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2021/6108/P	Hitesh Mehta	30/01/2022 19:01:02	OBJ	Hello Kate,

I write to you in regards to the planning application for play provision in Maitland Park Estate.

My family and I have been living in Rowan House for over 16 years and one of the main drivers for moving here was the green areas with trees which are scattered across the 3 blocks (Hazel House, Rowan House and Whitbeam House).

Our block is placed right in the middle of the estate surrounded by flats across Maitland Park Villas and Maitland Park Road. As a result, any noise around the estate simply bounces off the surrounding flats and is then amplified which can be unbearable at times.

As you are aware we already have 2 existing playgrounds on either side of my block. We currently have to live with the noise and anti-social behaviour that sometimes runs late into the night. Both these playgrounds have never been locked so as a result we have drunken adults spilling out from pubs, bars and nightclubs in Camden Town, cutting through our estate to get to Gospel Oak and beyond. They then use the existing playgrounds as a stop-over for drinking alcohol, taking drugs and having loud conversations. As you can imagine this type of regular behaviour affects our sleep which then has a direct impact on our health.

A home is meant to be a place where you can live in peace and quiet but at times this is never the case due to the anti-social behaviour which gets worse during warmer weather.

The idea of provisioning additional facilities including exercise areas with frames along with sitting benches is totally unacceptable and will make our lives hell. It's already bad enough now as I have commented above but this will just make it worse for us to enjoy the peace and quiet in our home.

I am totally against this proposal as it will encourage more anti-social behaviour especially with teenagers and young adults using the exercise frames etc.

It is also worth noting that we have never had anything in addition to the existing 2 playgrounds so why should the residents in Maitland Park Estate have to endure with new provisions? I can understand if there was going to be a like for like but this is certainly not the case.

Also, to add to this, the money being wasted on this new project would be better spent on improving facilities already in place (the 2 playgrounds).

As requested above are my comments and I sincerely hope that they are taken into consideration before a final decision is made.

Regards

Hitesh Mehta