

REP A

CH CON ENDS 19.08.2025 VALID PPN

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 July 2025 16:47
To: EHL Licensing <ehl.licensing@brighton-hove.gov.uk>
Subject: Brighton College License Application.

Date: 28 July

Dear Licensing Team,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed premises licence for Brighton College, Eastern Road, Brighton BN2 0AL, as outlined in the public notice dated 23 July 2025.

While I understand and appreciate the educational aims of the College, I am concerned that the proposed changes—specifically the introduction of two new licensed buildings and the request for music, dance, and other events—are a further out-of-hours commercial development of the College grounds which will negatively impact the surrounding community for the following reasons:

Noise Disturbance: The College Conservation area is residential in nature. This application could lead to significant noise pollution. Even “background” music can carry in quiet residential areas, especially during evenings or weekends, potentially disturbing nearby residents' peace and quiet. More importantly, at the end of events, customers and performers will need to depart the site with all the attendant noise and commotion. The area around the Quad is known for amplifying noise; there have already been numerous complaints during this year's Summer School activities.

Extended Commercial Hours: The College seeks to extend the requirement for parking, activities, and noise well beyond the end of the school day. This will push residents out of their car parking slots; it is common for parents and people attending school functions to illegally park, knowing that there is no after-hours parking enforcement.

Increased Footfall and Congestion: Late-night parking issues on an already busy stretch of Eastern Road, College Conservation Area, and Sutherland Road.

Precedent for Further Commercialisation: While the proposed changes are presented as minor, they may set a precedent for future, more intrusive commercial uses of the premises, shifting the character of the area away from an educational environment towards a more commercial one.

Operating Hours: This raises concerns about the potential for use during evenings or weekends, when noise impact would be more intrusive.

For these reasons, I believe the proposed application is not suitable for the location and should be refused in full.

Yours faithfully,

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REP B

CH CON ENDS 19.08.2025 VALID PPN & PCH

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 29 July 2025 17:02

To: EHL Licensing <EHL.licensing@brighton-hove.gov.uk>

Subject: Fw: Objection to Premises Licence Application – Brighton College, Eastern Road, Brighton

To: Licensing Team
Brighton & Hove City Council
Date: 28th July 2025

Dear Licensing Committee,

I am writing as a local resident of Kempdown which is located close to Brighton College. I wish to formally object to the school's application dated 23rd July 2025 for a premises licence to sell alcohol between 18:00–22:00 Monday to Saturday, and 18:00–20:00 on Sundays.

While I appreciate the school's role in the community, the introduction of regular alcohol sales in this sensitive residential setting raises serious concerns in relation to public nuisance, child safeguarding, and conflicts with local planning and licensing policies.

1. Incompatibility with the Residential Character of the Area

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Thank you for considering this objection.
Yours sincerely,

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REP C

CH CON ENDS 19.08.2025 VALID PPN & PCH

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 31 July 2025 09:58

To: EHL Licensing <EHL.licensing@brighton-hove.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection

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Thank you for considering this objection.

Yours sincerely,

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REP D

CH CON ENDS 19.08.2025 VALID PPN & PCH

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 31 July 2025 12:06

To: EHL Licensing <EHL.licensing@brighton-hove.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to Premises Licence Application – Brighton College, Eastern Road, Brighton

Dear Licensing Committee,

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Thank you for considering this objection.

Yours sincerely,

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REP E

CH CON ENDS 19.08.2025 VALID PPN & PCH

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 31 July 2025 13:21

To: EHL Licensing <EHL.licensing@brighton-hove.gov.uk>

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Thank you for considering this objection.

Yours sincerely,

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REP F

CH CON ENDS 19.08.2025 VALID PPN & PCH

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 August 2025 17:31
To: EHL Licensing <EHL.licensing@brighton-hove.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to Brighton College application

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Thank you for considering this objection.

