

**PE1818/D**

Petitioner submission of 2 December 2020

From the different responses you've sent me, it does rather feel as if the point has been missed and that the committee think we are trying to stop children playing which is absolutely not the case.

We are simply trying to see if there is a solution that may help to provide guidelines and rules (if the permit suggestion does not work, then perhaps consider alternatives rather than dismissing the issue out of turn?) so that everyone can enjoy their outside space.

From the responses I've seen, it appears that consideration is given to allowing children to play whenever they want, without any consideration for those who have to live near to these trampolines. Sometimes these trampolines are huge, and take over whole gardens! The committee mentioned when they discussed this issue initially that you can't regulate all large play equipment - however, this is the only piece of apparatus where users can see over your fence and invade your privacy.

Homeowners who have to live next to these items not only have them as any eyesore, but also can't enjoy their outside space when these are in use by others due to the amount of noise usually generated. As someone who was subjected to this type of noise for many years (we had to spend our time indoors with our windows closed and now suffers with PTSD as a result of the noise bombardment over such a long period of time), it would have been appreciated if the committee or those who have provided responses would consider ALL parties in the petition.

Whilst there are local council processes to stop noise disturbances, it never solves the issue long term as if noise is such that you have to instigate council processes, then the behaviour is already anti-social - as soon as noise files get closed, the behaviour simply starts again - we have first-hand experience of this.

There is a real impact to people who have to live next to these items due to the levels of noise generated, and secondary mental health issues that arise as a result of this is genuinely real. This puts pressure on an over-stretched NHS. It would be helpful if the committee consider all sides to the debate to see if a compromise/solution may be found.

I am fairly sure that should some regulations be considered / introduced (such as when they can be used, where they must be placed, maximum size to garden space etc) , then you will see a lot of relieved homeowners across the country, whilst also ensuring everyone can enjoy their outside space. If there are regulations introduced, then in the event of any neighbourly issues, these regulations may help to limit any antisocial behaviour.

As previously mentioned, when these items are used in a manner which is creating excess noise and disturbances in an antisocial way, I believe it

stands to reason that the parents who allow this behaviour without considering their environment are likely to be anti-social and unapproachable - therefore guidelines / regulations on use would help to protect everyone. It would also reduce the impact on the local council having to deal with noise complaint issues.

I hope that the committee would consider widening their view on this issue to consider ALL parties that are impacted by these apparatus