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WHEELWRIGHT DRIVE
DEWSBURY
WF13 4JB

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Dear Sir

Planning Application 2026/N/92751/E

I write concerning the planned demolition of the buildings of the former Birkdale High School to put these once useful and very attractive buildings out of their current misery, following the indignities imposed on them by multiple episodes of destructive vandalism and arson.

It is noted that there is no planned development or rebuilding at the site, which is to be left in a "safe, secure and maintainable condition". I seek reassurance that the security arrangements after the demolition will be strong and efficient. I am particularly concerned that these security measures should be aimed at the prevention of fly-tipping, which already occurs frequently at this postcode (WF13 4JB). Also, this site has seen invasion by travellers, who are adept at breaking through flimsy security attempts. It is to be hoped that the strongest measures to deter such trespass will be undertaken.

It is expected that the heavy traffic of the large vehicles involved in the demolition process will inflict further damage on the poor-quality surface of the unadopted road Wheelwright Drive. Is there a possibility that some of the major potholes thus created could be filled in after demolition has been completed? That would be a nice gesture towards the residents of Wheelwright Drive after six months of disturbance.

Yours faithfully