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For the Attention of Ms L Wells: Planning and Development

Dear Ms Wells

[REDACTED] Letters were sent out on the West side of the road concerning the above application and a neighbour passed a copy on to us. Whilst the letter is dated 3 January 2024 closure date of 26 January seems to be a tight schedule in which to gather sufficient information for representations. However, we have now read the contents regarding the proposal and wish to make the following comments:

We understand there will be 70 boys, possibly aged between 12 and 18 years, classified as EBD children and 30 staff. This seems a high level of staff (1:2 children). As these children cannot be supervised in a conventional school, what potential security risks might there be?

Again, from a security aspect, as the car park is not fenced in and in a right of way area for public use: dog walkers, parents and children, cyclists, elderly people, what precautions are planned for the daily drop off and collections points?

Within the grounds of the building there is open grassland, which we understand will be used for recreational activities (MUGA). It is extremely likely that this will impact on the current peaceful situation that exists today in a long established conservation area within a predominantly residential area, most of which are Victorian properties.

Also, within the grounds of the building and the car park area are a number of attractive mature trees and significant hedgerow. Is it intended that these will remain to continue the aesthetic appearance of the area and for the abundant wild life?

Many of the residents surrounding and adjacent to this proposed site, particularly Lymbourn Road, chose this area as it has always been a quiet, safe place to live [REDACTED]

Finally, it would be extremely helpful to have a member of the council and/or spokesperson from Acorn Education to attend a meeting with residents as, at the moment, [REDACTED] do object to this proposal.

Sincerely

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