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Fw: Roundhay School – Primary Campus

Sent: 28 June 2011 10:22

To: EDUC School Organisation

>Dear School organisation Team

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>Re: Roundhay School - Proposed Primary School Build.

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>I would like to voice my comments on the proposed building of the primary provision on the Braim Wood site on Wetherby Road.

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>I am in full support of this proposal as there is a need for local school places for local pupils in Sept 2012 and this must be urgently addressed.

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>It will also make a tremendous improvement in the local area , by getting rid of the derelict site, that has been an eyesore for many years.

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>Regards

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For

R004

Roundhay school

Sent: 29 June 2011 08:42

To: EDUC School Organisation

Dear School organisation Team

Re: Roundhay School - Proposed Primary School Build.

I would like to voice my comments on the proposed building of the primary provision on the Braim Wood site on Wetherby Road.

I think this proposal is excellent and fully support it. There is an urgent need school places for local pupils in Sept 2012 and this must be addressed as soon as possible.

It will also make a tremendous improvement to the local community , by getting rid of the derelict site that is not only an eyesore but also a hazzard.

Yours Faithfully

For

2005

Roundhay school**Sent:** 29 June 2011 14:15**To:** EDUC School Organisation

Dear colleague,

I am writing to express my support for the Roundhay School Primary Proposal, both as a parent and local resident. Although my children are now too old to benefit from the proposal, my view is that there are massive advantages to be gained from the offer of an all-through school. Both my children struggled to get used to the size and business of Roundhay – to have an all-through school would have aided their transition to secondary education hugely.

As a local resident, I would be keen to have a development planned for the Braimwood site, which spoils the local landscape considerably, particularly alongside the entrance to Roundhay Park.

Regards,

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PROPOSALS FOR NEW SCHOOL ON THE OLD BRAIMWOOD SITE WETHERBY ROAD LEEDS 8

Sent: 29 June 2011 23:11

To: EDUC School Organisation

Cc: K Atkins [atkinsk06@leedslearning.net]; Selby, Cllr Brian; Morgan, Cllr Veronica

Dear Sirs

I wish you to consider the following:

Why have you chosen the site of the former Braimwood School to build the school?

Grange Farm is only 1.1km away from the site. Less than 1 Mile!

I understand that the demand for more places is in the Leeds 8 area namely around the Kerr Mackie and Gledhow & Talbot schools and then into Harehills for example Hovingham. The nearest of these school is 2.1 miles from the proposed site. This does not make any logistical sense to parents wanting these extra places.

Where any other areas considered for the new school? If so please provide details and your reasons why you did not choose those areas and if you have not considered other venues, then why not.

Parents would move their children away from Grange Farm to go the new School.

Our parent governors have taken the opportunity to take a sample poll of parents at school and not unsurprisingly many parents would choose to send their children to the new school because they see this as a sure way of their children attending Roundhay High School, which together with the David Young Academy are the nearest high schools to Grange Farm, Roundhay being the preference and not always allocated to our children as a first choice at the moment..

This would therefore disadvantage the remaining pupils and alter any social and cultural mix which we currently have, as the more aspirational parents may well choose Roundhay. It is therefore adding disadvantage to an area which already experiences significant economic and social disadvantage.

Further it will have a huge financial impact on school. As our school will loose children and ultimately funds. What sense does it make to build a new school which will take 6 years, if ever to see a full entry level at reception and in doing so create surplus places n our school and others in the area. Surely this can not be correct. All you are doing is robbing Peter to pay Paul. Or is it that you want to appease the people who unlike our parents live in significant economic and social disadvantage

The impact on our school and other schools in the Seacroft area does not appear to have been considered by Leeds Planning.

School was not visited or telephoned to discuss the impact of the proposals as other Roundhay schools were. Why was this. Are we not equally important? As chair of the governing body I was never contacted and it was only by pure luck that we found out about the proposals to build the new school.

It will create more surplus spaces in Leeds

The new proposed school is just over 1 km from our school. We already have surplus places-less

than a mile from the new school and these will only increase when the new school opens.

Is this an oversight on behalf of the authority or has it been conveniently ignored?

The comment you made in the report to Executive Board that **'there is sufficient demand for these additional places without any adverse impact on the existing schools'** is completely inaccurate and could be argued a total fabrication of figures - it make you wonder if there is a hidden agenda. It clearly looks this way to the people and children not only of Grange Farm but of Seacroft. Yet again we are being treated and discriminated against our neighbouring communities which do not suffer the same economic and social disadvantages that affect Seacroft.

Incorrect statistics

I feel the decision to go forward to statutory notice period was based on information, presented by the Planning team who were proposing the school in the first place, and some of this information was inaccurate.

