

HELP SAVE STOCKTON HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM DEMOLITION

Send your letter of objection to Warrington Borough Council now



Warrington Borough Council proposes to demolish Stockton Heath Primary School. An application for planning permission for a new building has now been submitted. The plans are available for free public inspection at the Planning Department's offices at New Town House, Buttermarket Street (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm).

Please write to the Planning Department to object. This is **your** chance to oppose the decision. The more letters of objection that are submitted, the better the chance of the Council being forced to think again and for the existing school building to be retained.

5122 people from Stockton Heath and around have signed a petition calling for the current school building to be saved. The Council has so far refused to listen and presses on with its plan for demolition despite overwhelming opposition.

We are convinced that the money the Council plans to spend on demolition could be put to much better use by modernising and extending the existing school rather than constructing an inferior quality building with a limited life expectancy.

A draft letter of objection to the Planning Department is shown overleaf. You are free to use the text, add to it or modify it. Better still, you may wish to write your own letter setting out the planning case against the redevelopment of the school. Letters can be typed or hand-written.

Whatever you do, **you must put your own name and address on the top of the letter and sign it if it is to be accepted as valid by the Planning Department.**

You can also object to the planning application online, via the Council's website:

<http://www.warrington.gov.uk/council/Planning/commending.asp>.

Councillors will meet in the coming weeks to decide whether or not to demolish the school. Your letter should reach the Planning Department by 20th February 2006 (although later submissions may also be considered). If you would like us to deliver it on your behalf, we will have our own 'letter box' for collection of objections (no stamp needed) at Broadhurst's Hardware Store, 31 Walton Road, Stockton Heath.

If you would like further information, please contact the Save Stockton Heath Primary School action group at savestocktonheathprimary@yahoo.co.uk.

The sorts of issue considered relevant by the Planning Department include:

- conservation of buildings.
- design, appearance and layout.
- impact on local area character.
- noise and disturbance.
- road safety and traffic.
- previous planning applications.
- compliance with Unitary Development Plan policies.
- effect on sunlight and daylight.
- effect on the privacy of neighbours.
- whether the proposed development will have an overbearing effect on neighbouring properties.

If you have access to the internet, further advice on objecting to a planning application is available at <http://www.warrington.gov.uk/council/Planning/process.asp#7>. Alternatively, if you have any queries about objecting to a planning application, you can contact the Planning Department on 01925 442819; email devcontrol@warrington.gov.uk.

[your name, address and telephone number]

Warrington Borough Council,
Development Control,
Environment Services Directorate,
New Town House,
Buttermarket Street,
Warrington
WA1 2NH

[date]

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application Reference: 2006 07415

Site: Stockton Heath Primary School, Egerton Street, Stockton Heath, Warrington WA4 6DT

I would like to submit an objection to the above named Planning Application, namely:

Proposed redevelopment of Stockton Heath Primary School, Egerton Street, Stockton Heath, Warrington WA4 6DT

I object to the proposed development on the following grounds:

- The existing school building complements the character of Stockton Heath village. Its importance in conservation, heritage and architectural terms has been recognised by its inclusion on the Local List of important buildings prepared by Warrington Borough Council. The school has been acknowledged by English Heritage as “a highly significant and important local landmark within Stockton Heath...[whose] removal would represent a significant loss”.
- The proposed new school will worsen the problems of traffic congestion and lack of parking space on Egerton Street, Brackley Street, West Avenue and the surrounding streets. The proposed development could have knock-on impacts for the smooth and safe flow of traffic in the adjacent village centre and elsewhere in Stockton Heath.
- The design of the proposed new school is out-of-keeping with its surrounding area. Its proximity to the surrounding streets means it will impact upon the privacy of residents. It contravenes the adopted plan for Warrington, which requires that new development should not “cause harm to the amenities of people living nearby or to the character, quality and attractiveness of residential areas”.

I hope the Development Control Committee will consider this objection and refuse the application for planning permission.

I would be grateful if you could confirm the date and venue of the relevant Development Control Committee, in case I decide to attend the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

[your signature]

[your name printed]