

Governing Body
Sharp Lane Primary

Mr Nigel Richardson

Chief Officer

Department of Children's Services

Dear Sir,

I write on behalf of the Governing Body of Sharp Lane Primary School to convey our major concerns over the proposed expansion of the school. Since our meeting over these issues we now have had some addressed at least in part, the Governing Body would still like them noting as part of the consultation process to ensure that they are taken fully into consideration when any decision is taken.

Points of concern:

1. The field adjoining the school.

This would need to be acquired and ownership passed back to the school. This has always been a key issue for the governors. It is vital that the extra playing space be acquired, as present playground/field space will be lost to expansion.

2. Road Safety.

The existing traffic and highways plan is already inadequate. Traffic conditions at the beginning and end of the school day are extremely difficult with current numbers of pupils. If expansion goes ahead there are two factors which will make road safety extremely challenging and these do not appear to have been addressed. They are:

- The increased pupil numbers will inevitably incur increased numbers of vehicles in an already inadequately managed road traffic system
- The planned Asda Superstore adjacent to the SLPS site will bring even more vehicles into an already congested, narrow and inadequate traffic system

The safety of our pupils, parents and staff is paramount.

3. The new school build, assuming the previous two issues have been addressed.

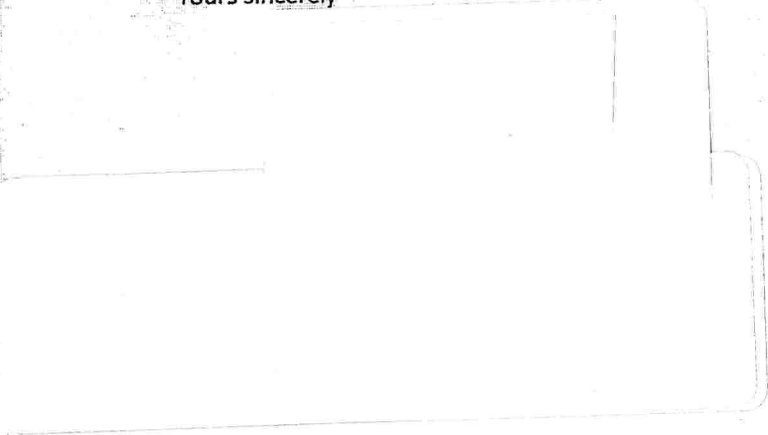
The various proposed schemes give no guarantees to Governors that the existing provision for the education of pupils at SLPS will be maintained nor give the same level of provision to any future pupils. Governors fear that due to current financial constraints, a permanent build solution will be replaced by a temporary one i.e. portakabins (or similar). This is totally unacceptable to the Governing Body.

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The Governing Body has recently had a meeting with Elizabeth Lowes to reaffirm these points of concern. Ms Lowes assured the GB that she would put these points to the relevant parties. The intention of this letter is to emphatically reinforce the strength of feeling of the Governing Body of Sharp Lane Primary School.

Whilst the GB has democratically agreed to the consultation process, there has been very little Governor Involvement in the proposed plans so far which leads to fear of the schools existing provision in SLPS being substantially compromised, and to the recently created Wildlife Garden being degraded. As a GB it is the education, interests and well being of the pupils of SLPS that are paramount to our concerns and wish to be fully involved.

Yours sincerely



Sent: 13 February 2013 08:14

To: EDUC School Organisation

Subject: RE: Proposal to expand Little London Community Primary School - Statutory Notice

in principal i believe one and a half form entry schools to be wrong. They cause the need for mixed age classes which makes the curriculum hard to deliver.

in principal i believe primary schools of over 600 pupils are wrong. Particularly in areas of social disadvantage. The needs of pupils should be put first not the need to avoid going out to tender for new schools

From: EDUC School Organisation [educ.school.organisation@leeds.gov.uk]

Sent: 12 February 2013 17:30

Subject: Proposal to expand Little London Community Primary School - Statutory Notice

