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Sent: 18 June 2025 13:48
To: DC Admin
Subject: FW: Greenhead College - 2025/91308

Hi,

I have received the email comments below from Councillor Pattison regarding this application. Could you add these to the application file please?

Any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: Greenhead College - New application - 2025/91308

I wish to comment on this application to expand the numbers of staff and students at Greenhead college. I object to this primarily on the highways grounds and the impact that this will have on neighbouring streets but also on the concentration of student numbers in such a confined space. I recognise that Greenhead college is an outstanding educational establishment, and it would be good if they were able to obtain a second site in the north of Kirklees to extend this offer to further students there and perhaps to reduce travel across the borough.

When the original planning application was approved the restriction or condition was imposed as it was recognised then that the extension of the college was restricting parking facilities and open spaces on campus for students to relax in etc. We were assured then that the numbers did not need to increase and that the campus could cope. It is painfully obvious that this is not now the case. The parking on site was for staff only I believe but I drive past this everyday and can see that the car park is oversubscribed leading to double parking and no doubt so offsite parking. The increase in staff this new application asks for cannot be accommodated on site.

Student parking already badly effects local residential streets and prevents reasonable access to Greenhead park for day time users of park facilities. The college are aware of this because of the

number of complaints that they and I get as a ward councillor about a student cars blocking drives or making access and egress difficult and parking otherwise inconsiderately. The parking survey undertaken is totally flawed as it only looked at the streets around the park and not those one road back. Of course, there is no difference in the number of cars parked around the park at any time of the year as it is a well-known all day free parking area for commuters , students and office workers in town. Very few places are restricted to park users only. When students are not present, during holiday times, then the spaces they don't take up are quickly taken up by commuters and other workers.

To local residents, Grasmere Road, Quarry Road, Gledholt Bank, Heaton Road to name a few, it is very obvious when term time starts and when holidays begin as all of a sudden, their roads are full of students parking. It is very obvious they are students and many do car share which helps. It is also noticeable that the numbers increase as students turn 17 and are now able to drive. When exams are on there is also an increase as I presume they come by car as opposed to public transport in some cases to ensure they are on time.

I would imagine that the new Lidl will also have something to say about restricting student parking in their car park when it is open.

The park also has to accommodate students when not in lessons, particularly in the summer or good weather, as there is no where or little space on campus for them to relax in during free periods and lunch times etc. Again , the college is aware of some of the anti-social behaviour that has resulted from this, let alone overuse of playground equipment which is not designed for 17/18 years olds. Additional use by the students does add to resource problems in terms of maintenance and the emptying of bins in the park.

And, finally, there is a significant road hazard already when students leave the campus and walk down to town to catch a bus or train, as of course many do, and they just swarm without heed across all roads including the ring road.

So for all these reasons I do not believe that the increase in student numbers should be approved.

Kind Regards,

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