

PLANNING COMMITTEE : 9 MARCH 2011

Late Representations/Information

Part 2

APPENDIX 5

Item 5B

S/2011/0502 : Thornton Primary School, Edge Lane, Crosby

Further submission and speaking at committee form attached.

Petition to [Action Petitioned For] The none building of a car park on the playing field of Thornton Primary School.

Petition Summary and Background:

The attached petition is being presented on behalf of concerned residents, Pedestrians, and bus passengers who are opposed to firstly the building of a car park, the proposed layout for said planned car park on the site of Thornton Primary School playing field opposite a very busy dangerous road in the front and across a very busy bus stop. Which if allowed to go ahead will, cause major traffic issues, traffic congestion, traffic jams and obstructions to the bus stop. it will be a danger to the bus passengers using the bus stop. The building of this car park in front of this major highway and the most dangerous and most congested road in Sefton would cause major traffic build up problems, it will put more traffic pressure onto an already busy and congested road it will cause a danger to the very busy pavement due to the high volume of pedestrian and vehicles using this road

Action Petitioned For:

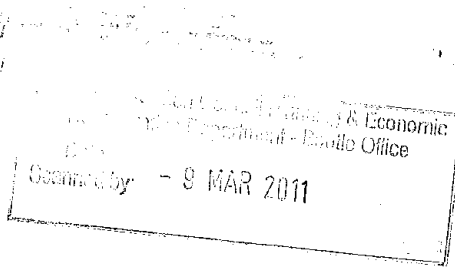
We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to Stop the building of a car park to the front of Edge Lane on the playing field of Thornton Primary School. Not to allow the opening of the gate at the front of the road across the bus lane for use as a vehicular access onto the green playing field. This gate has never been a vehicular access as stated on the planning request forms. **We the residents wish to state the consultation process has been totally inadequate and the problems with the through traffic from Edge Lane has not been properly addressed regarding the danger and the traffic problems to the road and the bus stop and pedestrians using the very busy pavement along the length of the playing field that the building of this car park would cause.**

We the residents challenge the need for the building of a Third car park, We challenge the full planned lay out of the planned area for the said location of the car park.

We the residents are of the opinion the existent car park to the front of the school and the back is both adequate and a much safer option for the residents of Edge Lane, the public and the school.

The area is bordering on to a private residential boundary fence, which would have major factors to consider regarding boundary issues, an intrusion to the home owner, a nuisance, environmental issues with regard to fumes, noise and traffic build to the side of the property. The building of a 7ft fence all around the side of the said property causing distress and lack of consideration for the home owner of the neighbouring property bordering onto the school playing field.

We the petitioners are requesting an extension to the hearing on the 9th of March given the issues regarding the time given and the lack of information given to the residents by the Sefton Council planning department.



Speaking at Planning Committee

You have confirmed that you wish to address the Planning Committee. In order to make as much information as possible available to the Committee members before the meeting, would you please complete this form and return it to the Planning Department at the address below.

Site Address:

Thornton Primary School Edge Lane

Application Number: _____

S/2010/1502- Thornton Primary School Edge Lane

Application Number: _____

JEANNETTE GREAVES-SMITH

Your Name: _____

Summary of Main Issues of Case

Please outline the main points you wish to draw to the attention of the Committee:

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We the residents are of the opinion the existent car park to the front of the school and the back is both adequate and a much safer option for the residents of Edge Lane, the public and the school. The extension of a front car park would be more sensible to extend to the right hand side of the frontage of the school. This is because it fronts onto the front of the bus lane and the church opening not people's homes and boundary fences, it also has the added benefit of being close to the traffic lights making it a much safer option as the traffic flow would be reduces due to the traffic lights allowing the traffic to enter and exit much more safely and easily closer to the traffic lights. It is also a much more cost effective solution.

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noise and traffic build to the side of the property. The anti social behaviour it will involve with children and youths using it as a football pitch this will be due to the easier access through the open gate. The building of a 7ft fence all around the side of the said property causing distress and lack of consideration for the home owner of the neighbouring property bordering onto the school playing field.

We the petitioners are requesting an extension to the hearing on the 9th of March given the issues regarding the time given and the lack of information given to the residents by the Sefton Council planning department. The residents have had no further correspondence regarding the planning committee hearing or the date of said hearing.

We the residents also request a site inspection and full report.

We the residents wish to attend and speak at the committee meeting and would like the allocated time allowed for putting our issues and concerns to the committee regarding the building of the car park on the playing field.

