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Submission: Support
Comments: I am a local resident, parent of ex pupils of the school and current employee. For many years I have been unhappy at the state of the play facilities and lack of shade in the south facing playground at the back of the school. which is the only place 4 classes have access to at breaktimes. I have daily witnessed the clash of interest between children just wanting to hang out, and others who want play ball games, where there is no physical barrier between them. Also I think that a connection with natural things (including grass too play on) is essential for children's balanced development especially if they have little access to this out of school.

The area behind the school is currently a sad waste of space, although its lack of use may partially be due to the poor run down condition (you can't play football there, there's a hill, holes in the ground, lumps of wood and concrete)

However it would greatly benefit the school children if they could safely use it, including getting shade from all the trees there, and had it kept specifically as their area.

I have talked to local children who really enjoy playing on the grass just east of the school land, by 'the wall' on Monument Way, which is also a pleasant outlook for all residents and helps keep a healthy distance between them and the very busy road. Currently there are plans to build on this If the council let the school have their land then they should not take this other land away from the local residents.
If the council do use the land by Monument Way then they should provide a safe children's area (capable of supporting a game of 5 aside football) on this side of the estate, perhaps by developing the land next to the proposed footpath, including that transferred from the school. Developing this would have the advantage of being more 'in view' of local houses than the majority of the Pocket Park

I don't know if a footpath through the estate via the wall would cause more anti social behaviour because of easier accesss which I understand is what some residents believe. (According to this application the planning department have not sent letters to any of the residences by the proposed footpath, in Fairbanks Road, and have pointed this out to their representative) I would personally find this footpath useful, both to get to and from the Monument Way bus stops and also to reach the roads inside the old 'gyratory'. It would replace the existing foot path across the school grounds without deviating too much from the current route and would would help eliminate the current antisocial behaviour (most obviously people drinking there) that goes on at the moment.