

Forres Academy Relocation Consultation Survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

19 August 2025 - 16 November 2025

PROJECT NAME:
New Forres Academy



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | Do you have any additional comments or feedback for us to consider?

Anonymous

9/18/2025 01:53 PM

It absolutely should NOT be on the applegrove field. The primary school use this field all the time, I feel it should not lose its green space. It will disrupt the primary pupils as well and there is the ASN base too, it will cause too much aggravation.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 01:55 PM

Wrong site, traffic and flooding issues and loss of green space

Anonymous

9/18/2025 01:55 PM

Taking away outdoor space from the primary school is a ridiculous idea! The new academy could be built on the current buildings car park!

Anonymous

9/18/2025 01:55 PM

Just get on with it, the NIMBYs are going to ruin the education of our youths for years to come trying to hold up the process. And as for the Veteran's worried it would trigger their PTSD, the closest action they probably seen was paintballing at Alves.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 01:59 PM

Ridiculous idea to move it right onto the applegrove school playing area. There are so many other locations more suitable

Anonymous

9/18/2025 02:01 PM

I have many concerns, but the stand out is linked to Applegrove primary school children, their greenspace, their playground and their mental wellbeing. Removal of Applegrove playing fields- Please don't take this decision lightly. The playing field is well used and loved by kids at Applegrove and is an asset to the school in terms of greenspace and wellbeing. The kids play in this area every break and lunch, they play sports such as football daily, they use this space for PE, for the Monday run club, for their sports days, for outdoor learning, for the daily mile walk, for Applegrove football team training, just to name a few. Where will they play when this turns into a construction site? Where will they do sports day? There is no clear proposal to replace this primary school greenspace and play area. (sharing a small bit of left over common good land with a secondary school does not suffice) this area does not belong to the school and is not contained like the playground is. I find it unbelievable that you would even consider taking away green space ! This is a travesty. There is mounting evidence that nature and greenspace has a positive effect on mental health, Yet I just don't think that the cost of removing this open green play space has been fully appreciated and considered. Studies have shown that green spaces can lower levels

of stress (Wells et al, 2003) and even reduce rates of depression and anxiety and improve general wellbeing (Park et al 2010). Why has there not been more debate around what the primary school children are loosing by choosing this site? Why even consider taking this away when there is a perfectly good alternative greenfield site as an option? Removal of community Greenspace /CGL It speaks for itself, why would we remove greenspace which the community enjoys in the middle of a town? This space is hugely important to the community and it feels that this has been underestimated. (think of the positive benefits this space has on community wellbeing and the environmental impact with its removal.) Will the trees be cut down? The list of concerns goes on..... Construction site within playground and neighbouring space of Applegrove - concern about the impact this will have on the primary aged children at Applegrove. Traffic: this will create MAJOR issues. Already the roads surrounding Applegrove and Roysvale are extremely busy, often gridlock . I speak for experience of dropping off and collecting children Monday -Friday. Always many cars illegally parked. Noise pollution within a Primary school playground whilst kids are trying to learn? The design with 3/4 stories very much gives the feeling that you are trying to shoe horn a building into a compromised small space. Please reconsider, build onsite at current academy site or share why lochyhill was dropped as an option.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 02:03 PM

I believe the school could be built adjacent to and on the site of the present Forres Academy in a phased build instead of depriving Forres of more of its green space in a central location. I also do not accept that the civil engineers' claim that the flooding risk to the area surrounding the preferred site can be mitigated nor do I accept that the flooding risk presented as the reason for rejecting a phased build adjacent to and on the site of the present Forres Academy.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 02:08 PM

The fact that the area is prone to flooding due to Victorian sewage systems around the area, unsuitable roads around it, no consideration for home owners around it and not enough land around for any future extensions. Where yes initially it would cost more to build it out towards the Enterprise Park there is already a good cycle and pedestrian path and more accessible road to access. Plus providing a school bus service would cut down emissions from a steady stream of parents with cars.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 02:41 PM

Listen to local people who pay your wages.

Anonymous

I do not agree to taking away the green space from Applegrove. Also

9/18/2025 02:43 PM the noise and pollution to the learners of the primary school will be unbelievable

Anonymous
9/18/2025 02:50 PM

Absolutely ridiculous on so many levels. Taking away the green space that the Applegrove Primary children have (which is good for both mental and physical wellbeing), putting a Secondary School into such a small place (far smaller than Lossie High & Elgin Academy which were also new builds) with no room for growth is short sighted to say the least. Having a building towering over the Burdshaugh and Veterans Housing will affect the wellbeing of those residents. A bus lane on Sanquhar Road is just an accident waiting to happen, that road is chaotic enough in the mornings already with children's safety less than ideal as it is.

Anonymous
9/18/2025 02:55 PM

The land is often water logged. The site is not owned by the council. It is common good land. It is no less than stealing from the community. The other proposed site near Forbes Hill is far better suited. The disruption to the very thin high street and surrounding roads, during the building period will be immense. The residents are being completely ignored and their views stonewalled. I am so ashamed of Moray Council.

Anonymous
9/18/2025 03:22 PM

My objection is based on not having an academy next to a primary school. Green spaces is irrelevant, Forres has lots of these. Why a gradual rebuild can't be done on the existing site I don't understand. My greatest fear is that this school won't actually get built at all, that there will be so much heel dragging that there are no funds. The young people of Forres desperately need this school ASAP, it feels that we are no further forward.

Anonymous
9/18/2025 03:42 PM

Forres is fortunate to get a new school when other areas are desperate for a new school and will have to wait.

Anonymous
9/18/2025 03:53 PM

The site is common good land and land locked for future development. The cost is significantly higher but a far more sensible site would be at Forres enterprise park. Here there is room for expansion of the site in future and it could become a community hub and sports facility centre for the local area. With housing planned on the land currently between the meteorite park and the East side of Forres it makes sense to position the school there for ease of access for busses and transportation, the safety of all staff and pupils, the future expansion of the school if required, being the better prose park into the Forres community and develop the land around this.

Relocating next to apple grove has severe implications for the outdoor space for apple grove pupils, it is in common good land that is also a flood plane, veterans houses are close by, the site allows for. If you're expansion, there are already traffic issues with the current site so citing the new building beside this with the same road infrastructure just doesn't work and there are still issues with crossing roads to access PE facilities and outdoor space. The local community do not want the site at Applegrove and so far, Moray Council are not listening. Please listen! Beside applegrove is not a suitable site. The school must be moved out from that part of town for safety, future development and the community themselves.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 04:08 PM

I do not agree with the relocation of the new Forres academy next to Applegrove primary. My reasons being - Traffic and congestion are already a problem at the schools as it is. Building a larger school in such close proximity to the primary will be a nightmare and also so dangerous for the younger kids coming out. Another reason being that I don't believe the area is the best to have more building work done as the flooding there can be extremely bad. Adding more plumbing etc will only add to the problem. Now for my most important reason, The kids at Applegrove use their ground for sports day, playing every day and it was be a travesty for them to loose that. The green space was gifted to the people of Forres and the council shouldn't be taking that away from them. Also, I don't believe the kids should be in such close proximity to each other. The older kids are much more boisterous, there can be a lot of fights and just general nuisances. For younger kids to be so close to that isn't great and it's also not great for the neighbours that will have to put up with the noise and rubbish too. Please consider the previous place you were looking at before as it will benefit everyone greatly to not have it so close to town.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 04:12 PM

Support the Academy getting a new build - could Applegrove get some green space from the land beside the legion? Is there funding for Applegrove to get enhancements to their playground in return for losing their green space?

