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Windmill Primary School Expansion

We would like to make it very clear that we wouldn't be choosing to expand Windmill Primary school. However we also realise that due to a lack of any alternative provision, other than children being taxied to other parts of Oxford City or beyond, we realise that we probably have no choice if we are to serve our local community in a responsible way. We also consider this to be a better option than being told at the last minute that we must take an additional 30 children as no places are available elsewhere and a temporary building being placed on site.

We all believe that the LA should have invested in building a new school in the Headington area to meet the increasing demand for school places but clearly this isn't going to happen in the time scale that is necessary to meet the current crisis.

If the LA want this plan to work, then we have to have a say and put our concerns and requirements across. We want our opinions to be listened to with regards to the architecture of the new build, and we want to make sure that the building has a 'wow' factor.

There are many concerns about the proposed expansion of Windmill Primary School, the most significant being how much investment is put into developing the buildings to ensure that the school retains the opportunities that are open to the children now. There must be sufficient accommodation to meet the demands placed on it by a significant increase in numbers. If the LA wants Windmill Primary School to continue to be the successful school it currently is, then there must be:-

- A hall space large enough to accommodate the whole school.
- A separate dining hall to allow 630 children to eat within between 11:45am and 1:30pm.
- Increased capacity in the school kitchen.
- Increased provision for After School Club which already takes 60 children each evening.
- Increased all weather play space to accommodate 630 children.
- Enough break out rooms for small group work.
- A minimum of 5 new classrooms built.
- Additional storage space.
- School input into the architectural designs of the building. We all believe that the quality of building impacts on children's learning. This needs to be considered.
- A choice as to which architect we work with.
- A safe crossing space established for the children in Margaret Rd.
- Sufficient car park for staff and visitors.
- Plans to protect the front of the school.

There are also many concerns about the increase in traffic that is inevitable if the number of children coming to the school increases. We think that a baseline traffic survey should be conducted as soon as possible to support future planning and to establish safety measures for the children.

If the expansion proposal is carried through we want it made clear that we are not prepared to settle for second best!

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