

Drayton Green Primary School

What is 'planned' here is essentially trying to cram a litre into a pint pot.

1. Play Space

We calculate that 420 children will attempt to share 2,000 sq metres of play space. This works out at 5 sq metres per child. This is unacceptable.

2. Playground Noise

This is a real issue and no attempts are proposed at incorporating acoustic absorbing materials in the design of the school exterior and playground surfaces. Landscaping could also mitigate the noise but this is not currently part of the proposal.

3. Access and Transport Plan

Access via the main entrance cul-de-sac of Drayton Grove was never ideal for 210 children. For 420 children it's clearly going to be problematic. A bold redesign of the site and its facilities which could have created the main entrance via the far more accessible Drayton Green has been ignored/avoided. However there are no commitments to traffic management or traffic calming in the vicinity of the existing part time Drayton Green school entrance/exit.

4. Site Visit

Having the Planning Committee visit the site at the weekend when the school is closed will be unhelpful. The committee needs to visit the site during school time, play time and at the start and end of the school day.

5. Community Engagement and Public Consultation

Planning best practice requires community engagement during the formative stages of plan making. This has not happened here. There has been no discussion with local stakeholders. Elected Ward Councillors have not been consistently made aware of the proposals. This 'Command and Control' style of planning is inconsistent with the spirit and content of the 2011 Localism Act.

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