Anonymous

9/18/2025 04:25 PM

Area offers no further development opportunities Traffic and roads along orchard road don't cope well with Apple force alone without adding more pressure Car park too far so people will use the town parking opposite Applegrove preventing people from parking for town centre Flood risk being ignored Forres is growing fast - build further out to encompass future developments

Anonymous 9/18/2025 04:26 PM	Ridiculous idea to place on a restricted plot
Anonymous 9/18/2025 04:28 PM	No consideration given to locals and houses that will be affected including the veterans cottages Roads will not cope
Anonymous 9/18/2025 04:30 PM	Better options for development and pupil engagement in sports / community sports if relocated further outwith Forres town centre
Anonymous 9/18/2025 04:31 PM	Site out of town will push up attendance
Anonymous 9/18/2025 04:35 PM	Original site of old building or Forbeshill. Accomodating the school in a constrained site has led to the floor plan design including 4 corridor loops. 2 on floor 1 and 2 on floor 2. This is a huge problem in the old building which has one loop. It causes considerable disruption and stress to pupils and teachers alike. Therefore the new building will provide even more opportunity for disturbance leading to negative impacts on learning and teaching.
Anonymous 9/18/2025 04:48 PM	Use this as an opportunity to to locate the school to an area which will allow for future growth
Anonymous 9/18/2025 04:56 PM	Loss of playing fields, disruption to both school pupils and local residents are unjustified. Should either be built on the current location on burdyards or at lochyhills
Anonymous 9/18/2025 04:56 PM	My son will losses alot of play ground it's also not fair on the locals who will stay close to the new academy
Anonymous 9/18/2025 04:57 PM	Central Forres is perfect but feel the play fields is the wrong spot. It's such a shame there is no way to build it into the current academy car park.
Anonymous 9/18/2025 04:57 PM	With all the focus on children's health and Wellbeing you would think that the council would realize that taking Applegroves grass area away is totally the wrong decision. Why should Applegrove children loss out on playing field just so Forres Academy can get a new building. Building Forres Academy further out would benefit Academy pupils health and wellbeing. Yes they would have to walk/cycle but

there is a cycle path for taking them off road. When I was younger we had to walk a mile without pavements to get our bus. Nothing new in walking. Mind boggling... my children all went to Applegrove and the grassy playground was a huge benefit to their health and wellbeing.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 05:10 PM

Local roads cannot support the facility in that location. Housing overlooked. Building too high

Anonymous

9/18/2025 05:13 PM

The new school needs to be built as soon as possible in a central location

Anonymous

9/18/2025 05:22 PM

Proposed site isn't future proof regarding expansion, too much disruption on already overwhelmed transport network, unsafe for anyone who is currently attending academy applegrove and regular users of roysvale park, area is renowned for poor drainage.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 05:32 PM

The amount of chaos this is going to cause whilst its being built is so unnecessary. Everyone will have to pass the building site to get to the current school. Which is going to make the school run for all primary and secondary parents and pupils a nightmare. Also the disruption this is going to cause the students of Applegrove and the residents around the sit will be unbearable. I don't think the Applegrove site is best suited to the towns and schools needs.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 05:46 PM

Please do not build the new academy next to Applegrove and please do not use the Applegrove playing field. The new academy should, in my opinion, be built at the lochyhill site which has more room / space for expansion and is better able to deal with school traffic, unlike the already very congested roads around forres schools.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 06:04 PM

The proposed car park is too far away and ignores normal human behaviour - everyone will want to park near the school so will park on adjacent roads

Anonymous

9/18/2025 06:05 PM

I support the school being sited centrally and don't have an issue with use of common good land to facilitate this. However, I do not want a school building that is constrained due the site if the school. Please listen to feedback from teachers about the downsides of classroom sharing. The addition of the all weather sports pitch for community use is imperative. Forres as a catchment area is large enough to justify this. Regarding the loss of green space from Applegrove: could

the patch of grass on the corner of orchard road and sanquhar road (opposite the legion) be used an extension the their playground? This might appease some of the population opposed on this basis.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 06:15 PM

I think it's a great central point close to the current academy, so extra school buses wouldn't be needed as there is an existing service. Children can easily access the high street at lunch time so businesses won't be affected adversely. There is plenty of other green space, including Grant Park which can easily be accessed by applegrove pupils for sports day etc, including Grant Park, in the same way that Anderson's use it.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 06:22 PM

Why not build on the grass behind the high school have a bridge from the new and old building also extend the building at the back into the car park pushing back the car pack get rid of the basketball court that is never used redo the other basket court on the grass behind cause people use that one. Why take away peoples space in applegrove you are literally setting yourself up for failure for all those kids those kids are gonna get into more trouble then you realise gonna have fights complains and a lot of bullying so better prepare yourself to help that cause you probably won't care and do anything

Anonymous

9/18/2025 06:23 PM

This is without doubt the worst possible location for the new academy. At a time when green space and designated outdoor areas have been proven to improve the health and well-being of children, particularly those with special needs, the moray council are going against all the evidence and permanently removing the playing field and replacing it with a three storey building. They are also concreting over a significant area in Roysvale park to be used as bus drop/off pick up points and outwith school hours as a car park for all. This means increasing pollution in a very small area as well as noise. The current green spaces are not only used daily by both schools but also by other groups doing outdoor sports after school and at weekends. The landscape of this area will be changed forever and not for the better. The build itself will take years and is unfair to the poor primary children, the veterans and other local residents. Previous consultations have evidenced that the majority of residents do not want the school here and consider it a terrible choice for the reasons I have listed and whole lot more, Parents themselves constantly complain about the traffic situation on the Grantown Road, Orchard Road, Roysvale and Sanquhar this will only worsen for years as building commencing. Of course all of these points and many many more have already been highlighted to Moray Council and local councillors however they have completely ignored these concerns and are determined to plough ahead. Any sensible person cannot

fathom why they would do this, why destroy an area that serves the children of Forres and the wider public so well.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 06:32 PM

Could the new school not be built on the land behind the existing academy. Lots of space there.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 06:35 PM

The new academy should not be built in the Applegrove Primary School playground

Anonymous

9/18/2025 06:50 PM

Applegrove shouldn't lose there playing field. Forres is a growing town and the new Academy site needs to be in a place where it can be extended in the future if needed. I also feel for the veterans and other residents living adjacent to Roysvale. Also the flood risk. It just seems like the most unsuitable site.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 06:53 PM

This site is not suitable as it will take away natural drainage, therefore increasing the flood risk to Orchard Road. It will block out light to surrounding bungalows as it will need to be 3 storeys high because of small plot. The roads are too narrow for the large vehicles or to cope with the increased traffic. Why is Forres giving up green space within the town. Why create a concrete town when there is no need?

Anonymous

9/18/2025 06:55 PM

The road system in this area are not good enough to support this development. The cheapest option is very rarely the best option, just look at the original School, we are paying for it now.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 07:04 PM

It's a great central location. Can't wait to see it improving secondary education for future generations.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 07:17 PM

I am responding as a committee member of Forres Tennis Club. We have huge concerns over the proximity of the new build to our courts and clubhouse. There are fears that the groundworks may cause structural damage and light will be blocked by having a tall building so close. We will need to see structural and visual impact surveys as part of the planning process.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 07:35 PM

Forres academy doesn't need 2 car parks and 2 PE sport fields when applegrove will have no car park and no PE sport fields. My son also should not be subject to being next to high school teenagers and hearing their fowl language. I have a daughter in the highschool and

know how teenagers can be. And children should not be subject to that or the smoking or anything else that may be in view of school children, applegrove should not have their whole field taken away. And its pure greed to have 2 car parks and 2 fields. Its a disgrace. Poor applegrove will have no field and the children I know as my son is one of them love to play football at lunch. Now they won't even have a proper sports day no doubt. The primary school children deserve outdoor exercise just as much as the highschool teenagers. Shouldn't even be happening. Find a different place or stop being greedy and knock down what you have and build it different. I do not agree!!!!