Design faults

The fact that the school is designed for 60 places does not make sense. There are 62 children in the polygon for the new school for 2012(consultation document) and 47 the following year. Bearing in mind several of those children are likely to go to denominational, private or other schools (Roundhay St John's was not even featured in the consultation document!). The only way this school will fill is take places away from existing schools in Seacroft.

Economic Sense

Is it your intention to run the new school part full – where will the financial shortfall come from. Or is it that you are expecting children to move over from the other schools, not just Grange Farm, in Seacroft as how would you be able to justify an “empty new school”.

It will be one way of justifying your actions and I am sure that the decline in numbers and the increase in surplus spaces in the affected schools which have lost children to the new school, will be brushed under the carpet.

In the current economic climate it make absolutely no financial sense when the local authority are having to make drastic cuts in the budget to spend so much money on something that is JUST NOT REQUIRED. Can you please justify this to us.

There must be other avenues available to the authority.

For example:

Expand Roundhay St Johns to a 2 form entry school. This is already a very popular and over subscribed school. I am aware that this has not even been considered. I understand that the area around the Roundhay St Johns is in a Conservation Area but this does prevent the new building, just more compliance.

Have the authority considered making St Johns into a split site school with the new building on the Elmete site, again a cheaper option which would provide 30 additional places rather than 60- making much more sense.

I believe Gledhow Primary has capacity to expand and this is **where the demand is**- why is pressure not being brought to bear on the governing body there?

What about Fir Tree Primary – which is closer to the area where the shortage of places is. ? We have been informed by Leeds Planning that it was "in the wrong place"- what is your definition of a wrong place.

The original proposed expansion of Moor Allerton Primary would also alleviate the problem.

Authority accountability

Can the authority explain why only a few years ago Asket Hill Primary School was closed and demolished and so soon after the authority are now short of space.

Surely someone at the authority must take full responsibility for this total failure to secure adequate school provisions for the children of Leeds. The costs incurred in demolishing Asket Hill, not to mention the reallocation of staffing, children and the additional facilities bolted on to the schools that took the Asket Hill children together with the proposal of the new school. £4,000.000 (we have been advised which no doubt this estimate will over run.) in times of great financial constraint, can surely not be justified and further the authority should be made accountable for their incompetence in demolishing what was a good primary school and so quickly "requiring more capacity for our primary school children.

Any normal person would not be unreasonable in thinking that the authority is either incompetent or there is a hidden agenda for the benefit of our wealthier and more advantaged neighbours.

Chair of Governing Body Grange Farm Primary School

For

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Proposal for the expansion of Roundhay School

[mailto:educ.school.organis@leeds.gov.uk]

Sent: 30 June 2011 08:04

To: EDUC School Organisation

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wanted to contact you in regards to the proposal to create a primary capacity at Roundhay School.

I am a teacher at Roundhay School and I hope you don't find my opinion biased but I feel I have a great deal to gain by the proposal.

I am very interested in the development of young people and believe a through school would give teachers at Roundhay more opportunity to have a positive impact on our students. Students benefit from the continuity of successful teaching methods and behaviour management techniques. They thrive in a safe learning environment.

By creating a good relationship between Key Stage 1,2,3,4 and 5 teachers we can assess knowledge and share information, techniques and give unique insight into the training of young people for the world of further education and work.

During my short placement in Adel primary school during my PGCE I gained much background into the ability ranges and techniques used in Primary schools. It benefited me considerably when teaching Year 7 students and I have used their techniques with older pupils too.

I feel it would not only benefit the school to make it more joined up with Primary schools but it would also benefit the community. Friends who live in the local area are at the moment considering which Primary schools they will be allocated to, rather than being able to choose where they want to send their child. A great shame and very stressful for them. More primary schools creates more competition and higher standards.

I hope this helps in any decisions you are currently making. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely,

For

R008

Roundhay "all through school" proposal

Sent: 04 July 2011 21:56

To: EDUC School Organisation

To the Director of Children's Services,
c/o School Organisation Team

I feel compelled to write to you in order to express my views on the proposed Roundhay "all through school" which could be created on the old Braimwood School site.

As a local resident living close to the site I must say what a relief it would be to see the location put to good use, as presently it is an eyesore and an embarrassment within our beautiful conversation area. Surely the opportunity to re-develop the site and manage it for the good of the community is too good to miss?

I am aware that there is currently a shortfall in the number of primary school places available relative to the number children who will be of primary school age in the area in 2012. I find myself asking the same question again: surely the opportunity to have a brand new primary school built in conjunction with one of the most successful schools in Leeds is too good to miss?

