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2016/3968/P	Radhika Sood	13 Kidderpore Gardens London NW3 7SS	27/09/2016 18:25:03	OBJ	<p>Owing to the topography of the area the courts lie at an elevated position to Kidderpore Gardens and hence the impact of the floodlights will be far greater on us. It will create a lighting 'well' type of environment in our gardens. Moreover in the winter when the lights will be most used the absence of leaves and foliage will create a grim industrial feel to what is now a residential conservation area. The impact of the lights will also create a greater sense of 'daytime' living on all floors of our homes and in our gardens.</p> <p>West Heath Lawn Tennis Club was created on a water reservoir to be a "Summer Club' hence the seasonal grass courts and the then shale courts. Since the installation of the all weather tennis courts a few years ago however the courts have been rented out to St. Margarets School for the purpose of their sports for their students of all ages. The school currently uses the all weather courts for netball, football, rounders, hockey, school athletics and any other sport it choses. This use of the courts necessitates the use of whistles, loud cheering from the children and shouting of coaching instructions bellowed across the courts at any given time of the day. Evidently this is no longer a tennis club but an all purpose sporting facility and it is difficult to imagine what other events may be permitted should the lights be approved. What was once a quiet neighbourhood with the gentle sounds of a few tennis balls being hit during the summer months, muffled by the surrounding leaves and greenery is now to become perhaps a venue for five aside football in a future incarnation. This was never the circumstances that lead us to live in this conservation area and it is deeply distressing to see this change take place before our eyes.</p> <p>It is worth noting that the majority of the members drive to the club. The extended hours will add to the congestion and pollution and aggravate the already scarce numbers of parking spaces on our streets. An increase in the parking permit timings will be an inevitable outcome requiring more wardens patrolling for longer hours.</p> <p>The Club has neglected the maintenance of the surrounding trees so much so that one of their mature trees fell on our neighbours house and destroyed a part of their house a few years ago. The damage caused in two next door houses was major and it was lucky no-one was hurt in this incident. With more footfall in the Club there will be more maintenance requirements and if the club is not able to support the existing structure then I wonder how it will manage to find the resources for more upkeep costs. If they are not able to cope with the increased overhead costs this will in turn lead to a Club in a neglected state, and an eyesore for the neighbourhood to have to live with.</p> <p>Finally, it is a surprise to many of us that the Club did not consider it appropriate to discuss the proposal with the neighbourhood before applying for this planning permission. It is evident that the Club sees itself as a separate entity to the local residents. We are already losing substantial green space on the Kidderpore Avenue Development and I believe this will be a retrograde step in the character and style of the area.</p>

Kindly inform me when the committee date has been fixed.

For all the above reasons I would like to raise my objections to this planning application

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