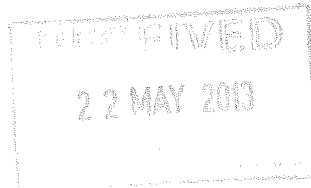


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Dear Sirs

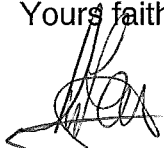
I am writing to object to the premises license application made by Valley Park School on the following grounds:-

1. The premises do not have sufficient parking to accommodate such events on a regular basis and it will mean that our street will be used as a parking area which is already affected by pupils parking during normal school hours and will be worse on these licensed occasions.
2. The local shop on Snowdon Parade already serves alcohol to young people who troop up and down the road drinking in public on their way to school events and also en route to and from Grove Green as it is a well known source of acquiring alcohol for under age drinkers. This will only be worsened by young people attending events who want to 'tank-up' on cheap alcohol before they go into the events as this is a well known practice of under-age drinkers and young people in Maidstone. They presumably get one 18 year old to buy the drinks then pass them around. The police seem powerless to prevent this abuse as the offenders are able to disappear from view long before the police could arrive if we ring them.
3. The opportunities for frequent late evening loud music offered by the approval of this licence are likely to result in a lot of additional noise nuisance in a quiet residential area. I am afraid this and the above mentioned points may cause difficulty in selling properties in this area and therefore reduce the value of the property.

Whilst I am sorry to join the ever growing number of people who complain or object to developments 'in their backyard' this is a major change of use of an established school building and I do not think it is appropriate in such proximity to residential property, especially as we are down-wind from the school given the prevailing wind direction from the south west and therefore this will add to the problems.

I trust you will accept this letter as my objection to the proposed licence.

Yours faithfully


Lynne Pearce

Public Nuisance
Children from harm.