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Your reference:  
Our reference:

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Dear Ms Terris

## **Stockton Heath Primary School, Stockton Heath**

We have been contacted by local people concerned by plans to demolish this school in your borough and would like to state **objection** to the application.

As the national authority on Victorian and Edwardian architecture, we have carried out research into historic school buildings around the country and recently hosted *Learning from the past: the future of historic school buildings*, a conference on the role historic school buildings can play in modern education. Our conference showed that, where a school building is valued by the local community, an approach which promotes its repair, refurbishment and reuse as a school is preferable to direct replacement.

Delegate papers and a conference report will shortly be available for download on our website ([www.victoriansociety.org.uk](http://www.victoriansociety.org.uk)). In the meantime, please find enclosed a copy of the Victorian Society's policy statement on schools and a copy of English Heritage's publication on *The Future of Historic School Buildings*.

We urge your council to **refuse** planning permission for this application, and to consider options that enable the retention of this building, which is so clearly valued by the local community.

Yours sincerely

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