

Your Ref: 189 Clapham Road



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Our Ref:



Guy Russ
Lidl Ltd.

29 March 2005

Dear Guy Russ

Thank you for your email dated 1st March 2005. We are pleased that action has taken place with regard to the disconnection of electricity at site of 189 Clapham Road, however, we are still concerned that the prevention measures that your company has implemented are not adequate to deal with the problem that has, at times, re-occurred.

In your email you asked: 'could the police not cease the party for noise disruption or breach of the peace'. A breach of the peace would occur if there were an element of violence to a person, or their property in their presence, which has not occurred in this case. There is no doubt that the residents were subject to rave music intrusion from the site last year that was not at such a level to be a statutory noise nuisance actionable under the criminal law when enforcement officers visited residents and heard the noise on a number of occasions. Circumstances may be different now. Enforcement Officers will respond to any complaints from residents and take the appropriate action if a statutory noise nuisance is substantiated. From a police perspective, should allegations of a criminal nature be made, they will be prioritized and investigated. Further, if electricity is being abstracted and there is evidence of this, the police will investigate.

If Lidl are committed to the abatement of the disruption we would strongly advise they re- eviction of squatters and the investment in full security measures (metal grills) as previously advised in November 2004.

We would also bring to your attention that supportive residents groups and local Council Members have been diligent in reporting incidents through our Noise Nuisance team, through the police and Community Safety Officer. We are therefore copying them into this letter so that they may contact you directly if they so wish.

To help matters could you inform us, by return, on the following:

- i. What is the timeline for works to begin and demolition?
- ii. Could areas of the building that are not listed be demolished as a matter of urgency?

The community in the area are attentive to the work that you are hoping to undertake and I hope that you will respond to their concerns in kind. As I'm sure you're aware, word will spread from the squatters and the problem may escalate.

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I look forward to your response at your earliest convenience and would add that the Police and Council officers are willing to offer their help to see the rapid conclusion to this problem.

Yours sincerely

Not signed – letter emailed.

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