

19.06.2017

Mrs Farah Poulney
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FNO Planning Officer

Re: Objections to changes to Playground on
Sumatra Road.

Dear Sir / Madam

I live at 72 Sumatra Road and have lived here for 48 years. My house backs onto the park. As a child I played in the park with my brothers & both of my children now aged 19 + 15 have played in the park.

I would like to raise a number of concerns regarding the proposed changes to the Park

1) Moving the Gate / Additional Gate.

My concern here is in relation to child safety. The proposed change would mean that children leaving the park as a result of not properly being supervised or to retrieve a ball would not be seen by drivers. The proposed Gate is at a point where the road bends and is blocked by a telephone exchange box that prevents drivers from seeing any person running onto the road until the last moment. Why is a second gate necessary?

2) Table Tennis: This would be an excellent addition to the play ground but would be better positioned in the middle of the park. To place it by the new proposed gate to the park would mean that children would be running onto the road to retrieve their balls.

3) Antisocial Behaviour Back of park.
Last year our fence was deliberately set on fire at 6pm (the park was locked). The fire brigade were called and I was advised to report the matter to the police which I did. This matter was also raised with the local authority. This area of the park is secluded & often used by people to urinate, have sex & take drugs. My daughter's room backs onto the park & she has seen all of the above. I would welcome this area being closed off or alternatively opened up so that people looking into the area can see what is going on.

4) Park Fence

The fence @ the back of the park is in a state of disrepair. I have reported the condition of the fence to the local authority. Children climb the fence to retrieve their balls. The fence is falling down & poses a real risk to children in the park.

I am writing this letter on behalf of
my husband & children who also
share my concerns.

Yours faithfully.

Farah Paulney
Anthony Paulney
Alicia Paulney
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