## Comment for planning application WSCC/055/20

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Type of Comment Comments

Objection

My reasons for objecting to this application include, but are not limited to the following. Based on the rebuild of the school at the Birchwood Grove site several years ago, the noise levels and dust that is produced during the construction process will significantly impact all of the local residents. Vehicles associated with the development will have to access the site via what are already busy congested roads, which will pose a significant hazard to both road users and pedestrians alike. Again based on previous experience, this will increase the volume of vehicles using The Ridings etc. to park during school drop off and collection which in turn will create added risk to those walking to the school. After the works have been completed, noise and light pollution would be increased. If the floodlit All Weather Pitch is used out of school hours, this would also be a source of additional noise in what is otherwise a relatively quite area. The slope of the field necessitates the two story construction to be built with one story below the level of the ground. Flooding, as already seen in the school next door from water running off the slope, would therefore be a potential issue to both the schools and residents. If the site was developed as suggested, there would be no opportunity for the school to expand in size, even though the population in the south will probably continue to grow over the next few years. The new development will be very close to existing housing in Birchwood Grove Road. Whilst I fully support the need for a new school, I think that an alternative location as was/is being considered would be better for a long term investment such as this. A site that offered better access to the students who travel from all over the county, which allowed the scope for future expansion and had less impact on local residents would be a better proposal. In addition, if the site was not developed as proposed, it would allow the possibility for future expansion of Birchwood Grove school if needed to cope with an increasing local population.

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