

# PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL SERVICE

## DEVELOPMENT CONTROL DIVISION

### MINUTES

Meeting : **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL FORUM** – Former TUC Centre Site, Crouch End Hill & Coleridge School Crescent Road, N8

Date : 13<sup>th</sup> July 2006

Place : Hornsey Town Hall, The Broadway, Crouch End, N8

Present : Paul Smith (Chair), Tay Makoon, Officers from Education Ian Bailey Assistant Director, Brendan Wells, Planning Service, Cllr Engert, Newton, (Approx 50) Local Residents

Minutes by : Tay Makoon

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	<p>Paul Smith introduced the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing officers, members. He also explained the purpose of the meeting that it was not a decision making meeting and that the meeting is being minuted and the minutes will be attached to the officers' report when reported to the Planning Application Sub-Committee. He went through the agenda and pointed out the housekeeping rules.</p> <p><b>The Proposal</b> Demolition of 3 storey wings on either side of existing main buildings and replacement with new part single/part 2 storey teaching wings; retention of and alterations to main building, associated landscaping to enable expansion of Coleridge Primary School, and Demolition of existing nursery block, and minor extensions, and provision of additional parking on existing Coleridge School site.</p> <p><b>Main Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The need for a new school</li> <li>• Impact on the Conservation Area</li> <li>• Design</li> <li>• Sustainability</li> <li>• Traffic/Parking</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentation by Education Service</b> The presentation covered the following School places, contact details, history, indicators, children places, impact on other schools, expansion, reduction in places, new secondary school.</p>	

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	<p><b>Presentation by Marilyn Sparrow – School Government Body</b> The presentation covered the need for more spaces, no increase traffic, noise, safe managements, creativity encouraged across two sites, not split into infants/juniors, united between the ages, Leader of school, management, traffic, play space , 20 miles mph zone , school safety</p> <p><b>Presentation by Shirley Boffey</b> The presentation covered the following – better facilities – planning for future, staff to work together, health and safety, road safety , heart of community.</p> <p><b>Presentation by Architects</b> The presentation was delivered by showing plans of the site of Access, building area, play space explaining the scheme will be double in size, design for 120 children, single storey.</p> <p><b>Presentation by Sue Hessele on behalf of local residents</b> The presentation covered the following: Local people are not apposed to the school but feel 900 pupils are facing three dangerous roads. Road safety expert shows that the narrow winding road causes bad visual which is detrimental to school children and parents walking to school. Junction is a problem, increase in traffic. Other issues are noise, road safety implications, population increase.</p> <p><b>Questions from the Floor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Issues raised by residents</b></li> <li>• Dangerous traffic</li> <li>• School Island Site</li> <li>• Pollution/Noise</li> <li>• Safety</li> <li>• Parking</li> </ul> <p>Q1: Parent – Have concerns about traffic safety issues. Tucker report highlights the problem with narrow rd and high volume traffic with a lot more activity. The report recommends wide pavements, change railings, pollution issues, artificial ventilation, new school closer to existing school, budget</p> <p>Q2: School Island Site – concerns about parking. There should be no parking on the school side of the road.</p> <p>Q3: Traffic Issues: Reduction by 10% - rising level of pollution and congestion on the road is very bad for the school children. Answer: Kate Fuller – Pollution – It is upto the Council to monitor this and advice</p> <p>Q4: Concern about parking and safety in Heslemere/Waverly Road, as it is already very difficult to park. There is a need to reduce parking in the area, have you any plans to build bike sheds /scooter shed, what about pavement traffic, also how many times will the children be crossing between the two schools. Answer: Architects replied that staff and pupil will have storage provided on site for bikes. The school have a travel plan and in terms of parking we are looking at the junction/crossing.</p>	

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	<p>Q5: - Can you define play safe Answer: Air quality/acoustics – Shielding play space</p> <p>Q6: - Cllr Engert – Details of proposals of addressing the application as stated by the educator. Answer: Detail fencing around the school. Heslemere Road – Visually secure landscaping to support.</p> <p>Q7: Wall is low can you plant Laurel hedge and variety planting Answer: Yes we will take it on board</p> <p>Q8: Waverley Rd – elderly/disabled. Take into consideration Answer: Yes we will take it on board</p> <p>Q9: Have you considered building a tunnel over/under road. Answer: Yes have considered it but not possible</p> <p>Q10: Would it be possible to work to a 3 form school considering how close the classrooms are to the roads Answer: We are badly in need of school places and this would meet the need</p> <p>Q11: How big is the triangle for housing? Answer: 9 – 10 metres</p> <p>Q12: Traffic study – reduce no of cars. Answer: Contact details to Bredan Wells at the end of meeting and he will reply in writing.</p> <p>PS ended the meeting by thanking everyone for attending the meeting and participating. He reminded everyone to send comments to the Planning Service if not already done so and that further representation can be made at the Planning Application Sub Committee.</p> <p>End of meeting</p>	

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