

**FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT**  
**TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**21<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

**Agenda item**     6

**Application Ref. 19/00042/FUL**

**Newcastle-under-Lyme School, Mount Pleasant, Newcastle**

Since the publication of the agenda report, a further 21 letters of **support**, and a petition of 30 signatories and an additional 36 letters of **objection** have been received.

The majority of the comments made are already summarised within the main agenda report but the following additional comments have been submitted in support:

The majority of demand for parking associated with the proposal would be out of peak periods and will coincide with other users of the sports facilities. The demand for the facilities in traffic terms is already on the network as the school holds regular tournaments and training sessions, albeit on the outdoor amenities. These current events rely on on-street parking which contests with on-street parking demands for the swimming pool use, the hockey pitch and the rugby facilities in the winter and the cricket facilities in the summer. The provision of the 30 space car park will significantly improve the current on-street parking situation without increasing demand levels beyond those already experienced. There are no reasons for the refusal of the proposal on highway grounds as the proposals do not result in a severe impact on the operational performance of the local highway network.

The following additional objections have been made:

- A Black Poplar tree has been cut down without consent and this affects the credibility of the School in its adherence to planning laws as regards the ongoing planning proposal
- Mess and disruption during building works
- There is an error in the agenda report in that it refers to louvre screening above the main entrance when it is above the entrance to the plant compound.

**Officer's comments**

The Landscape Development Section (LDS) is considering the matter of the removal without consent of the Black Poplar tree but that aspect is not relevant to consideration of the planning application. The tree is shown to be removed as part of the application and the LDS has raised no objections to its removal subject to conditions including a requirement for a landscaping scheme to include replacement trees to mitigate those to be lost. For the avoidance of doubt, the submitted photomontages do not show the tree prior to its removal.

While the agenda report is correct in the statement that the eastern elevation would comprise facing brickwork at low level with louvre screening, the louvres are above the entrance to the plant compound and not the main entrance.

**The RECOMMENDATION remains as set out in the main agenda report.**