I am sure that there is the possibility that a developer would be willing to build more expensive modern housing on the site in order to make a profit from it, but this will simply lead to more young children living in the area. It really would be great to see a brand new school built on this land which has historically been used for the purpose of education. It would also allow local parents more choice as to where to send their children to school.

As a conscientious resident, who has lived in the area for many years, I felt that it was important for me to let you know my views on this proposed development as I strongly believe that the "all through school" will be an asset to the locality of Roundhay for many years to come. I hope you take my views into account as this process moves forward.

Yours faithfully,

Against

2009

Proposed Roundhay New School

Sent: 05 July 2011 08:29

To: EDUC School Organisation

As a co-opted Governor of Grange Farm Primary School, I feel I must object to the proposed building of the new Roundhay Primary School on the old Braimwood site.

The proposed site is less than a mile from Grange Farm Primary.

Many Parents of Primary School children in the area will choose to send their children to Roundhay, as this would give the children a ticket to Roundhay High. This would impact on Grange Farm and add a further disadvantage into an area already experiencing significant, social and economic disadvantages.

In the past few years Asket Hill and Braimwood Schools have been demolished and under the current economic climate it seems extravagant to spend £4,000.000 building a new School, which will have a detrimental knock on effect for other Schools in the Seacroft area.

There are alternative options to consider which would make it easier for the children in the proposed catchment area to attend. There is room to expand the Gledhow Primary School where there is demand for places. Why is pressure not being put on the Governing body to expand the School? St Johns could become a split site School with a new building on the Elmete site.

If this School is built on the proposed site, it will create surplus places in existing Schools and give preference to Seacroft children to gain admittance due to location, giving a disadvantage to the Roundhay children that the School is being built to accommodate.

Roundhay School proposal

Sent: 05 July 2011 16:09

To: EDUC School Organisation

Re Roundhay School proposal

-The information given to Executive Board-in March and May 2011 that there were plenty children to fill the places in Seacroft- is not fully accurate- although Grange Farm may appear 'full' for September 2010 there are only 50 first choices(school is a 60 place school)- experience shows us that most of the 'unplaced' children do not arrive- so we are likely to have a small number of surplus places in September as we have every year. We have already been told 2 children on the first choice list are not coming- we do experience quite high levels of mobility in Seacroft. Even if we are full, other Seacroft schools will have surplus places in September. We currently have 64 surplus places across the school.

-The building of this new school will take children away from our school and other Seacroft schools that already have surplus places. The School Organisation Team have admitted to us at the Governing Body meeting that the new school will have 'an impact on numbers in your school'. **This is a contradiction of the information given to Executive Board on May 18th that 'there is sufficient demand for these additional places without any adverse impact on the existing schools'** It will take children away from a good school and create surplus places - at a cost of over £4,000,000. It will also have a knock on effect on other Seacroft schools.

-We (Grange Farm) are the nearest non-denominational school to this new school. It is less than a mile from us- 1.1km. The demand for places, where schools are over subscribed- is not in Seacroft but around Gledhow Primary (2.1 miles from the proposed site of the new school), Kerr Mackie (2.1miles from proposed site), Talbot Primary (2.7 miles from proposed site)- or in Harehills- for example Hovingham Primary - (2.2 miles from proposed site). **The site is in completely the wrong place.**

-The information given to Executive Board- that there were only 6 children in the polygon for the new school who will attend Grange Farm- is misleading -as many parents who live near to Grange Farm will choose the new school- and will be allocated a place- as they are so near. Although Grange Farm is a good school, a straw poll of parents, conducted by parent governors, shows that many parents would choose the proposed new school over Grange Farm, because of the ticket to Roundhay High. This would therefore disadvantage the remaining pupils and alter any social and cultural mix which we currently have, as the more aspirational parents may well choose Roundhay. It is therefore adding disadvantage to an area which already experiences significant economic and social disadvantage.

-The impact on Seacroft schools does not appear to have been considered by Leeds Planning. We were never visited or telephoned to discuss the impact of the proposals as other Roundhay schools were. It is just over 1 km from our school, a school with surplus places-less than a mile- but no-one thought to consider that- although are happily proposing that children will travel 3 miles from Roundhay to attend this new school. The comment made in the report to Executive Board **that 'there is sufficient demand for these additional places without any adverse impact on the existing schools'** is completely inaccurate. I feel the decision to go forward to statutory notice period was based on information, presented by the Planning team who were proposing the school in the first place, and some which was inaccurate.