Hello all

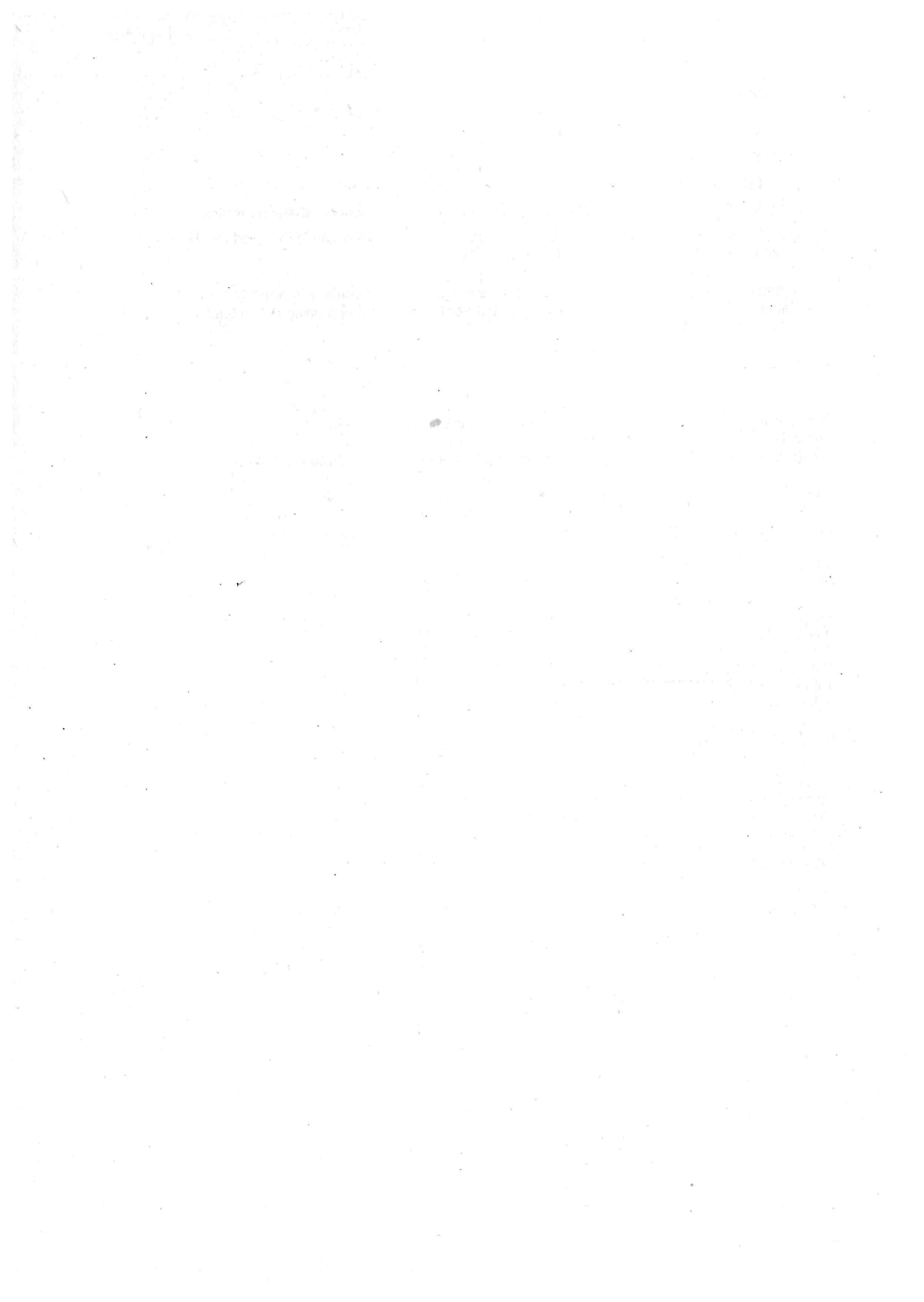
Please find attached copy of the full proposal and statutory notice, for your information.

Many thanks
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To: EDUC School Organisation
Subject: Little London Community Primary School Expansion
Attachments:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you with regards to the proposed expansion of Little London Community Primary School.