Anonymous

9/18/2025 07:38 PM

School should not be built in that green belt. Not the area for the new school. A purpose built School at lochyhills by forbeshill with sports field and proper staff car parking with view expand further down the line . And no need to access the A96 school can be accessed from forbeshill road part of the old A96 at lochyhills

Anonymous

9/18/2025 07:45 PM

The suggested site is not suitable due to poor road access, proximity to houses and applegrove school, as well as being an area at risk of, flooding. It is also too small an area leaving no room to expand in the future, which will be required as Forres is rapidly expanding with new housing estates each year. The site east of Forres would be much more suitable.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 07:55 PM

We seem to be starting out on a journey that is half thought out. Look at Lossiemouth and Elgin for secondary schools that have an all-in provision of services. Not taking the opportunity to have a pool and better gym facilities along with 4g football pitch is extremely short sighted.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 08:18 PM

I don't want to see the junior school loose they green space and other people who use the green space and worried about the people who stay in the veterans homes please don't not build the school on our green space

Anonymous

9/18/2025 08:39 PM

Wrong location!! No room to grow. Don't believe the council are thinking about the future, just the here and now. The amount of money being spent on this site would be the same for some of the other sites that were considered. I want Forres to have best school it can and that does not happen at the purpose site with the amount of short coming happening to make it work.

Anonymous 9/18/2025 08:40 PM	Completely the wrong space, there is no reason why it cannot be built on the existing site as has been done before. It is very narrow minded to think that this will work. Yes it needs to be central but not to the detriment of the pupils.
Anonymous 9/18/2025 08:55 PM	It is just not practice for numerous reasons.
Anonymous 9/18/2025 09:13 PM	1. The area is far too small for a secondary school. 2. The area is prone to flooding. 3. Traffic is already an issue at Applegrove and Orchard Road 4. You are destroying Applegrove Primary School and the experience for their current pupils and future attendees. 5. This site does not make sense as the town expands. Moray Council are choosing this site because it's cheaper. It's lazy, short sighted. It's arrogant to ignore the community's voice on this. No one is happy about this proposed project.
Anonymous 9/18/2025 09:23 PM	Crack on and get it built
Anonymous 9/19/2025 12:45 AM	Please just get a move on and start building
Anonymous 9/18/2025 09:29 PM	No
Anonymous 9/18/2025 09:54 PM	Start listening to the public. You are only pursuing the Applegrove site to save a few pounds. The traffic will be a nightmare, the loss of common-good land (which IS NOT YOURS, and plans are in place for crowdfunding to take legal proceedings to prevent you stealing it from the people) and also the loss of Applegrove playing fields. Lochyhill is the better option in every single respect, if you stopped squandering money on widening pavements that nobody uses and meddling with road junctions that work perfectly fine until you bugger them up, you'll easily afford it!
Anonymous 9/18/2025 09:54 PM	You would be taking away much needed green space for our younger children, when it has been proved that these youngster need to be encouraged outside for exercise & enrichment! also green level (flat) space for many local older folks who walk their pets & themselves around the park. The added volume of traffic to the area will be horrendous - more so than it is now & the quality of life for folk who live in close proximity to the proposed site will be heavily affected,

some of which are veterans who suffer with ptsd & will find the noise & disruption unbearable . The site is not fit for purpose as it is too small for what is proposed to be built & as Forres is ever extending will very soon become too small for the quantity of pupils & the intended vision of an all weather football pitches & the like! To top all that Roysvale park was left to the people & the people have spoken, everyone agrees a new updated school is required but Forres has spoken & the people of Forres on the whole do not agree the new academy should be built at the proposed site as it is totally unsuitable! I hope the council will indeed listen to the people!!

Anonymous

9/18/2025 09:54 PM

There was a majority vote against the relocation to the applegrove site which has been ignored. The relocation will cause chaos for not only the pupils of applegrove but the wider community.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 10:02 PM

I believe the building works on that site will be too much for orchard road especially Tom Ross's as have to stop every time there is a funeral. I also believe in sanquhar road side it will be chaos for traffic heading that direction. I don't believe the site has been chosen correctly and in agree with the community as I haven't met one person who believes it should be at applegrove. I believe lochyhill is better sited even if it costs more. I believe the veterans at the houses next to Applegrove haven't been considered at all and their needs and trauma. I seriously think it needs to be reconsidered for everyone's benefit.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 10:40 PM

Get it built, most of the people who are against it have had there children go through the Academy and they don't like change. ITS BEST TO BE BUILT IN A CENTRAL LOCATION -ROYSVALE!

Anonymous

9/18/2025 10:43 PM

Never going suit everyone but a central location, walkable for most students and the community that will benefit for the additional facilities makes most sense. Spades in the ground before the old one crumbles.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 11:37 PM

Existing academy site should be considered.

Anonymous

9/18/2025 11:43 PM

I feel putting the new build onto applegrove playing field will have a detrimental effect on the pupils wellbeing and opportunities for outdoor learning. As for the secondary pupils they two will be affected by having a small building with little opportunities to extend which the school will eventually need as the town is getting bigger with no signs

of this stopping. The local residents and the local community already struggle with transport in the area as it is. Is gonna be a huge environmental effect .

Anonymous

9/19/2025 12:07 AM

terrible idea for a multitude of reasons that have been raised but completely ignored

Anonymous

9/19/2025 03:52 AM

Use existing academy site.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 06:05 AM

Should possibly go to the Eastside of Forres on the way to Elgin.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 06:45 AM

As a parent and teacher I fully support the Applegrove Primary site. Nearly all students can walk there, better for pupil health, sustainable transport etc. As pupils can walk they can better access afterschool clubs.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 07:21 AM

Flooding issues at lower end of the town at British legion end as water runs right through school grounds

Anonymous

9/19/2025 07:36 AM

Best place for the Academy, although this should of been done years ago.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 08:32 AM

Too small an area and will become too congested re traffic parking etc. Lessening the green outside space for primary pupils at Applegrove. Pupil roll will be increasing so proposed allocated space inadequate.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 09:21 AM

Completing construction as quickly as possible to minimise disturbance of Applegrove students and surrounding community is key.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 09:48 AM

The site is not big enough, which will undoubtedly limit plans for the school. With this investment it should be done right first time around with no restrictions on facilities, schooling, outdoor space! roads will be unable to cope with traffic. Flooding in area

Anonymous

This location limits any future expansion, short sighted. Leisure centre

9/19/2025 09:58 AM

may need a future upgrade but these plans also limit this. Community services will suffer long term. Infrastructure is not set up to support this

Anonymous

9/19/2025 10:09 AM

Site is too small, badly located, taking yet another green space from people of Forres green spaces badly needed for mental health. It will be an eyesore. Children's school playing fields should not be taken away, particularly at such a young age. Somewhere else should be found, a larger area that won't impact on the middle of town and will leave room for expansion. However I feel that this is just an exercise and having already spent a great deal of money the council has already made the decision regardless of what the people of Forres want. Somewhere else should be found.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 10:09 AM

This site is not big enough for the future as Forres is growing at an alarming rate

Anonymous

9/19/2025 10:11 AM

Significant concerns around traffic.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 10:30 AM

Orchard Road is extremely congested at the roundabout and really dangerous at the moment with cars parked both sides of the road. This will be much worse if Academy parents drop off and pick up there. I know they have said there will be a car park where the current Academy is but parents will not use it as it's too far away. You only need to visit the Academy at the end of the day to see how chaotic the parking for pick ups is. I also think many staff will park in the Orchard Road car park as it will be closer which will leave limited parking for general car park users. The loss of Applegrove playing field will be very detrimental to their pupils as it is well used on a daily basis. I would also be concerned about bullying with Academy pupils being in such close proximity to the younger children. Lochyhill or possibly ground at Bogton Road would be much better for staff and pupils as it would allow the space for good sports facilities which would also benefit the town, good parking and also improve life for the residents who currently live close to the school as there are often complaints of littering and vandalism with pupils throwing rubbish in their gardens. These other sites could also really enhance learning as they would provide good outdoor space for learning which teenagers definitely need.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 10:50 AM

I have been against this from the beginning and can't believe this is the only option for the new school. Apple grove will be dwarfed by it. The disruption to the local area will be devastating for years to come.

The same problems will be there. No where for kids to go at breaks.

