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Application to Fence off Part of West Park Fields for St. Chad's Turned Down

Residents may recall consultations held in 2017 at St Chad's primary school to discuss an application to double school entry figures. This would have meant expanding facilities on the existing site and the fencing off of part of the West Park fields to provide playing fields for the school.

Based on comments expressed to WPRA, the West Park Residents Association objected to the fencing off of part of West Park playing fields. This objection was supported by over 45 objections from residents, submitted directly to Fields-in-Trust, against the use of the fields as part of the proposed expansion of St Chad's Primary school.

The WPRA objection was not against the provision of adequate school places but against a proposal which required the effective loss of part of a protected green space.

Further to a recent meeting at Fields-in-Trust, the application to fence off part of West Park fields has been turned down. WPRA has been informed by Leeds School Services that in light of this decision by Fields in Trust, the proposal to permanently expand St Chad's primary school, which was consulted on in early 2018, cannot progress.