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Objection to Proposed Installation of Floodlights at Cotham School

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to register my objection to the proposed installation of floodlights at Cotham School.

While I fully appreciate the value of sport for both children and adults and support the need for more facilities, I believe this particular application goes too far. My property backs onto the school. Currently the pitches are in use and busy on Saturday mornings and I/we accept this as part of living near a school. However, every Saturday the traffic — particularly on Hartfield Avenue — becomes chaotic. Parking is impossible for residents for several hours, and the combination of congestion and parked cars already causes significant disruption.

Introducing floodlights would extend this disruption into the evenings, creating increased noise, traffic, and parking issues throughout the week. I feel it is unreasonable for residents on all surrounding roads to have this imposed on them potentially every evening.

I am also concerned about light pollution and additional noise. The school already leaves lights on late into the evening, which is tolerable, but floodlighting the pitches after dark would be far more intrusive and detrimental to the surrounding homes. The letters of support I have read seem to come from people who I assume do not live immediately adjacent to the school; I doubt they would feel the same if they experienced the direct impact in their homes.

This is a quiet residential area, and both the school and the council should take the needs and quality of life of local residents into account. The school is not a sports centre, and the proposed floodlighting, increased noise, and additional traffic would directly affect myself and my neighbours. I have also seen no clarity regarding restrictions on usage hours, which heightens my concern.

For these reasons, I strongly object to this planning application.

Yours faithfully,

Alan O'Shea