They just wander round the street oblivious to traffic. Drop litter everywhere. Bullying will continue as there's no supervision at breaks. I can't see one positive for building it there.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 11:21 AM

The addition of the 3G sports field will bring a huge improvement to the wider community and bring in income from Forres Mechanics, and other nearby football teams.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 11:24 AM

Clearly the best 'Value for Money' option. Why would anybody want the Moray Council to buy additional land to build a school upon when land already exists. Off the top of my head I can also think of additional unnecessary alterations to the A96 if the other location was selected as well additional Tax Payers money spent on extra buses for those that may now qualify for if the school moved to the other location. I think Roysvale is the perfect solution, I also think that the busy-bodies moaning about the Common Good need to be honest. They just don't want the school in front of their mansions. Also, as a parent that frequently uses Sanquhar Road to pick up and as part of my weekend walking routes, I have never seen the park being used by more than 1 or 2 people and they are generally dog walkers letting their dogs foul on the park and not pick it up.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 11:33 AM

The proposal document appears disingenuous and more like a propaganda piece. It is full of opinions that are presented as statements of fact. I do not feel ANY of the benefits mentioned would be exclusive to the school being built on the Applegrove site - physically being near other schools doesn't improve collaboration, I am speaking from experience. The Forbeshill site provides more space for growth, outdoor learning etc and is very well connected thanks to existing infrastructure for the Enterprise park. An 8min cycle or 25 min walk should be applauded not a problem. As a resident near Applegrove I find it laughable that one of the benefits sited is safer routes to schools etc, there is already huge congestion, streets that are too narrow to accommodate parking and pick ups; at times even getting along Sanquhar Road (which is wide) is extremely problematic due to the sheer volume of traffic and parents parking for pickup. The same is true of Burdysyard Road at the Leisure Centre. Flooding - this summers drought has highlighted how damp Roysvale is - it's the only green grass left. The only bit of the report I thought was relevant was 7.1 - New Build on an Alternative site where it is clear that a few hurdles, that are not insurmountable, are the only reason this site hasn't been picked i.e. this was thought to be the easier option without any genuine concern for the residents of Forres and future generations. Once this Green space has gone we don't get

it back and the character of the town will be irreparably damaged.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 11:34 AM

It's a central location which is should be so all local kids can get to school by walking or on their bikes. No point relocating it and then half the children that walk to school will need to get buses or lifts from parents. We need to keep out kids as active as possible.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 11:37 AM

I do think that something will have to be done on Sanquhar road. It is extremely busy when Applegrove finishes. Parents currently pay no attention to the parking zones and drive like F1 drivers. Please either widen the road or create a new pick up point for Primary School parents. Someone is going to be hurt.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 11:38 AM

Great idea. Just a pity my kids won't be able to enjoy it.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 11:40 AM

Why don't you incorporate the leisure centre in the build too? Speyside have a great facility, can we not kill two birds with one stone here?

Anonymous

9/19/2025 11:42 AM

Our children have waited long enough for a decent facility to aid in their learning and education. Stop with all the consultations/meetings (which is just wasting money!) and get the facility built for a brighter future for our children!

Anonymous

9/19/2025 11:43 AM

I need the school to be as close as possible. If it was in the other location I would need to take my kids to school meaning I would be late for work or have to pay for taxi's which I can't afford.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 11:51 AM

Given all the housing development within Forres both completed and planned, why aren't Springfield being made to assist financially in this build. Surely this should be a condition of the planning consent which Springfield has received plenty of.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 11:55 AM

No

Anonymous

9/19/2025 12:50 PM

That areas roads are already too busy and difficult to navigate due to parking allowed on both sides of all roads leading to existing site. The area to the left of Applegrove as you look at the front of it, is used by

the community in the summer for BBQs and children's and the communities entertainment, this would not now be possible. Lots of people use the playing field to walk, exercise, walk their dogs etc, they would lose their well being space. With all the new houses being developed in Forres a site further out of the centre of Forres would be better to allow for the increased traffic this will cause in the future. It's already a nightmare navigating to the new traffic lights in the morning and afternoons when the schools finish, with all roads to the lights backed up. Relocate the school elsewhere and keep the traffic flowing and therefore making the roads safer.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 12:59 PM

Forres enterprise park, plenty of room, traffic free area, safe cycle and walking routes from forres, new paths/ cycling routes could be developed from forres, safe pick up drop off points for parents and schools transport built in to school area unlike the present situation of teaching staff parking on the road, in stead of the staff car park, causing problematic traffic flow and hinder both school buses and parents at start and finishing of the school day and to local residents.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 01:28 PM

I don't believe the site is adequate space for a community campus style Academy to absorb all of the facilities, clubs and activities for parents/ young children and also older generations that the community centre currently does, including the wonderful cafe space that is used by so many of us as part of these activities and there is no suitable alternative green space being developed to replace the common good land- what will Moray Council be contributing back to the people of Forres and surrounding areas who use this regularly for leisure? Young and older people alike, depend on this space for their health and wellbeing.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 01:58 PM

I very much welcome the proposal to build a new Forres Academy however the proposed site is wholly unacceptable for a number of reasons. Mainly, the proposed plans clearly show that the site is far too small to accommodate all the needs of our young people and the proposed building is not in keeping with the surrounding low rise area. There is no option for expansion which will inevitable be the case at some point. It is unbelievable that the council consider the loss of green space for the young people of Applegrove to be acceptable with no feasible alternative proposed. Technical aspects such as Transport Assessments, Flood Risk Analysis, Drainage Impact Assessments and adhering to NPF4 will be reviewed at Planning stage but these have clearly not yet been fully resolved or costed. It is a desperately depressing missed opportunity for the young people of Forres.

Anonymous 9/19/2025 02:37 PM	For numerous reasons: 3 years of trying to be schooled on a building site. Loss of Applegrove playing fields Busy roads in the middle of houses No room for growth Fitting the school to the space rather than having better space to build what is actually needed
Anonymous 9/19/2025 02:39 PM	Needs to be in a central area
Anonymous 9/19/2025 02:43 PM	Wrong site, boggy ground poor traffic management, not to mention the impact on the poor veterans houses and loss of green space. the 2nd option at the otherwise of forbeshill is way more sensible and easier to expand if necessary. However since moray council never listens to the actual community and does whatever the hell you want ignoring common sense, I'm just waiting for this to be completely ignored as usual
Anonymous 9/19/2025 02:58 PM	Please reconsider before it's to late and the common green space is lost.. There has to be an alternative that would be less disruptive for the community at large.
Anonymous 9/19/2025 03:04 PM	The proposed site will be too congested. More space and edge of town proposed sites. Children can walk.
Anonymous 9/19/2025 03:09 PM	The use of an open green space so close to a primary school, that is in constant use for extracurricular activities and leisure is an outrageous abuse of Moray Council management of common good land.
Anonymous 9/19/2025 03:41 PM	It's being built in the wrong place, get a load of portakabin in then demolish the part of the school that has RAAC. Then rebuild a new school!
Anonymous 9/19/2025 04:51 PM	The sooner the better for our kids.
Anonymous 9/19/2025 05:42 PM	The land suffers from floods and is not suitable to build on according to your own engineers. We will also be losing playing fields for the children. There is more suitable land past the Springfield houses on the Granton Road.

Anonymous
9/19/2025 05:47 PM

Traffic is already bad around Sanquhar Road/Orchard Road this just seems like it is going to cause more chaos and congestion for home owners in the area and just anyone living in Forres. Putting the Academy in this site doesn't give any room for expansion in years to come. Just seems like a money saving activity instead of doing what is best for the people of Forres.