*I would like to add my support **FOR** this for many reasons, including:*

- *My belief in the school as a parent of a child at it (with SEN-Statemented), the progress he is making due to the class teaching staff is amazing, way and above over the Nationally expected figures on RAISE.*
- *As a parent again, the atmosphere/attitude of the school is relaxed, secure and efficient, making you feel happy that your child is being treated well.*
- *As a member of the Community, the expansion will bring more jobs to the area, both in the construction and later use of the buildings, staff, cleaners etc.*
- *As a member of the Community the expansion will bring more money to the area benefitting local businesses, creating more employment opportunities, even creating new businesses and securing the future of those already established in the area.*
- *While the expansion is to cater for children already in the area, there is no doubt that with the Schools reputation people will move into this area primarily to get their children into this school in preference to the other schools in the The Lantern Learning Trusts (Inner City North, Leeds). This will help with the wonderful ethnic diversity the area already has. I am led to believe that this is already happening (based on conversations with other parents)!.*
- *As an inner city School, parents will come to the area seeking employment in the City which has numerous benefits.*
- *As a supporter of the School, the ethos and beliefs of the school, plus it's wonderful teaching practices, will be made available to far more children bringing benefits not only to those children but to the Community for years to come as these children grow up, – with respect to racial tolerance, anti social behaviour, employment, consideration for their peers and other members of the community etc etc...*
- *Just as the new Arena, and even the Bridge re-opening, has drawn attention to the area, this planned expansion will rejuvenate Little London & bring positive attention to the area benefitting everybody who lives and works here.*
- *As a Leeds resident and supporter for many years, this expansion in this geographical area will reflect positively on Leeds City Council at a time when there is much negative press coverage of Councils making cuts etc. Again the "knock-on" effects previously mentioned will show that LCC is taking responsibility of a situation where there is insufficient school places and taking action to address this in a positive way, rather than forcing people to move to*

area's where there are placements available, or running bus services to them, using temporary classroom/prefab. units, or any number of other less satisfactory and less efficient ways of handling the situation. This in the long term would cause the area to de-populate and ultimately lead it to become like so many other area's in the Country, a home to vandals etc. I appreciate that there have been cuts elsewhere and these are effectively paying for this build, but every single person in the country is having to manage their own budgets,- to pay for essentials, luxuries are sacrificed, LCC's actions here are just an example of this on a larger scale. Our children are our future, we owe them a lot and need to nurture them effectively to secure the prosperity of the Country as a whole and therefore all our securities.

As far as I am concerned, with the exception of construction traffic which cannot be avoided, but I am sure will be managed appropriately (i.e. not allowed during school start and end times etc), there can be no reasons to object to this proposal for this build or see it in a negative way.

Those who complain about changes in the area did not complain when the flats came down, have not complained about the proposed 300 residential builds in the area, yes the new building will change the skyline, but that has already happened with all the old buildings being demolished, the new buildings created (and these are much taller and bigger than the new school building) here so are not really an issue.

I am more than happy to add my support for this expansion proposal, and also happy to be contacted if I can be of any further help with it or in the promotion of it.

Yours Sincerely

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Subject: comment on expansion of Rufford Park Primary
For the Attention of the Director of Children Services

Dear Sir

The Governing Body of Rufford Park Primary has requested that I write to you on their behalf to tell you that we welcome and support the proposed expansion of our school. We believe that this expansion is necessary to accommodate the growing numbers of primary school aged children in the Yeadon area. It will also allow greater numbers of local children the ability to access a local school within walking distance of their home.

We sympathise with the fears expressed at a recent public meeting by some residents of Rufford Avenue about increased nuisance from traffic. Indeed, several members of our governing body live on Rufford Avenue themselves. We hope that highways will take note of these concerns and devise solutions to minimise this nuisance. However, a high percentage of our children already walk to school (around 70%) and this expansion will ensure that many more local children will be offered a school place near to home, rather than at schools that require them to be driven through our town to adjacent areas.

Yours Faithfully

