

Councillor Minkin,

Sorry to trouble you.

My reason for writing is that it has come to my attention that Powerleague are planning to develop a site at the Abbey Grange School in your area. I can appreciate that you and your constituents will want to draw their own conclusions on the pros and cons of this development, but I can say that our experience of having a Powerleague site built on the school next to us (Woodlands School, Broad Lane, Coventry) has been entirely negative.

Problems with noise (both from the facility and the licensed premises attached), lighting and parking have led to a 200 signature petition to the Council. Even after two years many matters are yet unresolved, with an ongoing threat of legal action from residents with regard to the noise nuisance, and also Coventry City Council with regard to Powerleague's continuous breaches of planning conditions regarding lighting and signage.

If nothing else, when drawing your conclusions with regard to the benefit of these facilities, I would politely ask you to treat with great caution Powerleague's statements about both the noise that these facilities generate, and how they will run their premises. Bluntly put, they aren't great neighbours.

If you're interested in the problems that we've faced, please feel free to drop me an email or give me a call.

Best regards,

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