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2023/3861/P	Jenny McCririck	23/11/2023 18:30:30	SUPPRT	<p>I have experienced significant disruption over the last four years from noise and antisocial behaviour in the park: I have noticed how much better it is when the park is closed overnight</p> <p>This has all dragged on far too long so I support the park gates application which will give a clear sign when the park is open and closed</p> <p>The proposed gates look fine and much safer than the often vandalised temporary gates which became a danger to people and animals when they had protruding broken metal edges.</p>
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2023/3861/P	Natalie Moitt	24/11/2023 01:51:20	OBJ	<p>Installing permanent gates to Primrose Hill is a disgrace and the exact kind of behaviour that is crushing the soul out of London. NIMBYism at its worst, but with the added insult that it affects those without a backyard the hardest. Clearing the park begins at 9pm (regardless of the alleged 10pm closing time) where those enjoying the long, light summer evenings are told by police to immediately leave.</p> <p>Not only does this disrupt the natural dissipation of people leaving the park from a steady decline as the night comes in to a sudden turving out of swathes at once, there is no evidence of any positive impact on crime levels in the park from closing the park.</p> <p>Keep Primrose Hill open and keep London alive!</p>
2023/3861/P	Chris Blackburn	23/11/2023 11:56:36	OBJ	<p>I often work until late so can only use the park at night and this is tantamount to denying me access. It is unfair to remove access for those of us that need to access the park late.</p>
2023/3861/P	Peter Jones	23/11/2023 17:10:57	SUPNOT	<p>I support this application. The existing temporary gates are unsightly and to my knowledge have been prised open a number of times.</p> <p>The propose gates are consistent with the existing historical railing design.</p>

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Response:
 Misleading Planning Application:

The application fails to mention Royal Parks' intention to close Primrose Hill 90 nights a year. Claims of a "temporary" measure lack evidence, and the application misrepresents potential park closures. Crime Statistics and Anti-Social Behaviour:

Crime rates are notably low, and police reports emphasize noise issues, not significant anti-social behavior. Claims of widespread issues lack substantiation in local crime statistics, council records, and community efforts.

Contradiction with Camden Plan:

The application conflicts with Camden Local Plan policies by reducing public use and compromising open space.

Contradiction with London Plan:

The proposed closure contradicts The London Plan, prejudicing public use of the space and devaluing it. Lack of Community Engagement:

The application falsely claims extensive engagement, while the Royal Parks have ignored community groups and meetings.

Flawed Engagement Survey:

The survey lacks diversity, with biased framing and inadequate representation of affected demographics. Acknowledged flaws in the survey raise concerns about its reliability.

Impact on Other Areas of Camden:

Closure has displaced park users to other areas, leading to complaints in neighboring locations. Long-Term Policing Impact:

Policing resources will be consistently wasted on park closure, with potential increases in callouts and damage.

Lack of a management plan raises concerns about ongoing safety and policing.

Impact on Local Economy:

Closure is already affecting local businesses, with residents avoiding Primrose Hill after 10 pm.

Discrimination and Privatization:

Park closure favors residents with private access, leading to unfair privatization of a public resource.

In summary, the objection highlights misleading information, lack of evidence for proposed measures, and potential negative impacts on the community, policing, and local businesses.

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2023/3861/P	Ayala Gill	23/11/2023 17:33:19	COMMNT	This is an unnecessary infringement of the free and positive use of public spaces. I do not support this misleading and worryingly restrictive application. Too many of our public outdoor spaces are already restricted and locked at night. They should be available for all to use at all times, and I have never had any issues at all with the way the park has been used after dark.

