

**Email received by Councillor Peter Walker on 15 September 2011**

Dear Peter,

Thank you for letting me know about the two meetings. Sadly I am unable to attend either, because I have other commitments those evenings.

I did, however, want to write in support of the proposed expansion to Dundonald school. As a grandparent of 3 very young children who live off Worple Road (Tabor Grove and Raymond Road) I am very concerned about the difficulty that children living in that area face in gaining admission to their local primary schools. I very much hope that an EPA can be created for this area.

There is indeed a clear need for more primary school places in North Wimbledon as a whole and this proposed expansion would go some way to alleviate this. Unfortunately it seems as if only those living nearby or who have children already at the school are aware of the consultation process. I fully appreciate the difficulty (and expense) of consultation. Without writing to all addresses in a wide area it is impossible to engage all those potentially concerned. But there are many parents of pre-school children whose voices are also important and who may be unaware of the current controversy.

I also know that there are many residents of my generation who are genuinely shocked to hear of the difficulties of getting local primary places. They have lived in North Wimbledon for many years and just assumed that all children living in this area could go to the local primary schools as their own children did. They very much support any proposal that will make this possible but are not involved in the consultation process. We all feel that it is important that young children do not have to travel far to school. They should be able to walk wherever possible, for their own health and to reduce traffic. They need to feel part of a neighbourhood with local friends and support systems. And their parents also can both gain and give so much more if they are part of the same community. Many of us benefited hugely from this and indeed are still reaping the rewards now. We hear so much about the "Big Society". It is very difficult for people to contribute to it unless they are part of a local community and schools are a central part of that.

I am sorry that I will not be able to make these points in person but rely on you to serve the best interests of our local children and the wider community.

Best wishes,

Enid Humfey

**Email sent to Julia Regan on 15 September 2011**

I am very supportive of the increased expansion of Dundonald. It is an outstanding school and as a Head teacher I know having two forms of entry will give the Governors and the Head further capacity for improvement and enrichment of the curriculum offer. Economics of schools demand 2 form entry schools to ensure the efficient use of resources. Parents want the very best for their children. They only have one chance and Dundonald can offer those opportunities.

I know about a number of families who live within walking distance of Dundonald school but who would not be able to obtain a place as they cannot afford to live in the neighbouring streets.

Best wishes

Julia Waters  
Secondary Headteacher representative  
Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel

**Email received by Democratic Services, 15 September 2011**

Dear Colleague,

I am unable to attend tonight's meeting, but would like to register my views.

I am strongly in favour of the proposals, as I think Dundonald is an excellent school, which serve more local families. My own 3 children (now in their 20s) all attended the school and did well and we still live locally. Whilst I do not take building in the sensitive area of the park lightly, the pavilion is not a building of great architectural interest and in my experience, is often the site for late night probably illicit drinking and probably other things as well. By moving the community facility into the school complex, there will be less likelihood of the above happening. I also think that it is very imaginative and forward thinking to link educational and community use this way. As well as improving social cohesion, it probably makes good economic sense, too. As regards the bowling green, I have made a particular point of looking to see who is using it when I pass. Although this is anecdotal, I haven't seen any bowlers recently, even at weekends.

Yours sincerely,

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