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Re Planning Application for Proposed Redevelopment of Boundstone Lane School, Upper Boundstone Lane, Sompting, Application Number WSCC/071/09/5

Dear Mr Bartlett

Please find listed below my objections to the above Planning Application:

1. The proposed location of the new buildings is unacceptable. The correct location is as a direct replacement for the current buildings. If the current location were used, as has always been proposed in the past, only those house owners who are currently affected by the school buildings would be affected. As the current school has been on the site for approx 50 years, very few, if any, residents would have occupied their properties before the current school construction started.

   The cost of providing temporary building for the school during the redevelopment is not a reason to allow the new buildings to be built on the proposed, less appropriate location.

2. The proposed sports facilities are in the wrong location. Assuming the new school buildings are built in the proposed location the sports facility should be placed in the area occupied by the current school buildings. This would reduce the nuisance to the residents of Abbey Road.

3. Assuming the sports facilities are built as proposed, the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) is placed too close to Abbey Road. Further there is no requirement for the area to have floodlights or be available up to 10PM for the operation of the school. The only reason for the proposed lights and operational hours is to provide an income stream to the commercial company operating the school under contract to West Sussex County Council (WSCC). It will not aid the education of the children attending the school. The provision of this facility and its attendant lights will provide a massive increase in both noise and light pollution in the whole area in general, and in Abbey Road in particular and is therefore unacceptable.

4. Should the MUGA be allowed, its use should be limited to 6PM or dusk, whichever is the earlier, Monday to Friday in school term times only and no floodlighting allowed.

5. There is no reason to have wind turbines on the site at all, let alone so close to the properties in Abbey Road. They will increase noise pollution, which currently is fairly low in Abbey Road, and be an eye sore. They are only a sop to the environmentalists to suggest that the school has the environment at heart when it will actually be destroying the lives of the residents of Abbey Road. I suspect a further reason for the proposed turbines is to provide an income stream to the commercial company operating the school under contract to WSCC during the periods that the turbines provide excess power over that required by the school, that is at night when the greatest disturbance would be caused..

   Large wind turbines are a commercial operation and have no place in the middle of a residential area.

6. I wish object to the proposal to provide a 'Pedestrian Entrance' to the site from Abbey Road, Sompting. Abbey Road is a narrow residential road, which frequently has many resident's cars parked in the road as well a number of commercial vans and trucks, although why commercial vehicles should be parked overnight in a residential road is difficult to understand.

   Already access for emergency vehicles has been a problem and larger vans delivering to addresses in the road often have to back up round half the road when their progress is impeded by badly parked or oversized vehicles. Several accidents have been caused on corners due to parked vehicles.

   Should a 'Pedestrian Entrance' to the school be provided from Abbey Road, most people using it will be 'dropped off' from a car or use a car themselves. This will provide a vast increase in traffic in this residential road and cause the road to become a car park.

Please ensure these objections are entered into the register of objections and are brought before the Planning Committee.

I understand that the applications for items 5 and 6 have already been withdrawn but feel it is necessary to put the objections forward in case the requirements are reinstated at the last moment when it would be too late to object.

Whilst not part of the objections to this planning application I have a number of issues about the WSCC Web Site and its ease of use, in particular finding this specific application. Also the part that the WSCC Highways Dept played in the proposal to site the pedestrian access from Abbey Road and the lack of consultation by WSCC after the detail plans were drawn up but before the actual planning application was made. These will be taken up, in detail, with my Adur District and WSCC Council Representatives, WSCC and our local MP.

Yours sincerely,

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