

Circular From West Park Residents Association

Expansion Proposals for St Chad's C. of E. Primary School

Further to our circular of 15-12-2016, plans are now being drawn up by the council to consider the expansion of St Chad's primary school. The proposals are subject to public scrutiny and the consultation period begins on 16th January and runs until 10th February.

We understand that the consultation booklet and other documentation are now being prepared and that public drop-in meetings have been scheduled for the following dates and times at St Chad's Church of England Primary School:

- Tuesday 24-01-2017 14:30 – 16:00 and 17:30 – 19:00
- Thursday 26-01-2017 18:00 – 19:00
- Friday 27-01-2017 08:30 – 09:30.

We think it's important for residents to attend one or more of these drop-in sessions, and to be prepared to comment on the plans. You'll be able to submit your views by filling in an official response form available at the drop in sessions. Details of how to submit your comments online will also be given by the school. Representatives from the Abbey Multi-Academy Trust and council officers will be available to answer questions and distribute information about the proposals. WPRA will also be there.

WPRA has alerted Fields-in-Trust as any change to the existing protected area of West Park fields has to be approved by them (see footnote below). They have asked WPRA to coordinate and summarise the views of residents and to keep them informed. *So it's important that you copy your views to WPRA.* This can be done by:

1. Emailing WPRA at Westpark.residents@ntlworld.com, or
2. Writing to WPRA at WPRA, 24 North Parade, Leeds LS16 5AY.

Please don't forget to include your name and address with your comments, and remember the consultation period ends at 4pm on 10 February.

This proposal will introduce permanent changes to the local area. Doubling the pupil numbers will require larger premises, lead to increased parent traffic and parking, and cause a potential loss of green space from West Park fields. *Please don't ignore this opportunity to give your opinion.*

Extracts from the Deed of Dedication made on November 6th, 2013 between Leeds City Council and the National Playing Fields Association, operating as Fields-in-Trust.

3. *The Council gives the following undertakings:*

3.1 *Not to use the property or permit the property to be used for any purpose other than as a public playing field and recreation ground, including woodlands and nature area: <snip>*

4. *Notwithstanding clause 3.2, FiT may at its absolute discretion consent to the disposal of the property provided that the Council at the request of FiT:*

4.1 Replaces or agrees to replace the property with a piece of freehold land approved by FiT which is of equivalent or better quality than the property , with equivalent or better facilities than the property , of the same or greater dimensions than the property , in the same catchment area as the property , and as accessible to the public as the property (the Replacement Site) , and applies such, of the proceeds of any sale of the property as are necessary to do so; and <snip>