



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 2 15 June 2005

Report of Director of Education

Petition – Problem with parking outside Moorhead Primary School

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 At the Area Panel 2 meeting on Wednesday 16 March 2005 a petition was handed in about the problem of parking outside Moorhead Primary School.
- 1.2 According to the petition the main issue concerns parking and congestion outside the school gates at Moorhead Primary School and specifically mentions the proposed closure of a car park, which belongs to Merrill College.

- 1.3 The car park area mentioned above is a hard standing area on the playing fields that belong to Merrill College. This area is currently used as an overflow car park and there is an informal agreement that it can be used by parents from Moorhead Primary for dropping off and picking up pupils. This area has recently been taken out of use as it is to be incorporated into the site for the new Merrill College development, which is currently under construction.

- 1.4 In relation to the traffic generated by Merrill College as part of the planning approval for the new school development a Traffic Impact assessment survey was undertaken. This involved a count of the number of vehicles dropping off and picking up pupils, as well as staff movements at the two sites that the school currently occupies on Brackens Lane and Jubilee Road. The survey indicated an average of 6% of pupil journeys (approximately 26 pupils) across both sites. This is quite low compared with other Secondary schools in Derby.

- 1.5 The main issue therefore seems to relate to the traffic generated by parents from Moorhead Primary School.

- 1.6 Some schools, including Merrill College, have developed a School Travel Plan, which is regularly reviewed and updated. This is a study undertaken by the school in conjunction with pupils, parents, staff and the City Council Travel Plan team. It assesses the issues related to pupil and staff travel to and from school and includes the formulation and implementation of a strategy document and Action Plan to encourage more sustainable methods of accessing the school thereby limiting the use of vehicles.

PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 Moorhead Primary does not have a School Travel Plan currently and such a strategy would take a significant amount of time to develop and implement. It is suggested that a meeting will be arranged with representatives from Moorhead Primary School and Merrill College, Education Service and the Travel Plan team to discuss short-term measures and initiatives to address the situation, then for a School Travel Plan to be developed as part of the City Council Travel Plan programme.

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Background papers:	None
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