

Objection 1

Received 2 July 2018

Objection to the expansion

I am writing to object to the expansion of Moor Allerton Primary School. I currently have three children at Talbot Primary but would now fall in to Moor Allerton catchment. My sister has a three year old who lives in Devonshire Avenue and is unlikely to get a place at Talbot next year, and would be most likely to be offered Moor Allerton.

I would not have wanted or accepted a place at a school which has been unpopular for several years and, whilst improving, has significant challenges to address. The three form entry system is not conducive to a nurturing environment. The issues which have been felt at Roundhay Primary are reflective of this .. and the impact of shaking up the classes to readdress the balance is detrimental to many pupils throughout their learning journey.

I think there needs to be a different system for entrance to Talbot for 2/3 years to readdress the issues caused by the bulge years and the impact of the siblings of this cohort. Currently, as you'll know, the catchment is ludicrously small.

I feel the council has not fought for what parents actually want in the area, and the proposals provide an easy, but unsatisfactory solution to the problem.

Objection 2

Received 3 July 2018

Further to your email, I would like to register my strong objection to the proposal to expand Moor Allerton Hall Primary School. Though there is clearly a pressing need to provide more places for primary school places for children in Roundhay, this school is in a completely different postcode and is not a viable solution to the problem. My preference would be for an expansion of an existing good, desirable school - a school which is already successful and could cope with the extra influx of pupils.

Objection 3

Received 24 July

Are the scheduled changes going to affect Talbot Avenue - please clarify. Are you affecting the school entrance to be on Talbot Avenue - Please clarify Are you aware that the current situation ALREADY puts pressure on the use of Talbot Avenue as a thoroughfare during school times What plans ARE scheduled for speed bumps on Talbot Avenue and parents NOT parking outside residents front gates - as ALWAYS happens? This is a highly congested avenue during school times - are you FULLY aware of the breach of peace to residents?

Further email received 3 July 2018

Little thought is given to the residents of this quiet area on Talbot Avenue and the Bentcliffes through to Lidgett. For example, Talbot Avenue and Lidgett Lane are high congestion areas and drivers zoom along these roads and block residents access - although you have addressed Lidgett Lane with speed bumps, you have failed to consider Talbot Avenue (on the Moortown, LS17 side). Parents park outside gates, teachers leave cars all day outside our homes so that builders and utility companies working in the area cannot park on Talbot Avenue and generally there is a disrespect for this avenue. I urge you not to devalue this residential area further by totally jamming and congesting these routes and spread the buildings elsewhere. In the meantime, it is HIGH time we had speed bumps from the school entrance on Talbot Avenue to Bentcliffe - the misconception that this route is not abused now needs to be addressed. Speed signs do not work and are a waste of money.

Objection 4

Received 29 July 2018

As a resident of Brackenwood Drive I object the formally New Highwood pub expansion to another school.

While it is recognised that more child places are needed, there are already quite a few schools in the area and this is causing quite a lot of traffic congestion, especially at 8:45 and at 3:15pm. The Current traffic is already very heavy outside the Highwood Pub, and the surrounding areas. You really struggle to get through if you are turning into Brackenwood Drive from Lidgett Lane, there are vehicles which are parked up on both sides of the road and on the corners. People are also using the unofficial closed High Wood Pub car park as a drop off area, then pulling out of the site with no disregard to other on coming road users. This has to stop as this is also causing great congestion and confusion. I would appreciate if this will be surveyed by the Council at the peak times as described above.

In addition the People who are parking their vehicles on Brackenwood Drive so they can walk their children to school, or for that matter who are already on foot are leaving their litter behind. The amount of crisp packets, chocolate wrappers and cigarette butts that are Left behind is unacceptable.

I would like to propose that you consider this application very carefully because I feel it will become more dangerous for family's/children, and older people walking around this area, more litter and not to mention the congestion that will contribute to the air pollution.

Would you not consider the New Highwood pub being converted in to Extra Care Housing for older people. It would be an ideal location for older people to maintain their independence while receiving some support.

It would be easy for people who would be living there to access the buses as there are two bus stops near by. Also being near to the local shops, close to the community centre that have a lunch club. As well as contributing to the local community, this would also support the local housing problems where there is a shortage, and waiting in list at other extra care housing providers. there is only one nearby, which is a few miles away from this area, where as some of the schools nearby have already been expanded.