Yours sincerely,

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REP G

CH CON ENDS 19.08.2025 VALID PPN

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 05 August 2025 14:57

To: EHL Licensing <EHL.Licensing@brighton-hove.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Brighton College license application, Eastern Road, BN2

Thank you for confirming. And yes, I do wish to object to this licence application, for the following reasons:

I am writing to formally object to the proposed premises licence for Brighton College, Eastern Road, Brighton BN2 0AL, as outlined in the public notice dated 23 July 2025. I am concerned that the proposed changes—specifically the introduction of two new licensed buildings and the request for music, dance, and other events—are a further out-of-hours commercial development of the College grounds which will negatively impact the surrounding community for the following reasons:

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Operating Hours: This raises concerns about the potential for use during evenings or weekends, when noise impact would be more intrusive.

Brighton College is fond of telling us how much income they bring to local business. How does this benefit the local pubs (one right next door, in fact) and bars and eateries in Kemptown village? It doesn't.

For these reasons, I believe the proposed application is not suitable for the location and should be refused in full.

Best wishes

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REP H

CH CON ENDS 19.08.2025 VALID PPN & PCH

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 07 August 2025 19:35

To: EHL Licensing <EHL.licensing@brighton-hove.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to Premises Licence Application – Brighton College, Eastern Road, Brighton

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 August 2025 07:50
To: EHL Licensing <ehl.licensing@brighton-hove.gov.uk>
Subject: Petition Opposing Brighton College Premises Licence Variation – 227 Signatures

To: **Licensing Team – Brighton & Hove City Council**

I am writing to formally object to **Brighton College's application (Ref: 1445/3/2025/05972/LAPREV)** for a licence variation of its premises on Eastern Road, Brighton. The application proposes extended licensing hours—including the sale of alcohol until 01:00 daily and expanded provisions for live and recorded music, dance, theatre, film, and late-night refreshment—raising concerns about the potential impacts on local residents and the surrounding community.

The **petition**, endorsed by **227 local residents**, underscores the breadth and strength of community opposition to this proposal.

Grounds for Objection

1. Public Nuisance

The extension of alcohol sales and entertainment until 01:00 is likely to increase:

- Noise (traffic, patrons exiting, amplified sound) during late hours.
 - Disturbance to sleep, particularly in residential areas nearby.
- Residents note existing evening activity already strains local peace.

2. Public Safety

Later closing times may give rise to concerns including:

- Increased foot and vehicle movement late at night.
- Potential for alcohol-related disturbances or disorder as events wind down.

3. Cumulative Impact

Brighton College already holds extensive permissions for events and licensed activity. This expansion could exacerbate **cumulative impact**, contrary to the Council's licensing policy which presumes refusal where additional burdens would arise in high-pressure zones

4. Scale and Suitability

The proposed variation affects large communal spaces (Main Hall, Horden Room, Assembly Hall) that accommodate hundreds. Intensifying late-night licensing in this context heightens risks of overcrowding, noise, and general disturbance

Community Concern

The petition, with **227 signatures from local residents**, demonstrates substantial community opposition. The widespread concern is not limited to a few individuals—it reflects a shared neighbourhood expectation for a balanced licensing approach that safeguards residential amenity and public order.

Request to the Licensing Authority

In light of the above, we respectfully request that the licensing committee:

1. **Refuse** this variation application, given the significant risk it poses to the main licensing objectives—particularly **public nuisance**, **public safety**, and **cumulative impact**.
2. Require Brighton College to promote open community engagement if any future application is submitted.

Petition link: <https://www.change.org/stopbrightoncollegenow>– 227 signatures opposing the licensable variation proposed by Brighton College.

Thank you for considering this representation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if further clarification or documentation is needed.

Yours sincerely

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Tel: [Redacted phone number]

Stop Brighton College selling alcohol and further disrupting our community



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The Issue

Living in close proximity to Brighton College, I have firsthand experience of their tendency to prioritise their ambitions over the welfare of the local community.

Their ambitions now include an application for a licence to sell alcohol between 6 pm and 10 pm Monday to Saturday, and 6 pm to 8 pm on Sundays at their Richard Cairns and Music School sites.

Introducing regular alcohol sales creates an atmosphere inconsistent with residential amenity not to mention educational and child-focused priorities.

Furthermore, it threatens our residential area with yet further noise, disturbance, and traffic. The College already disrupts community tranquillity. It is up to us to continue to assert that the College's commercial interests should never override our residential harmony and values.

Moreover, granting this licence could set a concerning precedent. If substantiated, it signals a further shift towards more commercially driven interests in residential areas, undermining community wellbeing and integrity.