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**From:**  
**Sent:** 23 April 2014 21:09  
**To:** EDUC School Organisation  
**Subject:** Broadgate Primary School - Proposed Expansion - Horsforth - LS18

To: The Director of Childrens' Services  
Capacity Planning & Sufficiency  
Leeds City Council

Dear Sir or Madam,

As from the 12th January 2014, my wife & I became next door neighbours to the above school where you currently propose a doubling of the pupil capacity of the school, and it's associated building work during 2015.

Along with many other local residents I attended the most recent public meeting on this subject at the school on Monday 3rd March 2014 @ 1800 Hours.

At this meeting, like most of the other many local residents who attended (I counted at least 60), I was not just disappointed but staggered to learn that you do not intend building work to create a proper "drop off" lay-by area for the parents who insist on bringing their children to school by car.

As many of the residents vocalised at that meeting, you have more than sufficient space in your school grounds to create such a zone, and at a "reasonable" cost as was pointed out by one particular & vociferous but seemingly knowledgeable & qualified local resident builder.

Why please will you not consider doing this?

The traffic congestion at school "delivery & collection" times for the children is already awful & in your position I would be very concerned about the safety of the children & parents at these times even now, let alone when it may become even busier if you are successful in having your proposed school expansion approved.

I would urge you to please re-consider your position on this matter again very carefully.

I have 4 other concerns about your plans, if they were to be approved & proceed, which I would appreciate your response to:

1. The hours of work you plan for your Building Contractors:

During the working school week  
During the weekends  
During the school holidays during which the building work would be happening

Please advise what you intend or will commit (please specify which?) to now for each of these 3 times above?

I should like to presume that you do not intend undue disruption to the lives of the local residents during any building phase, should your plans be approved, and plan on complying with all the current & planned (including any planned for 2015 when the proposed building work is proposed) National/Local Noise & Air Pollution Regulations & Statutes. Please confirm you intend to do this?

2. Do you intend extending the use of solid yellow and/or white lines being painted across the driveway entrances on North Broadgate Lane?

I already find some parents parking their cars across my driveway. I had to ask one lady just the other week on Friday 18th April 2014 when a coach returned with children from a school trip to move her car so I could get my car into my drive as I returned home from a busy week at work. Is there a highways law against this which you intend policing, enforcing & fining people for?

I have a photo of this incident.

I can only see this getting worse for local residents in an expanded school environment, if you don't start doing this.

How do you plan to deal with such incidents?

3. In your Budget numbers for the proposed school expansion, have you included any funding to pay for the extra house window cleaning & car washing costs which the nearby residents may otherwise have to incur to keep their properties clean during the building work period?

Or do you expect the local residents to pay for all of this themselves?

If the residents living close to the school are unable to put their washing out over particular periods, as it would otherwise become dusty from the building work, do you intend compensating the need for extra tumble drying, trips to the laundry and/or the purchase of a tumble dryer for people like me who do not possess one? Please advise on each category?

4. Lastly, & most importantly, my wife is a registered Asthma sufferer. What plans do you have in place to protect her & any nearby sufferers from increased discomfort, or worse still the creation of a chronic condition from any aspects of your proposed building work & the dust & air contamination it may create?

Please advise on this important health consideration?

I would also like to make you aware of a comment I posted on Sarah Sinclair's (I'm sure you are either already aware of this lady & her site already, if not you can easily join, I did in the last 24 hours) Facebook Group Page, tonight:

I expressed my disappointment with being, as I feel, excluded, from the planned "drop in" session at the school tomorrow @ 1430 Hours. This is in work time & would mean having to take a half day holiday to attend it. Plus I have an important meeting at the same time with one on my Employer' suppliers so I couldn't attend anyway.

The last drop in session I attended was at a "reasonable" time for working people @ 1800 Hours on Monday 3rd March 2014.

Why could tomorrow's session have been held at a time more suitable for working people again?

