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Subject: Objection to Woodlands Mead works
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Dear Sir,

I start this objection with fully supporting a much needed new school for Woodlands Mead, however, I feel a much more appropriate and larger site would prove more beneficial for all involved.

Having lived in our house in The Warren for over 30 years, we have experienced water running from the school in bad weather conditions, both actually down the road, and into our garden. We have come to understand it is caused by the slope of the field, which runs into Birchwood Grove school and subsequently into us and our neighbours. My understanding is that a 2 storey building is proposed with one level below site level, surely this will cause issues.

This leaves me with concerns about the location of the 'all weather pitch' which is also proposed. There will be even less area for this water to be absorbed if it is built in the area that has been shown.

I would assume as this is a floodlit all weather pitch, the intention would be for use in the evenings and possibly weekends, which would no doubt cause light pollution to us, and, increased noise from spectators and users.

This will be unavoidable as it is all so close to the existing houses and school, but it will be so intrusive to what should be relaxing time.

I am also very concerned that health and safety will be an issue for the pre school children of Birchwood Grove Road School as I know from previous building works having taken place that numerous lorries will be entering, leaving and queuing to enter the site. Leaving aside all the noise and pollution which is unavoidably generated from all this.

I do see this as a dangerous hazard for all children attending Birchwood Grove Road.

I have given this a long hard consideration because students currently attend this school from all over the county so ideally need to have better access. They need a site that offers expansion in the future, which cannot take place on the current site, better access. Northern Arc is hugely more suitable as could provide room for future development and also the scope to put the floodlit pitch where it wouldn't have such an impact on residents.

I will end this objection by reiterating that I agree they need a new school but they need a more suitable site than can support the need for growth.

Thank you

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