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The Noise Pages

Via email: thenoisepages@gmail.com

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Dear Mr Waller

Thank you for your letter dated 7 February, 2019.

I appreciate that student noise and parties are a continued frustration to you and your neighbours and I can assure you that I do not find anti-social behaviour amongst our students to be acceptable and the University has always, and will continue, to take these issues very seriously.

I must also note that the vast majority of our students live happily in the community alongside local residents and that our powers to influence student behaviour whilst in their own homes is legally limited.

As you will probably be aware, the University, through our Community Liaison Officer, does more each year to work with, and educate, our students about the impact noise can have on their neighbours and we have strengthened our disciplinary procedures again this year to deal with individual incidents. Our actions must of course be proportionate in each individual case.

I know that our Deputy Registrar, Lynn Robinson, has been exploring how we might work with the police to respond to incidents when they occur rather than after the fact as currently, at the request of the Chandos Road neighbourhood association as well as other local groups. These discussions have not yet reached a conclusion, but we hope to be able to learn from schemes in other university cities.

Epigram is an independent news publication – affiliated and supported by our Students' Union. The University does not control its content and it is generally our policy not to intervene directly with their work. I note that you have raised concerns with Epigram directly about their story and I understand that they have responded and will be referencing this in their next edition. I hope their response will satisfy your concern that you have been mis-represented.

I am also pleased to hear that you have now removed house numbers from your website. I understand entirely your comments about the public nuisance caused by loud parties, but I also acknowledge the real concern felt by some students given that houses in multiple student occupation can be targets for crime.

We will continue to engage directly with local residents' associations on this challenging issue.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hugh Brady', with a stylized, cursive script.

Professor Hugh Brady
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