

Planning

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 March 2026 18:36
To: Planning
Subject: Objection to Planning Application Ref: TP/ED/26/0104

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to formally object to planning application Ref: TP/ED/26/0104 regarding the proposed construction of a new school on existing parkland, rather than redevelopment of the current school site.

My objection is based on the following material planning considerations:

1. Loss of Public Green Space and Community Amenity

The proposed development would result in the permanent loss of valuable public green space currently used by the local community for recreation, exercise, and wellbeing.

This park provides an important shared amenity that supports physical and mental health, social interaction, and community cohesion. Its loss would significantly reduce accessible open space in the area, contrary to the principles of protecting community amenity.

2. Environmental Impact and Biodiversity Loss

The development would likely lead to the removal of trees, vegetation, and natural habitats, resulting in a negative impact on local biodiversity.

Green spaces such as this contribute to urban cooling, air quality improvement, and flood mitigation. Their removal conflicts with environmental sustainability principles and local planning guidance relating to the natural environment and green infrastructure.

3. Conflict with Planning Policy and Sustainable Development

Planning policy places strong emphasis on sustainable development and the protection of green infrastructure.

The use of an existing brownfield site (the current school grounds) would represent a more sustainable and policy-compliant option. Developing on parkland instead of reusing previously developed land undermines these principles and sets an undesirable precedent.

4. Availability of a Preferable Alternative Site

The existence of the current school site presents a clear and more appropriate alternative location for redevelopment.

Prioritising development on existing school grounds would:

- Avoid loss of green space
- Reduce environmental harm
- Align with sustainable land use practices

Failure to properly justify why this alternative has not been pursued raises concerns about the suitability of the proposed site.

5. Impact on Local Character and Community Value

The park forms part of the character and identity of the local area. Its development would alter the nature of the neighbourhood and diminish a valued community asset.

Such impacts should be carefully considered in line with planning policies relating to place-making and community wellbeing.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above—particularly the **loss of green space, environmental harm, and availability of a more suitable alternative site**—I respectfully request that this application be refused.

I urge the Council to prioritise sustainable development principles and the long-term interests of the community.

Yours faithfully,

