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Cc: Cllr Carole Pattison
Subject: Fwd: Greenhead college student numbers / behaviours

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In addition to my comments below, today I saw massive overcrowding at 12.30 lunchtime as students tried to cross the ring road, more students on the pedestrian reservations than they will safely accommodate. Very dangerous with traffic whizzing past on both sides.

Thanks -

From:

Sent: 07 October 2025 07:42

To: Cllr Carole Pattison <Carole.Pattison@kirklees.gov.uk>

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Hi Carole

I hope this message finds you well

I have noted your concerns regarding removing the cap on student numbers at greenhead college, I support your concerns and also have a number of concerns that the college is having upon our neighbourhood. While I fully support and understand the value of the college in the community, we also feel it is important to ensure that its presence does not come at the expense of the quality of life for local residents.

There have been persistent issues involving students treating the residential area as though it were an extension of the college grounds. This is particularly evident around private residences, especially those closest to the college and at number 41 Greenhead Road immediately opposite the main gates, where students regularly sit in large groups on private garden walls. This is both intrusive and inconsiderate to those who live there.

In addition, groups of students frequently gather on the public pavements in such large numbers that other pedestrians are often forced to step into the road to pass, which is particularly concerning for elderly residents or those with limited mobility. Despite this, students often do not make way or acknowledge those needing to pass.

Another significant concern is the use of the area immediately outside the college as a smoking area. This space is regularly littered with cigarette butts, creating an unsightly and unpleasant environment. There is also a clearly visible trail of chewing gum along the pavement stretching from the college entrance down towards the town centre, which further degrades the appearance of the neighbourhood.

I have also observed a general lack of road awareness from some students, particularly when crossing roads without checking for traffic. This poses a safety risk not only to the students themselves but also to local drivers.

What is most frustrating is that all of this occurs in full view of the college's entrance patrols and appears to have gone unchecked for some time. It is my view that this level of disregard for the local community should not be acceptable from any educational institution, and it is disappointing that more proactive management of student behaviour in public areas has not been evident.

Greenhead College should take these concerns seriously and take meaningful steps to address them. A healthy relationship between the college and its neighbouring residents is essential, and I believe it is possible with improved supervision, student awareness, and mutual respect.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Thanks -
Springwood Hall Gardens