

11 Ger-y-Ilan  
St Nicholas  
CF5 6SY

14 July 2019

Miss R Evans, Headteacher  
St Nicholas Primary School  
St Nicholas  
CFS 6SG

Dear Miss Evans

### **Objection to the proposed expansion of St Nicholas School**

I have just been made aware by a neighbour of the proposed expansion of the School in St Nicholas. I first heard of this 3 days ago, despite having lived here for 24 years. I am led to believe that the proposal is to build a new school for 210 pupils (with an additional (?) 40 nursery places) on the current site to replace the current school for 126 pupils, a proposed increase of 67-100%. I am also led to believe that a consultation document about this was published on 18 March and was available on the School and Vale of Glamorgan websites, neither of which I have habitual cause to look at.

An increase in the size of the school to this extent would have a serious impact on local residents. The village constitutes a conservation area and has very narrow roads that cannot be widened. It is already highly congested at school opening and closing times. Driving to and from my home at these times is a nightmare as cars are parked all over the place, making the negotiation of a safe passage on the road through the unruly mess of traffic almost impossible. It is further complicated by the movement of parents and children who sometimes run out from in front of and behind parked cars. There is already a situation of a bad accident – possible fatal – waiting to happen. I would hope that as the headmistress of the school you would be most eager to lead a campaign to improve the safety of the children when they arrive and leave your charge in the school.

The school regularly advertises and solicits for support from local residents for its fund-raising and other activities, and often enlists the help of local residents (and children) for this purpose. I am thus dismayed that you as the headmistress should fail to ensure that local residents were not informed about this proposal at the earliest stage and included in the consultation. If you wish to have our help and support then surely you should ask for our opinions on a matter of this magnitude. Another matter needing your attention is the parking of cars in Ger-y-Llan all day, which we presume to be those of members of school staff.

I would be grateful if you could register my objection to this development and ensure that my input and that of other residents of St Nicholas are taken into account in all further stages of consideration of this proposal.

Yours sincerely

Dr Paul Williams

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Ms Paula Ham  
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Dear Ms Ham

**Objection to the proposed expansion of St Nicholas School**

I attach a copy of my letter of 14 July to the Headteacher of St Nicholas Primary School that is self-explanatory. It seems as if this proposal has been made and progressed without any regard to its effect on the residents of the village of St Nicholas, who are already greatly inconvenienced by the lack of proper, safe traffic arrangements for children arriving at and leaving the school, and with seeming disregard for the children's safety.

Can you please ensure that I am kept fully informed of the progress of all stages of this proposal by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Yours sincerely

Dr Paul Williams