-The fact that the school is designed for 60 place does not make sense. There are 62 children in the polygon for the new school for 2012(consultation document) and 47 the following year. Bearing in mind several of those children are likely to go to denominational, private or other schools(**Roundhay St John's was not even featured in the consultation document- 30 children will go there!**). The only way this school will fill is take places away from existing schools in Seacroft. Our Lady of Good Counsel RC school also did not feature in the original consultation document- therefore showing the figures in Seacroft in a misleading way.

-**There are other avenues which seem far more sensible to be further explored.** The idea of expanding Rounday St John's to a 2 form entry has not been fully explored. I am aware the land around the

school is a Conservation area but this does not make it impossible, just more difficult. Another option would be to allow St John's to become a split site school with the new building on the Elmete site, again a cheaper option which would provide 30 additional places rather than 60- making much more sense. There is room to expand Gledhow Primary-where the demand is- why is pressure not being brought to bear on the governing body there? What about Fir Tree Primary? I was informed by Leeds Planning that it was 'in the wrong place'- but it is nearer to the Roundhay bulge than this proposed venture. The original proposed expansion of Moor Allerton Primary would also alleviate the problem.

-- In times of great financial constraint, surely it is completely wrong to build a school for over 4 million pounds, not that long after pulling one down very near to that site(Asket Hill- Seacroft people remember it well).

It will create surplus places in existing schools and also not solve the problem where the main bulge is- (Seacroft children would gain admittance to it over Roundhay children because of its location).

Other avenues should be properly explored.

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Against



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Proposed new school Braime Wood Site

Sent: 05 July 2011 21:23
To: EDUC School Organisation
Cc: Richardson, Nigel; Dowson, Cllr Jane; Blake, Cllr Judith; Macniven, Cllr Christine; Hussain, Cllr Ghulam; Hyde, Cllr Graham; Morgan, Cllr Veronica; Buckland, Vivienne
Importance: High

Killingbeck and Seacroft ward members oppose the proposal to build a new primary school on the site of the former Braime Wood School site.

Ward members were never consulted about this proposal which will have a impact on schools in our ward although we understand that in the past some of the Roundhay ward councillors were aware of the proposals. No explanation has been given to us for our exclusion form the initial consultation process prior to the original proposals being placed for public consultation in January 2011. It is only because two of the ward councillors are governors of Grange Farm Primary school that we were made aware of what is being proposed.

The information given to Executive Board- that there were plenty children to fill the places in Seacroft- was incorrect- although Grange Farm may appear 'full' for September 2010, there are only 50 first choices (school is a 60 place school and it is likely to have surplus places in September as we have every year. The building of this new school will take children away Grange Farm and other Seacroft schools that already have surplus places. Children Leeds Planning department admitted to the Grange Farm governors that the new school will have 'an impact on numbers in your school'. It will take children away from a good school and create surplus places.

It is the nearest non-denominational school to this new school. It is less than a mile from- 1.1km. The demand for places, where schools are over subscribed- is not in Seacroft but around Gledhow Primary (2.1 miles from the proposed site of the new school), Kerr Mackie (2.1miles from proposed site), Talbot Priamry (2.7 miles from proposed site)- or in Harehills- for example Hovingham Primary - (2.2 miles from proposed site). The site is in completely the wrong place.

The impact on Seacroft schools does not appear to have been considered. It is just over 1 km from Grange Farm-less than a mile.

The school is designed for 60 place does not make sense. There are 62 children in the polygon for the new school for 2010 (consultation document) and 47 the following year. Many children in this area may go to other schools. Why make this a 60 place school?

It is highly likely that parents living near to the new school will opt to send their children there since it is likely to offer a guaranteed place at Roundhay High School. Many of these parents live in the Barncrofts/Boggart Hill/Dib Lane area of the Killingbeck and Seacroft ward. The effect will be to reduce the numbers opting for Grange Farm weakening its viability. No consideration

appears to have been given to the implications for Grange Farm. Why?

Please supply details where you consider the children going to the new school are likely to live. If all the children in the Barncrofts/Boggart Hill/Dib Lane area opt for the new school how many will that be? What effect will this have on the Roundhay figures? How would this tackle problems at Talbot, Keir Mackie or Gledhow?

What consideration has been given to the implications for other schools Seacroft, such as Our Lady of Good Counsel or Beechwood? Please forward to ward members a copy of the impact assessments carried out with regard thereto.

I understand that there may be room to expand Gledhow Primary, where the demand for a new school exists. Please advise whether any discussions have taken place with the governing body of that school to see if it will be able to expand to take more children there?

Please supply details of the likely cost of building the proposed school either on a 30 or 60 place basis together with details of the likely cost of expanding Gledhow or other Roundhay schools to meet the demand in that area.