
From: Daren Zuk
Sent: 29 November 2023 15:34
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Primrose Hill gates

Hello,

*Please find the attached response from Cllr. Callaghan for 2023/3861/P.

Best,
Daren

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From: Patricia Callaghan (Councillor) <Patricia.Callaghan@camden.gov.uk>
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Darren

I represent Camden Town ward as a councillor, and I am a local Primrose Hill resident. I am strongly supporting Planning Application 2023/3861/P.

Primrose Hill has turned into an entertainment venue, where individuals party all night and the drug dealers congregate to push their wares. The hill has become focus for serious anti-social behaviour, which eventually resulted in this much loved and cherished open space effectively becoming an unlicensed open-air night club. Many of our residents were kept awake all night by powerful sound systems, drug dealing and associated behaviour was rife, residents were physically and verbally assaulted for daring to challenge the revellers and local businesses suffered criminal damage. Young school children saw their overall performance and exam results suffer due to sleep deprivation.

The overall safety issue, especially for young people on the Hill at night, is concerning, as we have seen reports of people being injured or being 'helpless' due to over consumption of Drugs or alcohol.

As ward councillors we worked for years with residents, police, Primrose Hill Community Association, the Royal Parks Authority and other stakeholders to find a solution. Temporary gates were installed, and the park closed overnight at weekends, bringing it in line with every other Royal Park. However, those temporary gates are unsightly and were never intended to be permanent. Also they were continually vandalised.

I wholeheartedly support the proposal to install gates that will be solid and promote safety during the night plus being aesthetically pleasing as well as in keeping with the existing fencing and appropriate to the needs of the Primrose Hill Conservation Area.

Pat Callaghan

