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2023/3861/P	Carole MacLeod	24/01/2024 14:37:37	SUPPRT	<p>I strongly support the need for gates around Primrose Hill so the park can be shut at night. I have a small dog and used to walk around the park late at night prior to 2020. It was a ritual that I would do a walk up Primrose Hill to see the view at around 10pm each evening but I stopped doing this since the start of the pandemic. I felt unsafe as there was a sinister scene developing on the hill - groups of mostly intimidating young men, loud music and anti-social behaviour. On one occasion I had to call the fire brigade as 3 young guys had deliberately thrown lit matches/cigarettes into a Royal Park's rubbish dumpster and the whole bin caught on fire. On the roads surrounding the park I noticed cars with blacked out windows parked on residential streets with people in the vehicles drinking and listening to loud music. Our safe neighbourhood felt under threat. Some of this ongoing bad behaviour affected us much further away from Primrose Hill at the Parkway end of Gloucester Avenue. We had cars parked in our hidden shared garage area with people partying until the early hours. We would find canisters of nitrous oxide on the forecourt area. This type of activity tends to happen in the warmer summer weather when the days are longer. I do believe that with Primrose Hill Park closed people would not be drawn to the area. Keeping the gates of the park closed would send a strong signal that we are not a party place but a quiet residential neighbourhood which needs to be respected. I have instructed my teenage daughter, who is now 18 years old, not to go into Primrose Hill at night even if accompanied with a friend as I feel she would be vulnerable to a sexual assault.</p>
