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Subject Proposal to expand Victoria Primary School

I am writing this e-mail to state my disapproval of the proposals to increase the intake of pupils at Victoria Primary School, Ivy Avenue, Leeds LS9 9ER and to appeal against such a decision.

I live next door to the School literally. My wall and the School gates are joined together. As a resident of this street for the past 30 years it has gone from been a quiet area, where the School was built was a wonderful wooded area joined by allotments and was really peaceful. The School was then built. It was originally built to house 5 to 9 year olds only in the old three tier education system. A nursery was then added. Then the School systems reversed back to the 2 tier system so the level of pupils housed rose to accommodate up to the age of 11.

These increases (although probably subtle to the education dept) has shown an increase in traffic and an impossibility to ever return home or try to leave the house at the peak times. There have been several near misses involving pupils and cars and the School is constantly trying to get parents not to park near the School gates which is virtually impossible. The Playground can barely house the pupils already and the teachers themselves are having to park outside residents houses all day as there is no room in the School car park. There have been several residents meetings with Councillor Brett and Hollingsworth to try to alleviate the problems but to no avail. The idea of trying to increase the intake would only add fuel to the already raging inferno.

The other question one must ask is where will the extra pupils be housed? The School is barely big enough to cope with the Pupils already and if any new buildings were to be agreed where would they be. Hopefully not the allotments. We have several trees in the allotments which i have already asked for a protection order on. I was assured that they have taken down all the trees that are necessary and the smaller trees and hawthorn hedges adjacent to the School would be left as " a lovely natural screen" . I hope this would be taken into account because gradually slowly but surely every piece of green space is been taken up.

I await your reply.

Kind Regards



Mrs J Banks

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