Objections 5 and 6 (two objectors on one email)

Received 30 July 2018

We are writing in response to the statutory proposal to permanently expand Moor Allerton Hall Primary School to 3FE. My wife and I are firmly in objection to this proposal and would ask that it is cancelled and a more appropriate solution considered. We have been involved in the campaign to highlight the lack of school places in Roundhay for over 2 years and have tried to work with the council to come up with good quality solutions; we have also studied all proposals presented and attended the consultations to understand what they would mean for us and future generations of children. I am sorry to say that the plans are not appropriate, these are our key reasons why:

- The school is too far from the area of need, we cannot walk there with a child and would have to drive. I cycle to work and my wife drives, we also only have one car. So we either place the full burden on one parent or we buy another car at considerable expense and then contribute to the worsening air quality in Leeds (I note your other consultation on air quality proposals)
- We are effectively outside of the catchment for this school, in other words if the families living closest to MAH preferenced it then we would not get a place and we're back to square one. There needs to be a new school north of Street Lane to meet the considerable and ongoing demand
- You have not conducted a full traffic assessment and cannot reassure anyone that localised air pollution is not going to get any worse (it certainly won't improve) and you also cannot say how

you will manage that extra traffic. This is already a busy and dangerous road and this proposal puts lives at risk, there have already been accidents near the school involving children, how long before a child is knocked down and killed. What then? How will that sit on your consciences?

- LCC has a poor record in early years development (using your own data) and it is shown that 3FE schools perform worse than 2FE. This is also a school that is currently rated RI and you expect it to improve whilst encumbering it with change and greater pupil numbers. What is the chance that this school makes it to where all schools should be, outstanding? I would say zero under your stewardship and that is really depressing

- Your modelling data and record on school expansions is flawed, as a consequence you expand in the wrong places and waste public money. There are numerous examples where you have done this across the city, expanded a school and then not filled it, in the worst cases you have expanded a school and not even got the pupil numbers up to the pre-expansion level. This is incredulous. Historically this is not a popular school amongst the local population, expanding here is likely to be a waste of money and the school will not fill. If a parent has to get into a car to take their child to school (as the black hole parents will have to) then they will likely elect to go to a school even further afield but that has a better reputation and better outcomes. Our campaign group is full of parents trying to get their children into something approaching a local school, it also has the stories of many parents who have been allocated MAH (either through auto-allocation or by putting the school down as a backstop to avoid being given Khalsa) and who have tried every means to get their children sent to another school.

We implore you to think again and work with the local community, this is not a desired expansion and will not fix the problem. Don't be wedded to this solution just because you have come this far down the track, you will gain more respect and engagement from local residents if you stop this and work with us and local academies to deliver good quality places where they are needed.

Objections 7 and 8 (two objectors on one email)

Received 30 July 2018

Objection to Moor Allerton Hall Primary School Expansion

We oppose the proposed expansion of Moor Allerton Primary School on the following grounds.

We purchased The Lodge from Leeds City Council (LCC) in 2014. The Lodge was originally the Gate House to Moor Allerton Hall. The Lodge is subject to planning restrictions because it is within the curtilage of Moor Allerton Hall which is a Grade II Listed Building.

When we purchased The Lodge it had been allowed to become derelict by LCC, the upvc windows which they had installed were smashed and boarded up, there was a hole in the roof, the render was falling off the facades, there were significant damp and structural problems, it was uninsulated and open to the elements and there was no functioning hot and cold water, gas or electricity.

Nonetheless we chose to purchase the house because it was surrounded by green and wooded spaces, with excellent views of Moor Allerton Hall and its grounds.

We have completed significant renovations to the property which were subject to stringent planning restrictions imposed by the LCC Planning Department. The planning restrictions included installing timber sash windows and aluminium press formed gutters, despite the fact that the house formerly had upvc windows installed by Leeds City Council. We also retained the original features of the house such as the natural stone roof and falecto facias. We have also been awarded permission to make improvements to the garden and drive of the house which had again been allowed to become derelict, we are currently making arrangements to undertake the works to the garden in the near future.

The proposed extension to Moor Allerton Hall Primary will totally ruin the enjoyment of our property and spoil the setting of The Lodge in the curtilage of Moor Allerton Hall and its grounds. It cannot be right to impose such stringent planning restrictions on the renovation of the Lodge and then take no consideration of the curtilage of Moor Allerton Hall and the Lodge in the proposed school

extension. LCC have already extended the boundary of the Moor Allerton Hall Primary School to facilitate the 30 additional Bulge Reception Places without planning consultation which has already restricted our views of Moor Allerton Hall. They are now proposing to extend the school boundary such that we will be surrounded by metal fencing on three sides which will be akin to living in a prison. Our views of Moor Allerton Hall and the green spaces will be ruined. We will be subject to noise from the children using the playing fields and the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area), the location of which has again been proposed close to our property. Use of the MUGA out of hours school hours would increase both noise and light pollution.

