

## Appendix 6

### Representation to the statutory consultation for Elsley Primary School

I still **DISAGREE** with Brent Council to expand Elsley Primary School by two forms of entry (2FE).

As residents we have already tolerated:

- heavy traffic, creating gridlock between 08:30-09:30, and 15:00-16:00 Monday to Friday;
- Teachers parking in our street all day, and causing obstructions for HGVs and refuse vehicles, as they park on both sides of our narrow road, when you can only park on one side, in order to allow these wider than normal vehicles through. The drivers knock on our doors throughout each day, asking us to move these vehicles, and we cannot, yet get constantly disturbed by these requests;
- noise from the children during break times, and loud music during the garden fete etc, in the summer;
- discourteous parents, blocking our driveways and actually parking in our driveways (bear in mind these parents only live within a mile from this school, and can easily walk this distance);
- parents and children littering the area, including depositing sweet wrappers over our garden walls, into our front gardens;
- my garden backs onto the school, and have endured the security lighting shining directly into my house every evening, for years, causing me sleepless nights and giving me a headaches during the evenings; and
- the school security alarm going off every once in a while, driving myself and other residents to distraction with the noise.

We have tolerated this, myself for over 20 years, as this is sadly what comes with living near a school, and it is difficult, even impossible to enforce. We erected a 6 ft fence, to drown out the noise from the school, and because the schools security light is located high up. Fortunately this light nuisance appears to have ceased since my last letter to you in February (this light pollution was unacceptable, and I hope it's gone for good, but very much doubt it).

Our quality of life is already impaired by living near this small primary school. The proposal to enlarge the school would aggravate the problems that already exist, creating:

- an adverse effect on the residential amenity of neighbours, by the additional noise from the children, the additional traffic from the parents, continued and additional obstructive parking by teachers, and further loss of privacy;
- the proposal to develop into the field beyond the footprint of the school is a travesty. We live in an overpopulated town, already hampered by the school, its activities, Wembley Stadium (up to 120,000 people!), SSE Arena events, the Fountain Studios, and London Designer Outlet traffic and crowds. We have tolerated it, as we have to co-exist as best we can. To develop upon Greenfield Land is to destroy what little parkland and green space we have left, for ever. Once the land is developed upon, you cannot go back and restore it. It is destroyed for generations to come, and to suggest such a scheme shows a complete lack of respect to the residents who live there, and humanity as a whole, who will still have to continue to live there, for many years to come.

There is natural wildlife and biodiversity flourishing in the field. We now enjoy foxes, Canadian geese (seasonally), and have just had it confirmed that the small birds of prey, resident here for some years now, are sparrow hawks. Both the foxes and these sparrow hawks are keeping the rat and mice population down considerably in this area. It is amoral for a school to develop on natural green fields, that is home to such symbiotic animals and birds, and who some might even consider, a rare species of bird.

**I object wholeheartedly to this proposal, It does not serve the community as a whole, and has life-long damaging, and far-reaching consequences with its environmental impact, for ever.**

Brent Council should carefully consider the growth of the borough, and the detrimental effects these decisions have, on everyone who lives, works, and travels there. Why not develop upon neglected Brownfield Land? Furthermore, we have many derelict buildings in the area, such as the Unisys Building opposite Wembley Point. Why not refurbish derelict buildings such as this, and use them as a school, instead of them blighting our landscapes for decades, encouraging graffiti, vandalism, crime, and illegal markets selling counterfeit and dangerous goods?

Brent Council has a responsibility to look after the community and biodiversity as a whole (which includes and affects thousands of residents who do not use this school), and needs to start doing just that.