Anonymous
9/19/2025 05:49 PM

It needs to be somewhere that the kids can leave the building and use the shops at lunchtime which is good for the town's business, makes no sense to have it miles out of town

Anonymous
9/19/2025 07:52 PM

It is a very poor choice of location for both Applegrove students and the Forres Academy staff and students. The choice of this location will have far-reaching negative consequences for the town. Roysvale is the wrong place, and here's why. First, Applegrove Primary's children. Their playground is being sacrificed. This is where hundreds of younger pupils play, learn to share, and burn off their energy. Taking it away tells them their childhood matters less than fitting in a project that simply doesn't belong here. Second, no room to grow. Forres is expanding — but Roysvale offers no meaningful space for future development. In just a few years, this site will be bursting at the seams. Why should we invest millions in a school that is already too small for tomorrow? Third, community facilities. Folding them into the academy is not progress. True community spaces are open, accessible, and welcoming. Put them behind school gates, and suddenly they are no longer for everyone — they are controlled, limited, restricted. That is not how you strengthen a town. Fourth, drainage and flooding. Roysvale is a natural soakaway. Pave it over and you create a hard, impermeable surface that pushes water elsewhere. Where does it go? Onto neighbouring homes. Onto Applegrove. Into already overstretched drains. The risk of flooding is not hypothetical — it is inevitable. Fifth, traffic and congestion. This is a central residential area. It already struggles with cars at drop-off and pick-up times. Now add hundreds of academy pupils, staff, deliveries, and buses — with a car park sited absurdly far from the school itself. The knock-on will be daily chaos, gridlock, air pollution, and, most worrying of all, real safety risks for children walking and cycling. And finally, the destruction of Roysvale for bus parking. Not for classrooms, not for learning, not for sport — but for tarmac and idle vehicles. That is not just poor planning. It is indefensible. When you add this together, the case is overwhelming: Applegrove pupils lose their playground. The school has no room to expand. Community facilities are weakened, not strengthened. Flooding and drainage risks are ignored. Congestion and safety problems are made worse. And Roysvale is sacrificed for car and bus parking.

Anonymous 9/19/2025 08:20 PM	The disruption to an already problematical traffic congestion along Orchard Road. The ambulance service uses this route to reach Elgin and is at present based at The Fire Station in Forres. The lights at the junction of Orchard Road onto St Catherine's Rd often results in long tailbacks. The distress caused to the Veterans who live in the homes right by the proposed building works will be far reaching. Thereafter the noise will continue due to a large very busy school and parents dropping off children will continue. I assure you there will be many who drop off their children in Orchard Road.
Anonymous 9/19/2025 08:25 PM	This site allows for active travel to and from school and easy access to after school activities. It also ensures that pupils can access the high street which would otherwise suffer. I think that Applegrove should be gifted the grassy area on the other side of the primary school opposite the British legion. I also think some of the old academy site should be gifted back as common good land and planted with a community garden which both schools can access for lessons.
Anonymous 9/19/2025 08:34 PM	The wrong place! Too small and not allowing for expansion in the future when population increases. Roads will become too congested. The taking away of green space for the primary pupils is unfair.
Anonymous 9/19/2025 08:39 PM	I feel that it would cause far too much disruption when building the school. You are removing common-good land from the community that is used daily by different community groups, therefore causing them to find new places to use. People have bought houses in the area as it is. They have not bought them with the knowledge that their view/area is going to change drastically and have a lot of disruption in the process. Looking at the Nairn academy build, they have taken up a HUGE space to build and there just isn't the space on the Roysvale area for the level of disruption. You're removing play/sporting space for the primary school in a day and age where children don't move enough and it will affect their well-being further. The grounds issue for flooding on Roysvale is concerning and in Moray Council style, it highly likely that this would not be dealt with well and cause more money to be spent in the future. The other site proposed allows for traffic to be moved away from small children and residential area. Both the Elgin schools are on one side of the town and children have to walk a distance to attend the schools. This is something that can be brought forward to the Forres ASG. Or alternatively, services buses can be diverted towards the school to aid with school attendance as it already is with those who attend from Alves. I believe having the school centrally, taking land from Applegrove is a ridiculous idea and creates a limited space where expansion will be difficult. The reality is

that the community is likely to grow and the school needs to have space to expand. On the alternative site, there will be the space to do so.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 09:12 PM

Outrageous to take away a large school playing field, community field and too close to war veterans cottages.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 09:17 PM

I dont want it to be built outside Forres limits as proposed by others as I have a child who has just started secondary and I dont want him walking the length of forres to get there.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 09:32 PM

The loss of green space is unforgivable.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 09:34 PM

Will be a great loss of park/green space Disruption to residential areas when building Traffic issues / access in town, small streets for the volume of traffic

Anonymous

9/19/2025 09:40 PM

I do not approve of the use of a greenfield/ playground field for the new building. The students of applegrove should not loose that site. The proposed site is already far too close to current house especially those in housing got the vulnerable. The site is already congested taking in to account of those using parking got the leisure facilities and those resident in royalsvale and orchard road.

Anonymous

9/19/2025 09:46 PM

Why are you having this consultation? There has already been a sham consultations where the views of the community were dismissed. All the evidence and views have already been gathered. Please look on FB Forres New Academy Forum and read articles in the Forres Gazette also. There has been a 600 strong petition against the site already lodged. It is patently obvious that this is completely the wrong site for all the reasons already given. Why go through the motions of another sham consultation?

Anonymous

9/19/2025 09:52 PM

It makes absolutely no sense to have it the chosen location due to all the upset to the local people who in that area are mainly elderly. You have the war veterans these are people who have been who have had such challenges already being in the services. Orchard road is terrible at the best of times with the congestion this will add to it which is already an absolute nightmare.

Anonymous 9/19/2025 10:23 PM	Should be built on original site in sections
Anonymous 9/19/2025 10:53 PM	It the most unethical place to build the new school. Traffic is an issue now and will be a lot worse during and after the build. It's flooded every year. The local pensioners suffer with abuse as it is this again will make it worse . It's common land that belongs to the people of forres . It should not be built there
Anonymous 9/19/2025 11:52 PM	Field belongs to applegrove and surrounding homes and kids
Anonymous 9/20/2025 12:13 AM	Forbeshill is a far better site with room for future expansion and would mean NO disruption to the children of Applegrove, in fact the residents in the area of the current academy site would see less impact from the Academy pupils. Why are the council pushing ahead for the site that would have the most impact on the community when there are better options available?
Anonymous 9/20/2025 12:25 AM	Flooding! This will increase flooding in the near by properties already prone to flooding due to the already broken & over used sewer system.
Anonymous 9/20/2025 02:39 AM	No room for growth in the future.
Anonymous 9/20/2025 03:12 AM	I would prefer the new school be built on the existing site as much as possible, therefore, preserving as much of the green spaces as possible. The school being within the town, to me, makes the most sense for pupils, staff and the community.
Anonymous 9/20/2025 03:17 AM	Hope this happens!
Anonymous 9/20/2025 04:19 AM	Silly idea for the location of the school I haven't heard a single good comment on it as of yet!
Anonymous 9/20/2025 06:37 AM	It's a very short sited approach to the school relocation, it doesn't leave any room to extend the school in future years when, without a doubt, it will be at capacity within 5 years. What will happen then?

Anonymous
9/20/2025 06:50 AM
Forres is desperate for some winter sports facilities like an astro pitch. Wherever it goes please build one. (a bike pump track would be nice too) :)

Anonymous
9/20/2025 07:38 AM
The location is ideal for all pupils living in Forres. As it is very close to the existing site there will be only minimal disruption/change. The young people of the Forres deserve a new, high quality learning environment. I am deeply concerned that delays in this project due to challenges and objections by the few will lead to a loss of funding - disadvantaging the WHOLE community.

Anonymous
9/20/2025 07:50 AM
not a good site, but the best option

Anonymous
9/20/2025 07:54 AM
There is countless information that suggest you are aware of the cost this will run in the future of the building, as well as the loss of green space. And using a space with already drainage issues. This is putting pressure on an already struggling school, which it looks as though you haven't considered in this decision. You are clearly doing this to 'save money' even though you had been allocated money to develop a new school site. And it's at the cost of an already struggling school (pupils and staff), especially due to cuts to ASN.