The proposed school extension will have a negative impact upon the views of Moor Allerton Hall and its grounds from Lidgett Lane and will detract from the character of the area including Allerton Grange Fields. The access road to Moor Allerton Hall Primary School currently has a rural feel and this will be spoilt.

There is an existing problem with localised surface water flooding on Lidgett Lane and the existing access road to Moor Allerton Primary School. The development will increase the area of impermeable hard landscaping surfaces resulting from further surface water run off which will make the flooding problem much worse.

We will also suffer an unacceptable nuisance (light, noise, and air pollution) from the proposal to route half of the traffic from the Allerton Grange Secondary School and all of the traffic from the expanded Moor Allerton Primary School in a one way system ending directly outside of our front door. The access road is already unsafe as parents drive up and down the road at great speed. Our understanding is that the traffic access from Lidgett Lane to Allerton Grange Hall Secondary School through Allerton Grange Fields was only intended to be used by emergency services in the event of a fire, however this scheme has incorporated it as a permanent access road. This development is only moving an existing traffic congestion from Talbot Avenue to Lidgett Lane, however Lidgett Lane itself already suffers from traffic congestion. Surely it is unsafe to increase the volume of traffic and pedestrians when there has already been an accident associated with school pupils on this section of Lidgett Lane. The scheme also indicates the introduction of a sliding gate across the access road in front of our house which will again spoil the character of our property and will be another source of further noise.

In May 2017 Ofsted rated Moor Allerton Hall Primary School as requiring improvement. Surely it would be better to focus on improving the existing school first before even considering to increase the number of pupils. LCC would be better advised to expand one of the many other schools within the Roundhay Planning Area which have a better Ofsted rating. They have been able to Bulge eight schools within the planning area so surely one of these better rated, higher demand schools could be expanded and this would provide a higher overall standard of education than the proposed expansion of Moor Allerton Hall Primary School.

Good Afternoon

Please record our objection to the above proposal.

Please refer to our previous objection of 4th May 2018 during the informal consultation period as attached and the bellow additional objections.

1. The school grounds and entrance road will surround our property The Lodge on three sides which will reduce the enjoyment of our home.
2. This will spoil our views of the Grade II Listed Moor Allerton Hall.
3. The Lodge is the former gatehouse to Moor Allerton Hall and is subject to planning restrictions because it is within the Curtilage of Moor Allerton Hall this development detracts from the character of both buildings.
4. The two buildings have a unique relationship which will be spoilt by the development.
5. The development encroaches onto and detracts from the Curtilage of Moor Allerton Hall which is a Grade II Listed Building.

6. The revised traffic routing and increased volume of traffic will be unsafe, on 5th December 2017 there was a traffic accident involving two school children aged 11 & 12 who were struck by a car and seriously injured.
7. The emergency access road from Lidgett Lane to Allerton Grange Secondary school is to be connected to the Moor Allerton Hall Primary School Access Road. Traffic from both the secondary school and the primary school will be routed in a one way system, but the current access to and Allerton Grange and Moor Allerton Hall Primary School are already very congested and there are queue's both on the access roads and Lidgett Lane during rush hours. The increased volume of traffic from the expansion and the additional traffic from the secondary school will lead to further queues directly outside our property and on Lidgett Lane which will be unsafe, noisy and increase air pollution.
8. The emergency access road to Allerton Grange Secondary School is not authorised to be used as an general access road.
9. The one way system will restrict our access to our property.
10. Lidgett Lane already suffers from traffic congestion, the development will increase the congestion to and unacceptable level.
11. The development will increase nuisance from noise through additional traffic and by increasing the number of children and expanding the school boundary and buildings adjacent to our property.
12. The development will increase air borne pollution.
13. The questions which we raised at the meeting/drop-in session on 19 April relating to the effect of the development upon the Curtilage of Moor Hall were not answered because the Leeds Council Planning Department did not attend the meeting. We were told that they would be addressed after the meeting but they were not.
14. Our written objection of 4th May 2018 was not considered in the decision to progress the scheme to Statutory Notice.