Hurlingham District Residents Association

Dear Councillor Cooney,

I called your office last week. I was told you were unavailable and that it would be best to contact you by email.

I attended the meeting at Sulivan School on 10th September.

Our Association is aware that representatives from PRARA had a meeting with you a while back in order to raise residents' concerns over the possibility of Sulivan School being amalgamated with the NKR School and the Sulivan site becoming an 800 all boys school.

Apart from strongly objecting the purpose of this email is to advise you that we share PRARA's concerns the affect your plans would have on our communities, that is in the event the FBS moves to the present Sulivan site.

We understand that at the meeting you told PRARA that you would respond to their questions in due course. At the 10th September Sullivan School meeting a PRARA representative asked for an update. Your replied that you would get back to him. PRARA is still waiting. We would have thought you would have answers at your finger tips at the first meeting with a survey having been undertaken.

Their concerns are much the same as ours.

FBS would be on the doorstep of the Hammersmith & Chelsea School, this would be inviting trouble - we are thinking of fights and petty crime. Have the Police been consulted?

To have a large school in a residential area beggars belief.

The character of the area would change completely.

The affect with additional transport (and staff driving to the school plus delivery vehicles) - it is not just 800 boys but teachers, caterers and general support staff. Surely over 1000 persons.

The area already has serious traffic flow problems, especially around the time FBS will be open & close, 0900 and 1700hrs. Are you aware that Hurlinham Road is a rat run for traffic coming off the NK Road and Wandsworth Bridge Road? The Council's Highways Department is well aware of this from previous meetings and correspondence with our association (HDRA).

Sports - it is inevitable that Hurlingham Park will be targeted by FBS, after all it would be just across the road. Already the Park is over utilised as the Council well knows. Additional play will not be sustainable. Experts' opinion not ours. Having said that we are told the Park would not be used, which we take with a pinch of salt, the pupils would be bussed

elsewhere to play. If indeed this was true have you considered the transport affect with all the busses coming & going.

Thames Water's plan for their big sewer - surely it will be built on our patch. If this is the case what about the affect on transport etc - lorries and other builder's equipment. We understand the Sewer will take at least 7 years to build - how long would it take for the school to be built?

We now hear that a "Holistic" report is due, when can we, the Residents Associations and the Public have a chance to study it, and respond.

Who will carry out the survey and submit the report?

What experience do they have?

We look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards - Michael de Lacey

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