Anonymous
9/20/2025 07:59 AM
Applegrove is short-term, 'quick-fix thinking, not suitable for longer term, no risk. For expansion. Don't like that precious green space for Applegrove being built on or that more traffic being brought into residential area. Think area outside Gorres near Enterprise Park makes more sense for longer term,

Anonymous
9/20/2025 08:09 AM
Mainly the thoughts of local people who will have children/grandchildren who will be affected during this process. Noise, traffic in the area and the loss of recreational area for Applegrove school.

Anonymous
9/20/2025 08:22 AM
Yes I am shocked that the council is not listening to anyone why should apple Grove lose their green space and what about the veterans

Anonymous
9/20/2025 08:31 AM
Sirs, I'm a parent of pupils from Forres Academy and Apple Grove. Despite the fact, turning Apple Grove field into a building site might effect negatively Apple Grove pupils, I'm a STRONG SUPPORTER

of relocating Forres Academy to a site next to Apple Grove. The reason being is pupils (from both schools) are finding location very convenient, transition between primary school and senior school - more comfortable. We have to take into consideration anxiety most pupils develop while transition from primary to secondary and having secondary so close to its main primary feeder will significantly improve any issues related to transition itself. Other factor Moray Council should seriously consider is Forres Academy attendance issues (mainly skipping the lessons). If Forres Academy site will be relocated somewhere further (less central) than current proposed location, the pupils' attendance will significantly decrease (!). Therefore Forres Academy staff and Moray Council will have to combine the effort to tackle attendance issues. Meaning: constant disruption to education process, exhausting staff etc. Please, carefully consider all the above. Despite upsetting the community, we must consider the best outcome for our young generation. Forres Academy has so many issues. Let's not add anything extra. Please, allow New Forres Academy thrive in a beautiful and convenient for most pupils location near Apple Grove site. Thank you for taking time reading my comments.

Anonymous

9/20/2025 08:38 AM

Ideal central location as the existing academy has proved

Anonymous

9/20/2025 08:44 AM

Close to current academy so I think that central location is good for high street businesses at lunchtime and easy to access from all parts of town.

Anonymous

9/20/2025 08:49 AM

New to the town having moved from a rural village near Aberfeldy and I'm very impressed by the new plans for a school and all the facilities available to the townsfolk - Forres folk are very lucky to live here. Even with a new school there is still beautiful Grant park on the doorstep as well as Sanquhar Pond so I don't think the loss of 'green space' is important compared to the benefits and need for a new school.

Anonymous

9/20/2025 08:58 AM

It's the only place to build it then knock down old one and build sport fields there

Anonymous

9/20/2025 09:00 AM

Really need to progress the proposals asap and get it built and ready for use as soon as possible, and not let the campaign by the minority against delay it further.

Anonymous 9/20/2025 09:45 AM	Pupils need a new modern school
Anonymous 9/20/2025 09:45 AM	This is the best location for existing staff and pupils.
Anonymous 9/20/2025 09:45 AM	Only location that makes sense for the majority of the population.
Anonymous 9/20/2025 09:20 AM	Looking forward to my grandchildren being able to attend what looks to be an amazing new academy.
Anonymous 9/20/2025 09:29 AM	It's taking away the land belonging to Applegrove Primary school... children of that age need plenty of space to exercise to keep their minds engaged and to run off energy at school.
Anonymous 9/20/2025 09:47 AM	It's too small for future proofing in terms of growth. It's liable for flooding. It's taking away vital green space for physical and mental health. It is stealing a kids playground. Yes a new school is needed, but this is the wrong location. Forres is a nice looking town and you will start turning all this into a concrete carbuncle. Your process has not been transparent. You are single minded regardless of what people say.
Anonymous 9/20/2025 09:54 AM	The infrastructure of this area will not cope with additional traffic . The fact that the water level in this area is already high , the addition on buildings/concrete will increase the risk of flooding . Orchard Road already floods in a regular basis . The current drainage on the road can not cope. The common ground at Roysvale has a continual flooded area in the winter months . The removal of apple groves playground is unbelievable . As well as removal of some of the common land which is regularly used by the community . The aesthetic impact to the area will be an issue . The one storey pensioner homes next to the proposed build will be deprived of natural light . A 3 story building will look out of place . A build here limits the possibility of further expansion. The consultation with local residents has been exceptionally poor, it is only because I am on Facebook I have found out about this proposal !
Anonymous 9/20/2025 10:05 AM	We all agree that the preferred option would be to have the new school built in the town however this should have been considered before they granted planning permission to all the new build houses at Manachie. The proposed site is too small for the new academy

plus taking away the primary school playing field is a terrible proposal both for the well being of the primary school children and for all the residents of Forres that enjoy their few remaining green spaces.

Anonymous

9/20/2025 10:33 AM

I think it's really important the new academy stays central to the town the ability for all to use the facilities outside of school time aswell. I don't however think it's a good idea to move our community center to the school complex. That will be a huge loss to the town and work in terms of all the facilities it provides. It's really important that there are safety measures are put in place for tge children that go to applegrove, cycle paths restricted cars and double yellow lines arround the school. The traffic is already a problem arround the school as people use that road as a trough road. The primary children need to be kept safe.

Anonymous

9/20/2025 10:41 AM

The site at lochyhill will allow for further expansion as the town continues to grow. All weather sports pitches for community use as well as school will be easier to accommodate than the proposed site.

Anonymous

9/20/2025 11:08 AM

The proposed site is on a flood plane. There is a funeral home across the road. There is multiple veterans living next to the site. There's a multitude of reasons it should not go there.

Anonymous

9/20/2025 11:24 AM

As a teacher in Forres Academy for over 36 years I am of the belief that the Academy would be better built at Lockyhill.The proposed site at Apple grove would if used create a bottle neck in the town destroying green space which is used by many.It is also an area pron to flooding .The loss of common good land which could never be returned is unacceptable .Common good land could have so many benefits to the community as evidenced by other Scottish towns.

Anonymous

9/20/2025 11:42 AM

It's a second rate solution, lacking vision. If MC are really looking 10 - 30 years ahead they must also be considering the ageing and expensive primary school estate. A new Forres super primary school to amalgamate the town and rural primary schools is on the horizon. Save the Rovsvale / Applegrove site for a new super primary school. It would be ideal. Build the new academy east of Forres. This solution is absolutely cheapest over the long term and has proper long term vision. It also allows MC to change their stance without losing face.

Anonymous

9/20/2025 11:43 AM

Parking is going to be terrible there's no way people are going to park at the proposed car park then walk to the school they will flood the

Anonymous

9/20/2025 11:43 AM

Please get on and start building before this becomes the next A9/A96 dual carriageway and never happens

Anonymous

9/20/2025 11:51 AM

The relocation must be in the centre of Forres , this suits those children travelling from Forbeshill area & up beside Grantown Road. Good location for the existing swimming pool & will be supporting the local shops at lunchtime.

Anonymous

9/20/2025 11:52 AM

I can only imagine this making the infrastructure of Forres worse. Classes will also be disrupted with construction work.

Anonymous

9/20/2025 11:56 AM

Less upheaval for the children, than going outwith the town.

Anonymous

9/20/2025 12:15 PM

It's unfair for Applegrove to loose their playground and will have a building site next to them! The traffic is already horrendous in this area

Anonymous

9/20/2025 12:23 PM

Build at other end of town at business park

Anonymous

9/20/2025 01:03 PM

Think it's absolutely ridiculous that Applegrove is still being considered, the thought of taking away used green space in the town is absurd

Anonymous

9/20/2025 01:10 PM

Kids now have a free bus pass so of it were to be built outwith the 2 miles they could use there young scot card to get to school.

Anonymous

9/20/2025 01:25 PM

My 9 year old who is p4 at applegrove is concerned about their playing field but also the fire evacuation procedures as they currently evacuate on to the field a safe distance away from the building - not really a concern a 9 year old should have

Anonymous

9/20/2025 01:38 PM

Pupils need green space to play and participate in physical education. The parking at Applegrove is a huge problem st present and building the Academy there is going to exacerbate this situation. Happen.

