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Sirs,

We were surprised to find a copy of the notice re: Licensing application for Barclay school, pushed through our door by someone living further up Walkern Road, as we find that this directly concerns us, we were puzzled as to why we were not notified direct by you of this proposal. I wonder exactly, what other disruption do we as local residents have to endure from this school. We have only lived at the above address for three years, and during that time have had a lot of inconvenience from pupils/parents from the school, and yet you propose to add yet another problem for us to face, Since moving here we have had to face the following problems:

Living in a cul-de-sac, between  Walkern Road, getting in and out of our premises has been a problem when parents who are bringing and collecting children from the school have repeatedly parked across the entrance to our bungalow, and they have been most reluctant to move to allow us access. As this property had only been built approx: 8 years before we moved in, it puzzled us why there was no indication in Walkern Road that this was access for us, and also as my wife is registered disabled, as it appears the previous owner was, that there was no "Keep Clear" or Disabled Parking" to at least allow us entry when needed, but fortunately a "Keep Clear" notice was eventually done, but we still have school parents blocking from time to time, and when large cars and vans park outside  blocks the view to oncoming traffic. and people going to these events will no go to the car park at the rear of our property, but will want to park in the nearest space.

Our first problem was that of having four of the panels at the side of the path that runs alongside of our back fence were ripped down and broken. and was expensive to replace, The Stevenage Police came and investigated this and the second was an open umbrella type washing line complete with pegs on was thrown right through our greenhouse, , it's a mercy no-one was working in it, the police came and took the line away for us, another expense repairing the greenhouse. Not a nice introduction to our new neighbourhood

We think that to grant a license for alcohol, and entertainment is out of the question, when so many places are having problems, who will be in charge of these events? plus the noise when closing down, we live near the rear of the new car park they have built, and do not fancy banging of car doors either in the late hours. I believe there were problems with the pub nearby, with previous owners, but the new ones are having problems building this establishment up. And the thought that you might grant a licence to a school, allowing them to serve alcohol and also entertainment we feel is not a viable object. No, we are not against the youth of today, as we have worked, and are still working for over fifty years in this County for them, and know only too well the problems of letting premises out for after school club activities. and the clearing up, plus complaints from local residents about the disturbance. and how can you safeguard against pupils getting to the alcohol, if they want it, they will get it! And as there is a Scout Headquarters at the rear of the school, will this be properly safeguarded against vandalism during and at the turning out of these events. and where will people park, not in the car park, but at the nearest place, regardless, to the school – namely Walkern Road , are we right? I trust that you will think, and think again before you even consider this proposal.