I look forward to hearing back from you

Yours faithfully

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 24 April 2014 09:50  
**To:** EDUC School Organisation  
**Subject:** Proposed extension of Broadgate Primary School in Horsforth

I see that DESPITE, and not as a result of, the recent consultation process, you are pushing on with this proposal. As a local resident I've attended the meetings at the school where the almost universal opinion of those in attendance was that this is just not a viable option. The school is situated on a busy commuter route. It is also a main bus route. It is also a busy residential area. The traffic issues at school picking up and dropping off times are horrendous. Access to residents' properties is blocked on a daily basis already. Illegal and dangerous parking is a regular occurrence ALREADY. And you're proposing DOUBLING the problem?? The school is boxed in geographically by the double-intake St.Margarets, and the catholic school St.Marys (wide catchment area = more cars). In effect, the infrastructure around this small area already has to cope with the equivalent of FOUR primary schools, all with a couple of hundred yards of each other. This would be adding the burden of a fifth. There is nowhere for the extra traffic to go. There is nowhere that parents can pull in and drop off their kids.

Nobody objects in principle to the school doubling its size and we all accept that Horsforth needs more school places, but this is unworkable. We waited at the consultation meeting with baited breath for the representative from the Highways Agency to present his proposals to alleviate the inevitable chaos this expansion would cause, and what did we get? NOTHING! There is NO proposal. Lay-by and drop-off zones were ruled out, and really quite laughably we were offered the utterly pointless proposal of speed calming measures!! Speed calming!! You can barely get up and down the road at all when the school opens and closes!! Speed calming measures are long overdue on Broadgate Lane, but they have no relevance whatsoever to the traffic issues caused by the school!! The issues surround parents being able to legally and safely get their kids into and out of school - and this is barely possible now and will be impossible if the school expands.

In short, in doubling the size of Broadgate Primary School, you will be failing in your duty of care to the children of the school, their parents, and the local residents. You have been told this now loud and clear by people who live in the area. When the inevitable tragedy happens, and the victims are looking for somewhere to point the blame, we will be reminding them of the many warnings we gave you, and advising them to point their lawyers in your direction.

Regards

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**From:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sent:** 09 April 2014 16:05  
**To:** EDUC School Organisation  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Proposed expansion of Broadgate Primary School, Horsforth

For the attention of the Director of Children's Services (Leeds City Council),

I am writing to you on behalf of my parents who live very close to the school on North Broadgate Lane, Horsforth.

Please can you reassure my family and other local residents and confirm how you plan to mitigate against the expected increases in parking and traffic problems caused by the proposed expansion of the nearby Broadgate Primary school?

Residential parking and busy traffic around the three schools on Broadgate Lane has been an acknowledged problem for decades.

The local residents are now becoming increasingly concerned that there will soon be a direct increase in the risk of accidents and/or arguments caused by driveways being blocked and children running out from behind parked cars during busy start and finish times.

There may be various options for the school to discuss and consider with local residents and parents, including -

- More regular visits from local traffic enforcement officers during busier periods of traffic to better inform/educate drivers  
(as there are already problems with occasionally dangerous and regularly thoughtless parking near local schools)
- A smarter incentive and reward system for parents choosing the healthier option of walking their children to school?
- Tighter checks and controls on local target area maps for where parents and children can actually travel from?
- Marked parking bays with a residents-only parking permit scheme?
- More flexible school start and finish times?
- Ensure that expansion proposals include more off-street parking and as many additional marked parking bays as possible
- Implement a new rapid 'drop-off' zone where parking is limited to 20 minutes and penalties enforced by traffic officers

- Install new parking meters where fees go directly to a local residents association or to pay towards additional visits from traffic enforcement officers

An offer of a direct consultation at the school with the local residents may help to alleviate some of the concerns mentioned above. Most residents may dislike the idea of more traffic wardens, 'calming measures' and speed cameras but by implementing these options around the schools on Broadgate Lane, the local area could be made safer and may even end up self-funded if the council chooses to implement the various options via careful consultation with the local residents.

Finally, the suggestions above are my own personal ones but I feel very strongly that all residents of North Broadgate Lane and the immediate area surrounding the schools should be directly consulted before any expansion of Broadgate Lane school and they should have a chance for their opinions to be acknowledged.

Kindest regards,