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2023/3861/P	Huma Yusuf	23/11/2023 22:26:04	OBJ	<p>I object to Planning Permission (2023/3861/P) for the installation of gates around Primrose Hill.</p> <p>1. The Planning Application is Misleading and Disingenuous The application presents a misleading view. It only mentions potentially closing the park at certain times (Bonfire Night, Hallowe'en and New Year's Eve) leading an uninformed reader to assume closure would be a few nights a year for specific reasons, not a weekly pattern of closure for 7 months of the year. To close Primrose Hill Park overnight at weekends for 7 months of the year: - will result in the Loss and Change of use of an open space. - will result in the Loss and Change of use protected with a nature designation. - will affect opening hours. A park that has been free of gates for over 50 years will regularly be closed for public use.</p> <p>2. Crime Statistics and Anti-Social Behaviour The Planning Permission Application suggests gates are necessary to manage 'the problem of anti-social behaviour'. This 'dog-whistle' claim is problematic because (according to the Primrose Hill Park manager himself) the problem does not exist to any serious extent. Local crime statistics don't substantiate the claims of crime and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>3. The Application Contradicts The Camden Plan Open Spaces Policy The Planning Application sits within Camden and is impacted by policies within the Camden Local Plan (July 2017). This includes policies around the use of open space. Paragraph 6.8 from the Royal Park's Planning Application suggests: "Rather than reducing the public's use of the open space, it is considered that the proposed gates will ensure that it remains a safe and high-quality space, in accordance with Camden Local Plan Policy, thereby improving it as an asset for the local community and for visitors from further afield, rather than compromising it as such." In point of fact, the Planning Application falls outside the conditions that must be met by the Camden Local Plan: Emptying and closing the park 3 nights a week for 7 months of the year will reduce the public's use of an open space. To claim black is white more than stretches the truth.</p> <p>4. The Application contradicts The London Plan Open Spaces Policy The Planning Application sits within London and is impacted by policies within The London Plan (July 2017). This includes policies around the use of open space. Paragraph 6.12 from the Planning Application states: "For the majority of time within any given day, the proposed gates would be open and would not restrict access. Their provision is intended to allow The Royal Parks to effectively manage the open space in order to reduce anti- social behaviour and protect the public during other events, such as extreme weather. They would therefore not be considered to significantly prejudice the public's use of the space or de-value it in any way." The Planning Application falls outside the conditions that need to be met by The London Plan. Emptying and closing the park on a weekly basis for 7 months of the year will prejudice the public's use of an open space and devalue it. This application does not comply.</p> <p>5. Lack of Community Engagement by The Royal Parks The Planning Application states that there has been a 'full and extensive process of public engagement in order to gather the views of local residents and park visitors.' This is simply not true. The Royal Parks have not, as should be required for the change in use of a public resource of this magnitude, consulted with local stakeholders or the community adequately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Royal Parks have consistently refused to engage with local community groups or stakeholders,

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turning down meeting invites and not answering emails. This includes attending local meetings with Councillors or Community Engagement groups.

- The Royal Parks declined an invitation to attend key Camden Council meetings where they could be held accountable. This includes a deliberate failure to attend the Camden Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee on the eve of their announcement of installing permanent gates. A move called a 'grotesque snub' by the committee.

- The Royal Parks have only engaged with Councillors from one ward (those known to favour gates). The park covers two wards. Other Councillors have been ignored.

David McLaren, Chief of Staff of the Royal Parks acknowledges the lack of Councillor engagement through this process stating:

"We repeatedly sought the views of the council throughout the engagement process. On many, many occasions we sought the council's view. Their view on the Royal Park's handling of the situation on Primrose Hill. We failed to get a response from the council to our engagement exercises."

Other stakeholders have also acknowledged their lack of engagement participation. Patrick Coulson from the Camden Community Safety Service states:

"I am not going to speak for the entire council, but as a community safety service the conversation about gating is something that we're not part of."

6. The 'Engagement Survey'

The Planning Application relies on the evidence of the Royal Park's 'Engagement Survey.' This was fundamentally biased, both in its failure to ensure a wide and fairly-weighted sample, but also in its framing of key questions. This was in no manner an adequate Public Consultation for such a major decision.

Discrimination: this survey failed to engage the most underprivileged and under resourced segments of our local population. The 'Engagement Survey' on which this application relies was not completed by them. An online study devoid of demographic quotas or panel recruitment excludes all harder to reach park users. Canvassing on the hill took place during daylight hours, thereby excluding those (night time users) set to be most directly affected by the closures.

By their own admission, The Royal Parks have relied on a survey that does not represent the local community. The demographic most affected by the locking of the park are young people, often living in flats, who rely on use of an open space for health and mental health, as evidenced by the number of complaints received from local Councillors about the Royal Park's gating policy. Though the Royal Parks state the survey accurately reflects the views of the local neighborhood, 62% of the survey respondents were homeowners, and ~76% of the respondents were white. In contrast, according to the 2021 census data, only ~30% of Camden residents are homeowners and only ~60% are white.

The survey presented with an inaccurate picture of the issues at stake. The wording 'led the witness' by presupposing an ASB problem in Primrose Hill park without offering any evidence, and then presenting gates as the only solution. No alternative solutions were canvassed. Despite this, the two most commonly chosen answers were a) to never gate the park or b) only occasionally on specific holidays.