Planning committee: Personal letter from neighbour 61 Edge Lane
Sefton Council

When these planners have to live on this road and see the traffic problems and have to live on this road and know it like I do and when they have had the problems I and others have had regarding the school playing field football and golf balls coming through our windows and the traffic flow problems to Edge Lane then, maybe they would think before they decide on making these plans and causing misery to people's lives. I will have more traffic around my home, more obstructions to my driveway the more high volume of traffic noise within the car park being so close to my fence. The noise of diggers and concrete mixers not to mention, builders all around the side of my wooden fence while I try to cook in my Kitchen, never mind the traffic fumes and noise from extra traffic to the side of my home and the children running in and out pulling down the so called trees they are going to plant around it, which could be set alight as they have already tried to burn down the privet fence already on the front existing car park. The fire service was called out and I through water over it. I do not need any more of this stress in my life and this car park would bring it. by a council who know what this road and school playing field is all about and its problems, and now want to put more pressure on it and cause more problems chaos and upset to people's lives.

This council are aware of the traffic issues and its problems to Edge Lane. They are aware of verge parking and the damage to the grass verges, which they have had to repair, if parking is allowed to the front of the school then parents and visitors to the school will most certainly start to park on the verge outside my house causing major obstructions to my driveway. Buses trying to access the bus stop will be parking in front of my driveway as sometimes two or three buses come at once, this will cause major obstruction problems to my driveway. It will put more pressure on it and cause more problems chaos and upset to people's lives. I can state this car park goes ahead I will be demanding a H be put down not that I think this will stop the buses parking in front of my driveway. It will also cause traffic to come to a standstill along the road when vehicles are trying to enter the gates in front of the bus stop. I am aware also that there is to be lighting within the car park; this will cause intrusion into my home as my picture window overlooks the area. I will have no privacy as people will be able to look into my home especially with overhead lighting so close to my home, this will be an intrusion on my life. The noise and the pollution will also be a major issue.

I have details of all the plans and I am aware there is to be a dance hall and cafe coffee shop in the premises. This can only mean the school will be used out of hours with the public and students and visitor using it which will mean the car park will be in use after hours; this will cause noise to my home and light problems in the evening.

I am also requesting the sizing of the trees that are planned to sit on the edge of my property there are five to the side of my property and grasscrete, I f any damage through



tree roots enter my driveway and damage my drains or these trees take away any natural sun light coming in to my home I will have no alternative than to seek legal advice regarding. I am not happy to have 7ft steel fencing around the side of my home as it will feel like I am in a prison. I already have ten foot steel fencing to the back and partial side of my home. I will be looking at seeking the erecting of a 7ft brick wall to the side of my fence. I will also be requesting the steel fence to the front be removed from my front gate post and made safe, as I will no longer be prepared to allow it to remain on my fence and my property, I have inspected the area and measured just less than 35 feet from my fence to the closed gate you are planning to expand further towards my fence which after planting the trees it would shorten the length of the gap from my fence to the supposed gate opening. The council state they have amended the area from 4.5 metres to 29 metres this is grossly untrue and I have been looking at legal advice regarding the boundary law on how close you can come to a neighbouring property with a steel fence and car park. It is also going to cause serious anti social issues with cars using it of an evening due to the gates being continuously left open it happens with the existent car park now. I will have children using it for football games and this will cause major noise stress and anti social issues. I have for many years had to call the police regarding football, golf, and youths climbing on the school roof and burning down the privet hedge to the front of the existent school car park. Taxi drivers use it to turn their cars around people use it to park in overnight. If this car park goes so close to the side of my property it will cause major disruption to my life and my home.

I have had to take the council to court regarding the damage to my fence, they give no help in repairing the damage, as a boundary fence they are legally obligated to help with the fence on the side of the school but they never did. I had to get permission from the head teacher to allow me on to the field to paint and repair it at my own cost even though the damage was being done by school children and youths at night with footballs and they kick the ball against the wooden fence and the steel fence to the back of my property this causes major noise and can be heard inside my home.

If this car park is allowed to go ahead I am almost certain it will be used for football and the banging of the ball around the car park in the evening and school holidays will cause major noise issues.

My kitchen sits right on the side of the field and I will hear and see cars driving into the car park they will also no doubt park on the verges in front I have continuously had to call the police regarding the obstruction to my driveway by parked cars on the verge both sides of my driveway. If this car park is allowed to go through I will have buses stopping continuously in front of my driveway due to the fact they will have nowhere else to stop as my drive borders the slip road into the bus lane.

I would also like to comment on the drawing of school zig zag lines on the front of the school gates how can this happen when it sits in front of a busy main bus stop and bus route.

I would also like to comment on the fact bus uses have to cross over the road and the area they use is the area where the gates would open, photographs attached for your attention. If the car park was built it would cause major problems to the road, traffic flow and congestion. It would be a major issue for driveway obstructions to the residents of Edge Lane. Bus users and pedestrians, not to mention

Additional Supporting Information

Please attach any supporting information eg photographs. This will be circulated to members of the Planning Committee prior to the meeting. Please note that this will be reproduced in an A4 black and white format.

New information should not be circulated on the night as there will not have been sufficient time for Councillors to consider it.