Comments for Planning Application 143023/JO/2025

Application Summary

Application Number: 143023/JO/2025
Address: Didsbury High School 4 The Avenue Manchester M20 2ET
Proposal: Variation of condition 6 (hours of use) to planning approval reference 132550/FO/2021 to allow the use of the artificial pitch to include weekends: No activity on the artificial turf pitch shall be permitted outside the hours of: Monday to Friday, 09:00 to 17:00 and Saturdays and Sundays 08:30 to 16:00
Case Officer: Holly Wright

Customer Details

Name: Not Available
Address: Not Available

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour
Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application
Comment Reasons:
Comment:Dear Manchester City Council Planning Department,
I am lodging a formal objection to the planning application 132550/FO/2021, which seeks to vary Condition 6 and extend the hours of use for the artificial pitch at Didsbury High School to include weekends. Residents of the Didsbury Point estate are already experiencing significant negative impacts from the School, and this proposal will further damage the residential and local area for the following reasons:
1. Existing Unmanaged Problems: There is an ongoing issue with schoolchildren causing a nuisance in the area, including throwing litter into residents' gardens, excessive noise, and antisocial behaviour. When approached, the School has stated it does not have the resources to manage its pupils' behaviour off-site. These existing problems have not been addressed, and extending the school's operational hours will only worsen them. If the School lacks the resources to deal with the existing problems, why exacerbate them?
2. Increased Noise and Disturbance: The proposed hours on Saturdays and Sundays will introduce significant noise and disturbance into what is currently a time of rest for residents. This will eradicate the peace and quiet we are entitled to enjoy on weekends, fundamentally altering Didsbury Point estate's residential character.
3. Severe Parking Congestion: Parking on the Didsbury Point estate is already at a breaking point. The area is densely populated, and the recent construction of new housing, as yet uncompleted, has further intensified the demand for limited parking spaces. Allowing the pitch to be used on weekends will inevitably attract a significant number of vehicles from parents, players, and spectators, creating an intolerable situation for residents who will be unable to park near their own homes.

The School has already demonstrated an unwillingness to take responsibility for the negative impact it has on our community. To grant this extension of hours would reward this lack of accountability and further degrade the quality of life for residents.
Considering the existing unresolved issues and the guaranteed negative impact on noise, parking, and public nuisance, I strongly urge the planning committee to reject this application to protect the residential amenity of the Didsbury Point estate.