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Subject: Application 2016/6319/P

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I strongly object to the revised plans for the rebuilding and extension of the Hall School in Crossfield Road.

1) Excessive urbanisation of a conservation area and despoilment of my environment.

I live in Eton Court and overlook the School from the back. The planned development and rebuilding of the sports Hall will completely alter the pleasant view of the playground and the large tree I and my wife currently enjoy. The new proposal to paint this wall green sounds hideous, and will only make things worse. The introduction of windows into this wall will mean that classrooms of the school can see directly into some of the flats in Eton Court. The new school building will also present a bulky ugly view from my flat. It is not suited to a conservation area and is out of keeping with existing buildings. It will create an atmosphere of a more urbanised environment than we presently enjoy.

2) Danger of damage to Eton Court Garages by basement construction.

Engineering surveys commissioned by the Hall School Opposition group indicate that the new basement to be built under the current sports hall poses a real danger of structural damage to the garages at the back of Eton Court. I own garage No. 5 which backs directly onto the property of the Hall School and lies exactly above the edge of the proposed new basement. There is a clear risk that my garage will suffer structural damage due to the construction of the proposed basement.

3) Traffic and Pollution.

The presence of the school currently creates a great nuisance to the neighbourhood through the traffic and pollution arising from the cars and taxis constantly delivering and fetching pupils from or to the school, both in and out of school hours. Even in the current circumstances, it would be a great help if the cars were encouraged to switch off their engines when waiting for their passengers. The school plans to enhance the use of its facilities outside normal school hours. It has presented this as some kind of service to the community. Far from being a service the extra traffic and disturbance will constitute a great nuisance. It is very unlikely that, with the enhanced facilities after the redevelopment, the school will not increase its pupil numbers. Such an increase would further exacerbate the situation.

4) Consultation

I understand that the school claims to have distributed literature concerning its latest revised plans. I am a close neighbour of the school and have received nothing from them.

Yours sincerely,

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