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I write on behalf of Under 5's pre-School, which is situated along the road from the planned development of a Petrol Station.

Our Pre-School welcomes over 80 families daily, all our children are under 5 years old. Being under 5 means you are very small and close to the emissions from vehicles. This is the case whether you are walking or in a pram. The need to reduce pollution is more evident than ever, and we firmly believe that the health of our children is paramount.

Our families are mainly from disadvantaged backgrounds with underlying health concerns and our duty is to promote a healthy lifestyle, which includes walking to the Pre-School, but with the increased traffic that the proposed Petrol station will bring, WILL put our children in danger.

The traffic along this stretch of road is already horrendous and recently my staff member had a very near miss when a lorry hit her car. We have also had incidents where children have been hit and we have tried to work with the Highways at Kirklees to improve road safety in the area: so to construct a petrol station just meters away is non-sensical!!

The other issue I raise is the plan from our Government to remove all petrol vehicles in the next 20 years, so it doesn't make sense to put in giant tanks into the ground, to then have to remove them in 20 years. The wastage and pollution that will result from this is immense and I urge you to consider this decision very carefully.

We are not the only Early Years Setting in the area, there is a day nursery across the road, a large primary school close by and the small businesses that will also be affected.

Although I welcome industry in our area with the unemployment rate in our area being very high, I strongly feel that a petrol station is far too dangerous to contemplate.

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