

12 Hadlow Close  
Oakwood Park  
Maidstone  
Kent ME16 8FS

Maidstone Borough Council  
c/o The Licencing Partnership Sevenoaks  
The Council Offices  
Argyle Road  
Sevenoaks  
Kent TN13 1HG

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

**OBJECTION – 16/00998/LAPRE | Premises Licence | Open for Consultation | Mid Kent College Of Higher And Further Education Oakwood Park Tonbridge Road Maidstone Kent ME16 8AQ**

I am a resident of Hadlow Close. I have a young family and spend a lot of time in and around Oakwood Park.

The idea that the college is planning a student bar/ music venue is very worrying. It will certainly have a negative impact on our family life, potentially bringing antisocial behaviour to my doorstep. It will take Oakwood Park and Hadlow Close from a quiet family area to one of stumbling students and vomit puddles. I walk past the area where the bar is planned to be Monday – Friday twice a day when I take my daughter too and from school. She would potentially be exposed to antisocial behaviour which I feel is completely unacceptable.

I would estimate that 90% of the foot traffic through and around Oakwood Park is that of students (Maidstone Grammar, St Augustine's Secondary, St Simon Stock Secondary, St Francis Primary, West Borough Primary and the college itself), the idea that college students (and their guests) would be able to drink from midday and then potentially get into their cars and drive whilst under the influence of alcohol around Oakwood Park is extremely worrying. School children from the age of four years old would be exposed to this potential risk.

There is also the issue of noise pollution. We live so close to the intended site that regardless of time of day we would be able to hear the music. Especially when it takes place in the outside courtyard area. Nearly all of the houses in Hadlow Close are occupied by young families. How are we supposed to maintain a happy family life if our children are disturbed every night with loud music and unable to sleep?

So, in essence I am objecting on the grounds of:-

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

If you have any queries with regards to my objection please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Marianne Hughes

