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I, Kalyan Thapa, living at Eton Court, Eton Avenue, strongly object to the Hall School's Application primarily on the grounds that, if approved, Hall School would very much be the dominant site in a primarily residential area, which would be severely impacted, negatively, in terms of ongoing noise, loss of privacy, traffic clogging, and residential parking. I have lived at Eton Court for almost thirty years and have observed, that unlike other schools who live in harmony with the neighbourhood, Hall School, using its Charitable status, has been on a relentless expansion drive, which benefits it commercially, but has been causing much concern to the residents living in the area. My sense is that the School is being disingenuous, when it says the application is for an upgrading of its facilities. It is clearly a major project, both below and above ground, with the intent in due course to expand their intake.

My other grounds for objection relate to the unseemly architectural design and an external appearance unsuited to the conservation area. I am also particularly concerned about the proposal for a double basement. This would set a bad precedent as other schools and house owners may apply for something similar.

On a more personal note, I am concerned about the buildings on top of Wathen Hall which would be visually intrusive and ruin my view. About a year ago we had one of our windows broken by an apple thrown by one of the boys and glass lay shattered all over the bedroom. Instead of a profuse apology and steps to immediately put it right, the Bursar's attitude was- we have taken action against the boy, now you find a glazier and we will reimburse you. He was arrogant and acted as if he was the aggrieved party! He even expected us to clear up the debris caused by the breakage. Both my wife and I were most upset by his attitude. Things were amicably settled only after the headmaster came to see us at home and matters were put right. Certainly not the best of neighbours!

I do hope you will take my strong concerns and views into consideration.

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