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				<p>The Royal Parks, and their CEO, have acknowledge their 'Engagement Survey' was flawed but still continue to rely on it as a key part of their Planning Permission Application. When challenged about the 'Engagement Survey's' flaws and obvious biases, the CEO of the Royal Parks, Andrew Scattergood, stated publicly: "We have tried to seek a balanced view through the engagement strategy but in effect, I don't think I would disagree with the assessments that have been made in the main."</p> <p>A further problem with the so-called engagement survey is the completion rate. The Royal Parks at first concealed but then were forced to acknowledge the low response rate (3.5%). They then had to concede that the demographics of those who did complete the survey were very different to those from the demographics of Camden (as described below).</p> <p>No robust public consultation has been done, There has been no effective engagement with the key stakeholders affected by the decision. It may surprise the Planning Committee to learn that the Primrose Hill Keeper's group was a joint initiative between those who favoured closing the park at weekends in the 2020 and 2021 lockdown years, and those opposed. It was an attempt to address problems of common concern, not including the gates issue which had polarised the two constituencies. Those in favour of gating the park stopped attending in 2020 and now contribute nothing except their persistent public demand for gates. The Royal Parks never attended. Nor did any pro-gate Councillor despite weekly invitations. The Keepers group still meets weekly with an open invitation to the whole community and its representatives to work together, to arrive at a compromise.</p> <p>7. Discrimination and Privatisation</p> <p>Gating and closing the park will lead to unfair access for the residents of Elsworthy Road (and others) who have private gates in their back gardens that lead directly into the park. Gating the park has in effect privatised a public resource. Public access is restricted to some whilst these wealthy residents can access the park freely. The people living on the perimeter who are the persistent callers the police talk about, want to turn a public park into their private garden. They must be allowed to alienate all other residents of Camden purely for their personal convenience and privilege.</p>
2023/3861/P	Sheryl Needham	23/11/2023 21:35:36	SUPPRT	<p>I strongly support the installation of the gates. As a person who lives on Regent's Park road directly opposite the park I have lost many nights sleep to fireworks and noise late at night in the park. For those who in other comments have suggested that this is coming from other places and nearby pubs I have 10's of videos of fireworks on the hill in the middle of the night. It is not a bit of pub merriment. This is often happening at 1,2 and 3 am and materially impacts my health. Since the temporary gates were imposed and especially in the summer when the police attended to clear the hill of people the situation has improved though has got going again since the temporary gates have been removed. I understand people want to stroll on the hill late at night but for me at this point it is not about access to a leisure facility but something that means I cannot continue to enjoy my own home in peace from 11am til 6am every day. Please do install the gates.</p>
2023/3861/P	Gill P	23/11/2023 12:35:03	COMMNT	<p>One of London's great qualities is the number of parks that are open to all, providing space for leisure pursuits to the vast number of city dwellers who live in flats. To close the parks at night would stop people meeting to chat with friends in the evening, taking shortcuts home after a night out, or just stretching their legs after a day sitting deskbound. It's punitive and wrong to deprive citizens of this facility and I am strongly opposed.</p>

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2023/3861/P	Dominic Sullivan	23/11/2023 16:30:30	OBJ	<p>I object to the plan to install gates at the entrances of Primrose Hill. As a long time resident who grew up in Primrose Hill one of the huge benefits and joys of living in the area was having access to the park in the evenings. Primrose Hill has always been a safe and friendly outdoor space to enjoy at night, except for the limited time during lockdowns when there were unacceptable events taking place on the hill. These unfortunate, but isolated, events during a once in a hundred years pandemic no longer occur now that bars and clubs are back open, and therefore there is no longer a need to restrict access to the park which removes the long held freedom of locals to enjoy a neighbourhood asset just because some kids a couple of years ago didn't have anywhere to get drunk. The loss of access to the park in the evenings would be sorely missed, and would be to the detriment to the local area, and London as a whole. If the council does insist on punishing law-abiding locals by installing gates at the entrance to the park, I suggest distributing keys or a code to locals within a catchment area of the park who request them so that at least locals can continue to enjoy the park as we have done without any issues for so many years.</p>

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1. The Planning Application is Misleading and Disingenuous

At no point in the application does the application mention the Royal Parks have announced publicly their intention to close the Park at 10pm on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights from March to October i.e., within British Summer Time. This amounts to 90 nights a year.

2. Crime Statistics and Anti-Social Behaviour

The Planning Permission Application suggests gates are necessary to manage 'the problem of anti-social behaviour'.

