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2023/3861/P	Susan johnson	15/11/2023 10:16:45	INT	We are very much in favour of gates. Our life was awful during covid and on a sunny, dry weekend with people thinking the park in a party venue. The gates have definitely been a deterrent. This last fortnight we have had disturbed nights due to nightly setting off of fireworks and the temporary gates being removed.
2023/3861/P	Buddy Haward	15/11/2023 17:24:36	SUPPRT	<p>As a local resident who regularly uses the park I fully support this application for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ¿ Historically the park has always been fenced and had gates, it just happens that they were removed in the 1970's. ¿ No other Royal Parks are open through the night, presumably to prevent vandalism etc. Why should Primrose Hill be the exception? ¿ Since lockdown, the park has become a meeting place for people to party, take drink & drugs and play music late at night, which has had a significant impact on local residents - fully documented elsewhere. People gather on the hill, which is very close to residential streets, so unlike say Hampstead Heath, has much more of an impact on local residents. Pubs & music venues in residential areas are tightly controlled to avoid excessive disturbance - this is no different. ¿ Who needs to walk across the park at 3am in the morning in the dark. Is this really such a huge curtailment of our civil rights? ¿ The temporary fencing looks terrible and was always only a temporary solution. These gates presumably match those that were always there and are consistent with the existing railings. Proper steel gates will be far more robust and should deter people from trying to gain access once they are shut.
2023/3861/P	Jackie Stanger	15/11/2023 15:03:25	SUPPRT	<p>I support the installation of gates on the entrances to Primrose Hill. The current temporary arrangement is easily breached and unattractive. At some point in the past proper cast iron gates were attached to the existing railings. I believe that these should be restored.</p> <p>There is no doubt that anti-social behaviour happens at night on Primrose Hill, particularly at weekends. I live in Chalcot Road, which is not on the park perimeter and I can hear it. Drug dealers have been seen and knife crime has occurred.</p> <p>Even if Primrose Hill closed at 10pm and opened at 6am on weekends, it would remain available far longer than Regent's Park, which opens and dawn and closes at dusk daily. Proper gates could be used as required and would be a more effective deterrent.</p> <p>Please approve this application to install cast iron gates on the entrances to Primrose Hill.</p>
2023/3861/P	Dek Messecar	15/11/2023 19:59:27	OBJ	PLEASE DON'T - I enjoy walking my dog there late at night and the view from the hilltop
2023/3861/P	Doro Marden	15/11/2023 14:15:33	NOBJ	I am fully supportive of gates to replace the existing panels which are unsightly and dangerous.
2023/3861/P	Melissa Klatsia	15/11/2023 15:48:22	COMMNT	Please reopen Primrose Hill. Oppose closure of the public space.
2023/3861/P	rachel webster brake	15/11/2023 12:06:21	OBJ	<p>Primrose Hill is a solace for so many people for so many years. To close the park off at such time of insecurity int he world seems totally insane.</p> <p>Nature is a healer. Primrose Hill has stood and saved so many. I think closing the park to those who need it would be a travesty and I strongly object.</p>

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2023/3861/P	Samantha Taylor	15/11/2023 11:15:37	INT	<p>I object to Planning Permission no. (2023/3861/P) for the installation of gates around Primrose Hill. I do not believe this is a proportionate Response to anti social behaviour in the arts and I believe it will Allow for growing creep when it comes to closure of access to one Of central. Londons wilder yet accessible places</p>
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2023/3861/P	Nadja Ziehm	15/11/2023 10:32:30	COMMNT	<p>I am objecting to gates on Primrose Hill, because I do not see a need for it.</p> <p>The hill always feels safe and I met shift workers there, who go running at night, birdwatchers how come at night, people socialising over some drinks, dog walkers,¿ So for me as a woman it always feels safe due to the mixed use. And for my teenage daughter it is a safe and healthy place to socialise as well. I find it very important for mental health that people have access to an open green space, even at night. I do see it as a problem, that people pee in the bushes, but that sadly also happens during daylight, and should be addressed separately, and solutions on other open spaces in London where they installed permanent urinals should be considered instead. Maybe a sign on the hill/ on the way out to the hill to indicate where the toilets are would also help¿ The survey which was posted to rectify the gates was very biased towards asking about misbehaviour in the park all the time, whereas I am there on a daily base and do not see bothering misbehaviour. Police reports do not state misconduct in recent years. The street next to the hill is much louder than any noise from the hill. Noise complaints I heard of where often misinterpreted as coming from the hill, whereas they where local parties. Maybe noise measurements on and around the hill should have been done to illustrate the missing foundation of arguments to close the hill. As more and more research shows the benefit of open green spaces where you have farsightedness, we should keep it accessible for everybody at all times.</p>

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2023/3861/P	Robert Sekula	15/11/2023 13:50:58	COMMNT	It's a bad idea. Primrose Hill is there for everyone to enjoy freely. It's lovely to have somewhere of an evening to get away from everything if you want to. Closing the gates is an unnecessary overreaction amongst a small group of people about a minor problem on a few summer nights, at the cost of the enjoyment and freedom for everyone living in the surrounding areas. On a hot summer night, it's great to have somewhere open we can still go and relax in.
2023/3861/P	Susan Johnson	15/11/2023 10:16:43	INT	We are very much in favour of gates. Our life was awful during covid and on a sunny, dry weekend with people thinking the park in a party venue. The gates have definitely been a deterrent. This last fortnight we have had disturbed nights due to nightly setting off of fireworks and the temporary gates being removed.
2023/3861/P	Lorna Fowler	16/11/2023 08:35:00	COMMNT	I am totally opposed to this closure. We fought hard to keep the park open all those years ago. The installing and closure of these gates is an over reaction to what was a short lived problem during Covid restrictions activated by a minority of local residents. Even when this problem existed closing the park caused more problems on Regents Park Road between the young people and for the shops than there was when they drifted away naturally rather than all at once. Gates are an over reaction to low levels of crime which should be capable of management individually.
2023/3861/P	David Brown	15/11/2023 11:51:28	OBJ	I'm someone who used to live in Primrose Hill, and while I don't object to gates, I strongly object to the park being closed in the evenings (other than on exceptional occasions). It's the only lit park that is normally open to the public in the evenings, and it's a joy to walk up and view the city at any point of the night. The day I married my wife, we travelling back to London, had dinner in a local restaurant, and finished the evening by walking up Primrose Hill and looking out over London at midnight. Very romantic - and it would be very sad to stop others from having this experience. And to be honest I'd rather the money being spent on the gates was spent on improving the police patrols of the park.

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2023/3861/P	Nel Romano	15/11/2023 18:43:41	SUPPRT	<p>This is excellent news for our area and for all its inhabitants. This is not so much a New planning application as a Restoration of much-needed protection in the form of gates to close the Park at night, thereby restricting access (and therefore antisocial behaviour) and noise.</p> <p>The gates proposed look for more homogenous to the existing iron railings and are certainly tougher than the much vandalised aluminium grilles which are in current use at the weekend.</p> <p>PLEASE install the proposed gates!</p>
2023/3861/P	Timothy Hill	15/11/2023 17:18:46	OBJ	<p>I am against any restriction on access to Primrose Hill</p> <p>Private houses have access to the PH from their gardens. It is not democratic to differentiate between classes.</p> <p>The proposal for installation of gates is no substitute for a police force or security guard protection and not in accordance with the wishes of the late Queen Victoria.</p>