Anonymous
9/20/2025 01:44 PM

I think a site at the Grantown Road side of town should be sought as that is where the majority of the population is. The roads leading to the centre of town cannot cope with the amount of traffic there is at peak times.

Anonymous
9/20/2025 01:53 PM

Firstly the proposed building too large for the surrounding area & disturbance to surrounding houses. You are removing the play area of Applegrove school. Children need to exercise freely. I remember we used ALL the present area of Applegrove fields, with football field at top, where we actually did sports. The whole area was used before start of school, at break & dinner time to play in. We live in far to sheltered a world now. The proposed car park is too far away from school & I'm sure teachers are going to start blocking up roads & Forres's other FREE car parks nearer by. What about future expansion of Primary Schools in Forres ? They are filling up & the requirement will be there also for this future need, and the proposed site would fit any future requirement for primary education The continual growth of Forres & surrounding areas population & house building will see Forres itself grow out to Mundole to West & out to Hillhead in the East, which if you look at, is the natural bowl in which Forres shall grow to in future. Over last 50 years we have seen Forres do this with the Califer Road / West Pilmuir showing growth to West & Forbeshill to East. The South has almost filled up with Thornhill & Mannachie / Springfield developments out to Dallas Dhu with other housing in pipeline - which is the natural boundary to South of Forres. To the east as mentioned, the fields either side of the A96 out to the Enterprise park is I believe or will be zoned for housing. (owner waiting to sell he said many years ago to myself) So this is showing the huge expansion of Forres & the building proposed will not cope with this & absolutely no room for expansion at this proposed site in Applegrove primary school playing fields. This in conclusion in my mind requires a larger area where it can expand, which ideally would be the fields to the EAST or the WEST of Forres itself. Look at ELGIN Secondary Schools, where are they ? Towards the outskirts of the City - North & South !! So why not Forres's future Secondary be put to our outskirts where future development of houses will occur anyway & expansion built into the said plans ? THE MORAY COUNCIL really need future planning, maybe not in 5 / 10 years but 20 or 30 years

Anonymous
9/20/2025 02:50 PM

This is the wrong location for many reasons and I don't think there are many people in the community that would agree that this is the right place. It would be too much of a disruption to the local area and community. I think the council need to listen to the communities concerns and consider these.

Anonymous
9/20/2025 02:53 PM

Ridiculous decision that will cause untold problems all over the town for years to come. Listen to what the public wants, you're there to represent them not your own interests.

Anonymous
9/20/2025 03:42 PM

Building on land that is a vital playground for Applegrove school should not be allowed. Moving the school further away from its dedicated sports fields Plasmon and Sanquhar playing fields will make them harder to utilise. Roysvale park does not belong to the school or Moray council so should not be used as a dedicated playing field. The correct location for the new school would be to build to the rear of current school in the car park, then build a car park once the school is demolished. This would allow to re use the newest parts of Forres Academy which are not impacted by RAAC. Demolishing these would just be stupid.

Anonymous
9/20/2025 03:52 PM

Location is inappropriate for the veterans, primary school pupils, risk of flooding and congestion. Orchard road is bad enough at the moment with traffic congestion made worse by car garage at the roundabout with too many cars parked on orchard road. At the other end of orchard road the traffic lights are a disaster causing congestion in all directions. With all the additional housing to the west of Forres you haven't provided safe additional road access from the west to A96 to reduce congestion. The town centre sewage and water can't cope as it is. You need to listen to the people of Forres, it's our green space don't take it away. If Forres keeps expanding the new school won't have any where to expand too.

Anonymous
9/20/2025 04:09 PM

Building on the current Academy site would eliminate any issues you are facing. All the issues you have raised can be overcome on the site. You are not being honest about who owns Applegrove playing fields, this is common good land. You are removing green space. You are removing Applegrove playing fields. Your car park design will significantly impact traffic around the area. You are being dishonest about the site area, Roysvale Park is not part of the school grounds. You will overshadow and create privacy issues around the area. The building is not in keeping with the area.

Anonymous
9/20/2025 04:35 PM

Best site as central for all catchment areas. Playing fields and swimming pool easily accessible.

Anonymous
9/20/2025 04:37 PM

I'm against it because: We would lose valuable green space. The children of Applegrove lose their playing fields - outrageous! The area gets flooded every winter. The building is far too tall for the landscape.

The school would have no chance of expanding. The land is well used already and is common good land.

Anonymous

9/20/2025 05:08 PM

There are so many reasons why this is not the right site. 1. Lack of space 2. Doesn't allow for future expansion 3. Takes away a green space from the town 4. Will contribute to significant congestion 5. The area is prone to flooding 6. Would significantly impact on surrounding houses 7. The culture of the school may currently be adversely affected by being located so centrally as kids spill out into the town and disperse instead of staying in school and taking part in school community activities. Schools on larger sites sometimes develop strong internal communities because so much of daily life happens within the grounds. 8. An out of town location would encourage town based children to get more exercise especially if cycle and walking paths put in. 9. More space for outdoor/recreational activities for the kids and perhaps also the community should be considered. 10. Building so close to the existing site will be hugely disruptive for the current pupils, the older of whom won't benefit from the final result. Is this really fair? How will you ensure the current 3/4/5yrs have a quality school experience during such a disruptive project?

Anonymous

9/20/2025 05:18 PM

Move it now

Anonymous

9/20/2025 05:22 PM

Forbeshill would work better for all students coming from Findhorn, Kinloss and Alves. You're also taking away from Applegrove and not actually providing anything them with any replacement

Anonymous

9/20/2025 05:23 PM

Adding congestion to the area and taking away valuable green space

Anonymous

9/20/2025 06:05 PM

Why bother you will take no notice of the people anyway, you had made up your minds two years ago, you all should be ashamed of yourselves.

Anonymous

9/20/2025 06:27 PM

It's a flood area. The construction traffic will be horrendous. The land is not big enough to build the size of school which is required. Taking playing fields of applegrove primary is not the way forward

Anonymous

9/20/2025 06:28 PM

Nice school plan, wrong location

Anonymous 9/20/2025 06:29 PM	The town will be too congested moving to apple grove site..there will be no room for expansion.the sports facilities in Forres are poor, we need all weather pitches for football etc. Forres loses out to Elgin for any local improvements or upgrades, our children need to be treated equally to Elgin and offered the same facilities not the cheapest easiest option.
Anonymous 9/20/2025 07:02 PM	The proposed site is entirely unrealistic for the surrounding residents and roads. With Forres expanding it makes far more sense to place the academy in a spot that can grow with the increased demand, and not become unfit for purpose within a couple of years. Time for some realistic future proofing for our young people and the residents of Forres.
Anonymous 9/20/2025 07:12 PM	<p>It's completely the wrong place for the Academy. Too near houses. Kids have already in the past upset locals with their behavior with the school closer it's going to upset them a lot more even force some poor people to move from their homes. The roads are not suitable at the moment for the school traffic it's going to be worse if the school moves closer to Applegrove. What happens when there is a big funeral at Tom Rosses. I know they have a car park but there are times when the funerals are large and parking on orchard road will be reduced due to new school. What about flooding. The park can be soggy when we have a lot of rain is the school going to suffer too? Also there have been problems between Academy kids and Applegrove kids. How will this be prevented when the schools are much closer. Having the Academy so near to smaller kids may make them frightened of bigger kids behavior. What about the play ground and playing field. Applegrove kids are the ones that are paying the price for their playing field. I know there is a shared playing field planned but I don't think primary kids want to play with Academy kids especially when they want to play football. Changing rooms in the new Academy are ridiculous the kids have to walk through an area near a class room and is not near the pe hall. Bad planning. I don't disagree with a new school but it's definitely going in the wrong place.</p>
Anonymous 9/20/2025 07:23 PM	The site is too small a wont allow for future expansion. Will impact negatively on Applegrove primary and overlook the Veterans cottages. Not to mention the noise and disruption to the residents.
Anonymous 9/20/2025 07:28 PM	Its a shame on Applegrove primary having basically no play space and having to take away the whole playing field for the school. Since I was a pupil 9 years ago the school was falling apart, leaks everywhere so something should of been done and a new space

considered way before now.