This 'dog-whistle' claim is problematic because (as mentioned above and according to the Primrose Hill Park manager himself) the problem does not exist to any serious extent.

Local crime statistics don't substantiate the claims of crime and anti-social behaviour. Nor do Camden Council's own records, and despite the efforts of the Ward's local councillors, they too have been unable to verify the claims made by a few repeat callers complaining about noise.

3. The Application Contradicts The Camden Plan Open Spaces Policy

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By their own admission, The Royal Parks have relied on a survey that does not represent the local community.

The demographic most affected by the locking of the park are young people, often living in flats, who rely on use of an open space for health and mental health, as evidenced by the number of complaints received from local Councillors about the Royal Park's gating policy. Though the Royal Parks state the survey accurately reflects the views of the local neighborhood, 62% of the survey respondents were homeowners, and ~76% of the respondents were white. In contrast, according to the 2021 census data, only ~30% of Camden residents are homeowners and only ~60% are white.

7. Impact of Closure on Other Areas of Camden

Gating and closure of Primrose Hill during the 'temporary circuit breaker' has shown that the impact on other areas of Camden as people are displaced, en masse, from a large, open space into the side streets and other areas.

Local Councillors are noting complaints made from other nearby open spaces, such as the bridge over the railway line, and in Swiss Cottage, where people leaving the park later congregate. The park's closure impacts all Camden.

8. Long Term Impact on Camden Policing and Safety in The Park

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Park gating and closure will require the consistent and wasteful use of police resource. As Andrew Scattergood, CEO of the Royal Parks admitted:

“The police have been absolutely fantastic in their support because in reality, I don’t think two gate lockets would be able to clear the park of a thousand people, while the police have been able to do that for us.”

An unpoliced, closed park will lead to more police call outs about people who have climbed the gates. The fastest growing crime statistic in the area is people in the closed park. In demonstration at the perceived unfairness of locking people out of a public resource, the gates have constantly been destroyed. These acts of targeted protest are characterised by the Royal Parks as simple vandalism. This is a gross error of judgment.

There will be an ongoing impact on local Camden policing resource closing and clearing the park and keeping people out of the open space. This is not addressed in the Planning Application.

9. Discrimination and Privatisation

Gating and closing the park will lead to unfair access for the residents of Elsworthy Road (and others) who have private gates in their back gardens that lead directly into the park. Gating the park has in effect privatised a public resource. Public access is restricted to some whilst these wealthy residents can access the park freely. The people living on the perimeter who are the persistent callers the police talk about, want to turn a public park into their private garden. They must be allowed to alienate all other residents of Camden purely for their personal convenience and privilege.

For further information, crime statistics or evidence please email us at:

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2023/3861/P	Caterina Albano	23/11/2023 21:30:12	COMMNT	I object to the proposed closure of Primrose Hill as it will deprive local residents access to the park which is currently an important space for health related activities, for elderly residents to socialise. The park is safe and enjoyable across year. Early closures will deprive residents of a green space to exercise and of easily walk. As someone who often walks there, Primrose Hill is always quiet and safe.
2023/3861/P	Hugh Gaukroger	24/11/2023 02:31:56	COMMNT	I do not agree with putting a fence around Primrose Hill. People have freely used the park for years. I often walk through the park late in the evening for exercise and to get some fresh air.
2023/3861/P	Matthew Nelson	23/11/2023 22:37:58	OBJ	As a long-term resident of Primrose Hill (Regent’s Park Rd), I strongly object to the installation of gates at the entrances to Primrose Hill park.
2023/3861/P	Maurcen Betts	23/11/2023 16:08:33	SUPPRT	I agree new gates better than current and agree gates to be closed at night on relevant nights to stop unruly behaviour.

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As a regular night time user of Primrose Hill Park in all seasons of the year I am writing to object to this proposal. My reasons are as follows:

Bad faith:

During the pandemic lockdowns, due to increased footfall and limited antisocial behaviour, gates were installed as a “temporary” measure at Primrose Hill Park. These have never been removed. The Royal Parks have been guilty of bad faith for a considerable period through their refusal to remove them as originally promised.

Failing to disclose significant loss of public access to an iconic open space:

Earlier this year, the Royal Parks admitted publicly that they intend to retain the gates permanently and use them to implement a regime where the Park will be closed at 10pm on every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night from March to October i.e., within British Summer Time (ie. a minimum of 90 nights a year) plus on major calendar dates in winter months such as Bonfire Night, Hallowe’en and New Year’s Eve. Yet this planning application makes no reference to the planned new regime of closing times. Worse, the Royal Parks claim falsely in this application that the gates will not affect the park’s ‘Hours of Opening’ to the general public.

