority is teaching and learning not commercial gain or entertainment activities.

Dates:

Please note that for the hearing, due to a pre-existing commitment (abroad) I will not be available between from Saturday 1st March and Sunday 16th March. I would really like to attend the hearing to represent the school.

Regards

Deanne Morgan - Bursar (Finance, HR & Premises)
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