

6a) To [highfieldracomms@gmail.com](mailto:highfieldracomms@gmail.com) and HRAHonSec - 20 October

I was prompted to write by this article in yesterday's Guardian:  
<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/oct/18/bristol-university-pays-for-late-night-police-patrols-targeting-noisy-students>

The situation in Bristol sounds extreme, and considerably worse than in Highfield, but it is a constant source of frustration for many of us and I would be interested to know whether the HRA is currently in any kind of discussions with the university about its students' anti-social behaviour (loud late-night parties, loud gatherings in and outside houses on Wednesday evenings and at weekends etc). Would it be worth drawing their attention to the more proactive policy of Bristol Uni?

It would also be interesting to know whether the HRA has any contact with student landlords, especially Stud No Fee, which is by far the biggest landlord in the area. I ask them every year to impress on their tenants that they are moving to a residential area and that they should be considerate of their neighbours. They claim they do this but I see little evidence of it - every year we have the same disturbances, and when we engage with the students ourselves their attitude tends to be one of entitlement rather than understanding.

Followed by 1 November

My main interest would be to secure the Union President's assurance of some concrete, practical measures that they (together with the University itself) will undertake to ensure that students living locally behave as good neighbours and don't disrupt the lives of residents. In the past, they have tended to fob us off with nice words of understanding while not actually doing anything!

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6b) 3 November Dear Barbara

Good Morning and thanks for the minutes of the meeting sent.

Our apologies for the next November meeting, as we shall we away.

It was interesting to note from the minutes that several other residents have noticed an upsurge in the rowdy behaviour of the university students.

We have noticed the same our end too, say for example last night 5 students came out I guess from Hall of residence about 10.20pm and started kicking around football on the Omdurman road, just when we were heading for good night sleep.

Most days group of them come out about 10 to 10.30 pm with their loud shouting etc heading towards the common, I assume to the bus stop for the night out in the town. This year it's more so in comparison to the last 4 years or so.

Previous years University had Marshall's on the road to control such activities, not sure if any such thing exists presently.

Please time permitting in HRA meeting, appreciate if you would voice my concern in this respect.

Thanking you.

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6c) Friday 1 November:

To whom it may concern

We are members of the Highfield Residence Association and live in Hawthorn Road. As Highfield residence we have become growingly concerned with the extensive heavy and dangerous traffic on Hawthorn Road. It has become overwhelmingly apparent in the last few months that the University is now using Hawthorn road as the service road for the university. This will only increase with the pedestrianisation of University Road. We are increasingly concerned because of the presence of Highfield school and a high volume of cyclists and pedestrians using this road. We are also concerned because much of the recent traffic has become heavy delivery and construction vehicles that are physically making our houses shake.

We would like to take action before there is a serious accident as the road is not an appropriate service entrance for the university and would like to gain any advice you may be able to give us.

I will also be contacting Highfield school and wanted to know if organising a meeting with councillors and the city council and other residence may be something you might be interested in taking part in.

We have been gathering various amounts of data from photos and videos taking all day via CCTV of the traffic in front of our house to various photos of peak times and the dangerous situations that are being created.

A very many thanks for reading this email.