False premise:

In a dog whistle claim the Royal Parks argues in this application that gates on the park are needed in to manage ‘the problem of anti-social behaviour’. Yet, as the Royal Parks admit in their Annual Report 2022, “On Primrose Hill, we saw an increase in anti-social behaviour over the spring and summer months while Covid restrictions were still in place [2021], including groups gathering, playing loud music, and leaving litter. However, this declined for the remainder of the year, and visitor numbers and behaviour have now returned to pre-pandemic levels.”

More recent local crime statistics have underscored that the area is not a crime hotspot (In the period 01Jan - 30 June 2023 police received 131 calls relating to the park itself, of which only 28 related to ASB and crime specifically and half of those were phone theft related). In point of fact, as CEO of the Royal Parks, Andrew Scattergood, has admitted to a recent council committee, “the main challenge has been noise on the hill rather than anti social behaviour or crime” with repeat complaints from a small minority of wealthy homeowners who want to the park made sterile and completely quiet at night.

Additional falsehoods:

In this application the Royal Parks make two further claims that are untrue:

- a) the gates will result in no loss, gain or change of use of an open space (and are therefore in accordance with Camden Local Plan Policy by keeping the park a safe and high-quality space).
- b) the gates will cause no loss, gain or change of use of a site protected with a nature designation (even though, as they also state in the application, Primrose Hill is a site protected with a nature designation (a SNIC).

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Insufficient analysis and consultation:

Since the pandemic, no real time review of the need to lock the park has been conducted (and no resources currently exist for conducting one).

By contrast, the Planning Application claims there has been a 'full and extensive process of public engagement in order to gather the views of local residents and park visitors.'

In point of fact, for this application the Royal Parks relies on a flawed engagement survey and has consistently refused to answer emails, refused to engage with local stakeholders, has turned down meeting invites (with local councillors, Camden Community Safety Service and various Community Engagement groups), and failed deliberately to attend the Camden Culture and Environment Scrutiny Committee shortly before announcing its plans to make the gates permanent.

The aforementioned engagement survey also employed an online study devoid of demographic quotas or panel recruitment and consequently failed to engage the most underprivileged and under resourced or harder to reach segments of the local population. Canvassing on the hill itself took place during daylight hours - thereby excluding those night time users set to be most directly affected by the closures. The results also fail to accurately reflect the views of the local neighbourhood: 62% of the survey respondents were homeowners, and ~76% of the respondents were white. According to the 2021 census, only ~30% of Camden residents are homeowners and only ~60% are white.

The gates will frustrate crime prevention and may lead to more crime:

As Andrew Scattergood, CEO of the Royal Parks admitted park gating and closure will require the consistent and wasteful use of police resource: " I don't think two gate lockers would be able to clear the park of a thousand people, while the police have been able to do that for us." At the same time, the fastest growing crime statistic in the area is for people who have climbed the gates. The temporary gates have also been destroyed repeatedly. It is an error of judgment to characterise these acts of targeted protest as simple vandalism, as the Royal Parks like to pretend. Furthermore, the ongoing impact on local Camden policing resource of having to close and clear the park and of having to keep people out of the open space is not addressed: This application contains no long-term park management plan for safety or policing.

Money can be spent far better.

The cost of making, installing and maintaining gates, policing the clearance of the hill, employing gate-lockers at night and openers in the mornings, has not been thoroughly evaluated. Nor have those costs be compared fully to the cost of a more constructive strategy that employs lower key but more regular police patrols supported by private security and more park wardens.

Damage to the Local Economy:

Local hospitality businesses in Primrose Hill have already been badly affected by the temporary summer closure. Residents from St John's Wood and other areas across the park no longer frequent Primrose Hill restaurants and pubs as they can't walk back across the park after 10pm.

