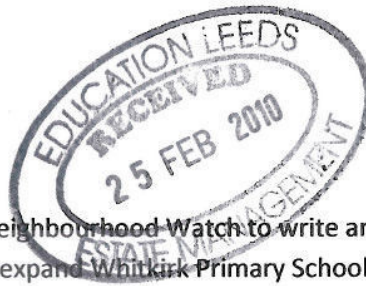


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Education Leeds for the attention of Mr. George Turnbull,

Dear Sir,

I have been asked by the committee of the Templegates Neighbourhood Watch to write and express the concerns members have expressed about the proposal to expand Whitkirk Primary School.

The main concern is the problem of parents and carers parking their cars in the narrow cul-de-sac and other roads adjacent to and leading to the school. The cars are parked on both sides, mostly partially on the pavement, often totally blocking it for pedestrians and some times blocking the entrances to residents drives. The parked cars reduce the width of the road sufficiently to make it just wide enough for one car to pass down the centre. Anything wider than a car, eg. an emergency vehicle or mini bus, would not be able to travel down the road. Some parents drive at pedestrians on the pavement, to move them, in order to secure a parking space on it to offload their offspring. This has happened to me twice whilst walking my dog along the pavement.

A second problem is the constant stream of litter endured by residents as the parents and pupils dump their crisp packets, sweet and chocolate papers and plastic bottles along the roads and in gardens in the area, turning a pleasant location into an environmental nightmare.

In summary the watch feels a number of parents/carers and pupils from the school show little or no consideration for local residents and we fear that an expansion of the school would make the situation intolerable

Thus we as a watch emphatically object to the proposed expansion of the school, and the increased in these problems it will bring unless you can solve the inconsiderate parking, obstructing of and driving on pavements, and antisocial disposal of litter in our neighbourhood.

I am copying this letter to our local Councillors and the police to make them aware of the existing illegal parking and driving and litter dropping so they may take action to tackle these current problems.

Chairman Templegates Neighbourhood Watch

cc. Councillors, Bill Hyde, David Schofield, Mick Lyons and Inspector Stuart Mason