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, Crookham Common, Thatcham, Berks RG19 8DH•

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Application 20/00133/LQN

West Berkshire Council -Public Protection Partnership (Licensing)

Market Street

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Berks

RG14 5LD

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to raise my strong objection to the above referenced application for Pinchington Hall - the former Crookham Court School building.

My property lies less than 1000 meters, in a direct line, from this converted school building and we would be seriously impacted by the type of late night activity that the recent application to the Licensing Authority would allow. I attended the various public presentations on this development and was always worried that nobody would pay the sort of money being asked for the main property when it was so close to a mini housing estate.

The proposed new facility is totally out of keeping with the local area which is predominately quiet common land and single or small groups of individual residential properties enjoying the quite solitude of the area.

The local residents have already suffered the establishment of a secure special prison/hospital in the former American School. The original application for this building was for a nursing home, which obviously didn't cause the same issues with the local residents and nobody had an opportunity to object to the stealth submission of "change of usage" for a secure establishment.

I am a registered commoner and sit on the Greenham and Crookham Commoners Commission. I am Chairperson of the Governance Committee. The Commission is charged with the responsibility of making sure all activities on the common are in accordance with the specific 2002 Act of Parliament. Having served on this committee for the last 10 years, one of the most rewarding activities is to see the return of many species of birds and invertebrates whilst still ensuring the common is available for a full range of outdoor activities for the local residents.

Having a noisy party venue within the common confines would have a devastating effect on a number of species particularly the Nightjars and would completely destroy the quiet enjoyment of the common for hundreds of: - walkers/rambles, joggers dog walkers, runners, bird watchers and nature enthusiast.

Hopefully you will take my points in to consideration and reject this application.

Yours truly,