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				<p>Discrimination and unfair access:</p> <p>Temporary gating of the park has in already part privatised a public resource. Public access is restricted to some whilst some wealthy residents can access the park freely (eg. the residents of Elsworthy Road, and others, who have private gates in their back gardens that lead directly into the park).</p> <p>In summary:</p> <p>If this applications is granted then an iconic London park that has been free of gates for over 50 years will be closed to the general public for upwards of 90 times a year - thereby privatising a public resource. Permanent gates will pander to the prejudice and intolerance of a handful of local residents who (through persistent complaints about noise) have sought to have a public park turned into a private garden that they can access at their own convenience via private gates in their back gardens. It will also punish the vast majority of local residents who rely on the park for its nature services and their wellbeing.</p>
2023/3861/P	Tiffany Coppersmith-Heaven	23/11/2023 11:39:21	COMMT	<p>I strongly oppose to the closing off of Primrose Hill at night. As a local resident, the sheer numbers of people pouring off the hill at 10pm causes chaos in the surrounding roads, particularly during summer months. Before the hill was closed off, there were never a problem with disturbances at night and people would just leave the hill at their own convenience. It makes absolutely no sense to funnel people off all together, when this happens, they use our entrance pathway as a toilet and play loud music as they make their way off to wherever they are forced to head to, screaming and shouting at one another. This not only wakes up our young children but it's also really frightening and threatening. Where as before, people would just socialise on the hill happily, mostly peacefully and not be any kind of disturbance to residents. What has happened that is so significant to warrant this kind of closing off of the hill, which has been enjoyed for decades 24 hours per day. Please keep the hill open to all without restriction.</p>
2023/3861/P	Ann Marie Starr	23/11/2023 19:56:33	SUPPRT	<p>I strongly support this application.</p>
2023/3861/P	H	23/11/2023 11:23:49	OBJ	<p>The park shutting at night is anti social! I am a life long local resident and love the freedom the park provides to clear heads, entertain kids, walk pets and enjoy the sights of our city. The fact that it closes at 10pm feels limiting and restrictive. Rather than closing things up and locking down, members of the public should be able to be trusted to be respectful and positive and have the freedom to enjoy this vital, public space together and whenever. The park is a lovely place and the sense of community and belonging that it provides is so important for mental and physical health. And the local community and all people can enjoy and benefit from the nature and calm that Primrose Hill provides in our crowded city and working lives either at sunrise, mid afternoon, dusk or star gazing at midnight. Stop the locks and the freedom for our community to walk and talk in this special place when we need to.</p>

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2023/3861/P	Beth Coventry	23/11/2023 23:06:57	COMMNT	I live at the end of Elsworthly Terrace on the edge of Primrose Hill. I have been disturbed in the past at all hours of the night by rowdy noise from people enjoying themselves late on Primrose Hill. However, in spite of that being very annoying and disturbing- sporadically - I am prepared to put up with it because I am against the installation of gates. I have always appreciated Primrose Hill being open at night and the noise level has gone down significantly since the pandemic. I definitely vote against the installation of gates.
2023/3861/P	Robert Starr	23/11/2023 19:55:20	SUPPRT	I strongly support this application
2023/3861/P	NICKEY KORN	23/11/2023 17:46:31	COMMNT	Reduce the public's use of an open space. Park gating and closure will require the consistent and wasteful use of police resource
2023/3861/P	Tom Muoio	23/11/2023 13:57:59	COMMNT	I am against permanent gates being installed as I've been against the temporary gates. I live in St John's Wood and the gates being closed make my walking to Primrose Hill prohibitively long. If this is the case we will choose going to Marylebone or Hampstead over visiting the businesses in Primrose Hill.
2023/3861/P	HM	23/11/2023 11:18:43	COMMNT	The park shutting at night is anti social! I am a life long local resident and love the freedom the park provides to clear heads, entertain kids, walk pets and enjoy the sights of our city. The fact that it closes at 10pm feels limiting and restrictive. Rather than closing things up and locking down, members of the public should be able to be trusted to be respectful and positive and have the freedom to enjoy this vital, public space together and whenever. The park is a lovely place and the sense of community and belonging that it provides is so important for mental and physical health. We are so lucky to have this space in London and it is important that it remains unlocked and free for all people to enjoy, safely and freely without locks and gates creating a unnecessary lack of freedom and trust. So that the local community and all people can enjoy and benefit from the nature and calm that Primrose Hill provides in our crowded city and working lives either at sunrise, mid afternoon, dusk or star gazing at midnight. Stop the locks and the freedom for our community to walk and talk in this special place when we need too.
2023/3861/P	DECLAN O'QUIGLEY	23/11/2023 12:51:30	INT	As a late night dog walker I frequently witness how ineffective the current barriers are. Invariably by midnight the barriers have been vandalised, bent and broken in order for people to access the park. They are not fit for purpose and are an ongoing wasteful expense that serve no purpose. The park requires proper high metal gates in keeping with the style of the current railings. It requires gates similar to those found in Regents Park which are attractive and a proper deterrent.