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Dear Mr Zuk,

I write in favour of the Royal Parks installing permanent gates at all the entrances to Primrose Hill Park as they have at all other Royal parks.

I write as a resident at the address below since 2005. For many years there was no nocturnal disturbance from the park except for Bonfire Night, New Year's Eve and other rare occasions. This was tolerable.

However during the Covid lockdown the park became a place for predominantly young people to congregate in the evening and during the night. I do understand and accept that as the clubs and other places for young people to gather were of course closed. The situation became a problem however because amplified music was brought into the park during those nights, it attracted drugs marketing and the whole spiralled out of control such that there were possibly thousands of people congregating on the Hill. This made life a misery for the many residents, including at the old peoples' sheltered homes that surround the park. It was not just the noise emanating from within the park but also the noise, littering (including human spoils, drug paraphernalia and drink bottles) that impacted all the local streets as people left the park often after 3 am. There was resulting anti-social behaviour including violence on residents and damage to the street furniture and shop premises.

After considerable complaining to The Royal Parks, including following the intervention of Camden Councillors and our MP, there were installed flimsy metal wire gates which are nearly always prized open or broken down as soon as the park security officials have closed them. This must have been a terrible waste of money.

The temporary gates, combined with the park security patrols, the end of lock-down and inclement weather have all reduced the nocturnal horror but I believe there remains a strong case for permanent robust gates which are sensitively managed. The gates will never ensure complete closure but will act as a significant disincentive to enter after scheduled closing time. In the summer months this could be after 10pm at weekends, and there should be flexibility for special days such as New Year, even access for Druids! The park is after all a public park which should cater for as many people as possible but with special sensitivity to the needs of local residents to be able to sleep at night.

Please take these remarks into consideration.

Yours sincerely

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