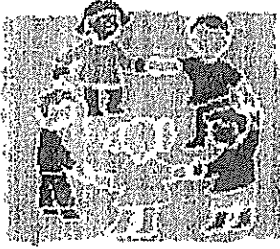


APPENDIX B

**Deputation to Council
25 March 2008**



Rosebank Primary School

25 March 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to you in connection with the possible sale of the N6 protected playing pitches and other protected sports facilities at present owned by the Leeds Girls' High School. We are concerned that the small amount of green sports space, in an area of high-density housing will be lost to the wider community. There is a need to protect these areas to ensure that local schools and other child-based organisations have a local resource in which to promote healthy living.

The schools in this area have little or no access to sports fields and green land in this area is at a premium. Any public open grassed land has health and safety issues from the presence of needles and dog faeces, which makes it very difficult for schools to access them, as the health risks prove a problem to our children.

The closure of the International Pool and the refurbishment of Armley Sports Centre means that there are even less opportunities to access the limited local council sports facilities. The council sports facilities are in high demand and we are finding it increasingly difficult to access them, as we have to compete with other school and other organisations. The need to ensure the health and safety of our pupils means that higher costs are incurred when travelling to sports facilities outside the area. High School facilities are not accessible to us during the school day as they are already running to full capacity accommodating their own pupils. Therefore the possibility of new facilities being available will mean the children and the community can access a wider range of local sports facilities.

The Government initiative to improve the health of our children and to increase their physical activities is proving difficult to implement, as we need to ensure that all children have access to two hours of physical activity per week. There is a need to provide local sports amenities to ensure that schools such as Rosebank, who have no green space, are able to implement fully the PE curriculum and Healthy School Initiative and Every Child Matters Agenda.

As part of Extended Services and the Every Child Matters Agenda, the use of these facilities for out of school provision would greatly enhance the activities offered by each local primary school and their communities both after school and during the holiday periods.

We therefore support the possible purchase by the City Council of the N6 protected playing pitches and other protected sports facilities to ensure that all local primary schools and community organisations are able to provide a higher standard of physical activities and therefore promote a healthy life style in an area of high deprivation.

Yours sincerely,

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