

Representations to the statutory proposal about the Weald schools

The Statutory Proposals to combine and expand Weald Infant and Nursery School and Weald Junior School were published on 3 November 2014 for a four week representation period which ended on 1 December 2014.

The following representations to the statutory proposals were received to the SchoolReorganisation@harrow.gov.uk email address.

1. I enclose herewith an email that I sent to Weald First School today regarding the road conditions this morning, 25 November, surrounding Weald School.
This just highlights some of the problems that local residents experience on a daily basis. This morning was however worse than normal, but it takes one small thing to make the roads complete impassible. Parents drive and park recklessly with no thought at all for local residents. This situation will not change, by expanding the school you are just making the situation worse to an extreme degree. The school is located in a RESIDENTIAL CUL-DE-SAC of sorts, and to expand a school in this location is ridiculous and completely against the wishes of all the local residents who you seem to have complete disregard to.
Are the council are now going to come round and repair all the grass verge damage that has been caused today, and on a regular basis by cars driving on them. Are the council going to have regular litter patrols to clear the streets of the debris dropped daily by school children AND THEIR PARENTS. Are the council going to provide the services of traffic wardens on a daily basis when once again I cannot access my driveway. NO, I am sure is the answer

Please have my comments placed on the relevant file AGAINST EXPANSION OF WEALD SCHOOL.

"To: Weald School
Dear Sir/Madam
I am writing to express my deep concern at the behaviour of parents who drove to your school this morning. I am a local resident and walk to my child's primary school and we had to take our lives in our hands this morning as parents from the school recklessly took their cars to the pavements in order to get in and out of The Avenue and adjoining roads. My child and myself were very nearly hit by a car driving with 4 wheels along the pavement. This is totally unacceptable.
I am aware that there were extenuating circumstances with one end of The Avenue being closed off, but your parents showed no consideration for each other, or pedestrians and were just concerned with getting to and from school. I believe the road will be closed for a further two days and I do hope you stress to your parents to park further away as a repeat of this morning's chaos and dangerous situation will not be acceptable."
2. I wish to register my objection to the above proposal.
I write as a resident of one of the access roads to the school and the issues behind my objection are as follows:

The Avenue becomes grid-locked with vehicles twice a day – before the start and at the end of the school day. An increase in pupil numbers will increase the number of vehicles and exacerbate the existing problematic situation.

In a council document dated 15th October 2014, it is stated that a “school travel plan” exists, there is no evidence that the current plan addresses the problem. In the FAQ’s related to the above proposal there are references to School Travel Planning but no specific actions are identified to address the issue. I can only conclude that the problem will get worse.

During the period in which the school will be rebuilt there will be a need for construction traffic access. I can find no evidence that there is a plan to mitigate the problems that this will cause for the residents in the adjacent streets.

In summary, the proposal is detrimental to my household both during the rebuild and after the expansion has been completed.

3. To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of The Avenue, next to Weald school, we object to the proposed expansion plans for the school because we already have traffic issues with the current size of the school.

Main issues are regular congestion and the road being completely blocked, drives being parked over, beeping horns due to drivers getting frustrated, parents parking in drives etc. I am emailing you some photos I took today from my house, to show the traffic situation residents had to deal with today, more worryingly for me was the risk to children still walking to school and other pedestrians on the pavement. The grass verges were all destroyed with the amount of cars that drove over them whilst driving on the pavement. The current amount of school traffic is too much, let alone with a proposed increase of 7 classes!!