Anonymous

9/20/2025 08:23 PM

Access to outdoor learning for secondary pupils is time dependent as you have only a 50 minute slot of time to be able to carry out activities. Replacing the existing accessible outdoor learning space with an ecological garden, amphitheatre and outdoor classroom space which is much smaller than the space now will not enhance outdoor learning as it will not be large enough. There will not be enough time to access the green spaces currently used as it would take too long to get there and back. The size of the outdoor space for potential teaching would be limited to one or two classes at a time where as currently the green areas can accommodate many more pupils outside. This also stands for accessing the 3G pitch for pupils. The loss of green space for applegrove pupils is detrimental and does not align with government policy of the importance of green space to play and learn. Access to the playing fields in the new proposal will now be between two schools, Forres Academy and Applegrove Primary. This will potentially cause a conflict for access complicating and already difficult timetabling issue for both schools. The loss of common good land to the community during the school day is not acceptable. Roysvale park is regularly used by members of the public during the school day and its incorporation into the proposed plan will negatively impact those people and the surrounding community. The projected school role is not large enough. The future of the Cromarty Freeports is predicting 10000 jobs in the highlands and surrounding area. The new school needs to taken account of these figures. At present the congestion caused at drop off and pick up times for school is immense. The proposed plan does not take into account the negative impact this has on the surrounding community at these times. If the proposal does not take this into account then this is not providing safe routes to schools as is required by legislation. The site is overlooking housing and will have a detrimental impact on those houses as it is a large build. It will reduce privacy and increase noise for these residents some of whom are vulnerable. Forres desperately needs a high quality secondary school in the right place. This site is not the right place for the town.

Anonymous

9/20/2025 08:44 PM

It is hard for those on support of the apple grove site to voice their opinions due to the small (but loud) counter-supporters who bully and suppress supporters on social media platforms and in public forums that are not anonymous.

Anonymous

9/20/2025 09:17 PM

It's mind boggling to think that the negative effects of this decision to the local area and children are being so ill considered by an elected body. It's even more frightening that a multitude of building, legal and

educational professionals have presented such a strong case against the proposed build but the elected officials (with no professional construction experience) continue to plough forward through the medium of a brash, rude and bullying representative. I worry that no one will be accountable for this decision if it goes wrong with likely scope and cost creep. What a bizarre decision. Shame on you for the manner in which you have twisted data and logic.

Anonymous

9/20/2025 09:48 PM

No future proofing for growth. Short-sighted. Loss of green area. Playground. Huge disruption for residents. Flooding . Traffic....

Anonymous

9/21/2025 01:59 AM

Unsuitable for further expansion in the future, with a continuing growing population it is inevitable. Reducing outdoor space for play, education and health and well-being for Applegrove primary school age is going back on what local, national and global strategies goals are. Increase in air pollution due to increased traffic around primary school and within a more confined area increases short and long term health risks, furthermore not improving or hitting the goals of many strategies these are a couple of initial issues I see. There are far more which splinter off, far more negatives to the positives to this site proposal.

Anonymous

9/21/2025 08:10 AM

Why can the new Academy not be built on the existing site? Children were at home for months during covid, they have been bussed out due to RAAC. Surely if a proper plan was in place and we thought outside the box a little bit, we could come up with a solution that would allow for the demolition of the existing building and construction of the new academy on the existing site? There has to be a more creative way around this. The bottom line is these children desperately need a new school, and at this rate we are still years away from seeing any benefit of it. We need a solution that would allow us to just get on with it and give the children and staff the new school that they desperately need.

Anonymous

9/21/2025 08:42 AM

It is the wrong decision to build the school where they are planning, and has not been fully thought through.

Anonymous

9/21/2025 09:45 AM

Schools should have plenty of space for students to be outdoors. Outdoor learning, being active, having fun outside is becoming lost in these generations of kids and it is contributing to poor mental health. Choose a location with space to explore.

Anonymous 9/21/2025 12:36 PM	Don't bow to those who protest to much just because it inconvenient that the new school is getting built near there big houses
Anonymous 9/21/2025 03:31 PM	Loss of green space and Applegroves playing field Traffic congestion, especially while it's being built Lack of consideration for future expansion Disruption to local area and Applegrove school
Anonymous 9/21/2025 03:55 PM	The other site choice just outside of Forres towards the enterprise estate is the better option for now & the future.
Anonymous 9/21/2025 04:05 PM	Location unsuitable
Anonymous 9/21/2025 04:05 PM	It is bad enough as it is. I live near the school the burn and roads full of litter, kids smoking marihuana among trees, run across the street without looking. Putting Primary kids together with Academy kids is not a good idea as they will only be exposed to bad and illegal behaviour by some of the older ones. The building process will cause stress to all residents especially the veterans who not only live in the cottages. I work with teenagers and would not use a library etc that is in a school when I am off I am done. Destroying the park in the process and building a school in an area that is prone to flooding the past my comprehension
Anonymous 9/21/2025 05:08 PM	The current building is clearly life expired. I hope this proceeds reasonably soon. The move in location is small. The school is to remain in an accessible central location which is good.
Anonymous 9/21/2025 06:46 PM	Get it built ASAP so the children have a modern school
Anonymous 9/21/2025 09:42 PM	A consultation took. Place. The answer was in favour of that Applegrove site. I am not really sure why there's the possibility of another vote. I just want to see some progress so our children can benefit from the new school.
Anonymous 9/21/2025 11:09 PM	Traffic will be total chaos with all buses having to go through the lights at the fire station it will mean a 30min bus trip for some pupils and also clog up the town. You will also lose important green space within the town.

Anonymous
9/22/2025 06:09 AM

The absolute carnage that will happen during the build fills me with dread. Not only that, the abuse that I get regularly from the teens at the school is unnecessary and this is an opportunity to get them away from my home.

Anonymous
9/22/2025 09:12 AM

The area is too small with many compromises. Every member of staff I've spoken to apart from ASN, is unhappy and with good reason. Many staff have to share resources or rooms, have a lack of storage, not providing natural light, down grading equipment because lack of space and the car park is inconveniently far, it will especially be a problem in bad weather/winter.

Anonymous
9/22/2025 09:35 AM

no

Anonymous
9/22/2025 09:41 AM

I am increasingly frustrated at the refusal of Moray Council to consider the Lochyhill site. I have responded to every public survey going related to the new school, raising the same issues which don't appear to have been addressed, and watched as the Council in their blinkered state ride roughshod over every objection raised. Moray Councillors should hang their heads in shame at even contemplating building over such a vital green space for Applegrove, and for snatching Common Good Land.

Anonymous
9/22/2025 10:18 AM

Aside from the completion date so long as all the relevant safety folks (SSERC, HSE, technicians, janitors etc etc) are consulted and properly listened to I see no issues here. Please ensure that while higher ups obviously have to be included in the process, they ultimately aren't the ones working in the high risk areas, or even in the classrooms a lot of the time. In terms of the completion date, whilst it was a noble idea at the beginning, quite a lot of time has passed since then with no progress on building the building itself. Now here we are at the end of 2025 with a completion date of 2028 and I thoroughly believe that if they were to achieve near impossible feat that it would be an irresponsibly rushed job leading to problems down the line. Please reconsider the completion date as I know of no members of staff or the public who believe this to be achievable without severe issues.

Anonymous
9/22/2025 11:24 AM

The field regularly floods so extra funding will be needed to stop this - not convinced this is cheaper than buying the other site. Loss of the field for sports day (both primary and secondary), one less classroom available for PE - school has shrunk enough due to RAAC

Anonymous

9/22/2025 01:24 PM

It's a stupid place to put it. The site is not big enough, it ruins the area and will make the traffic round there even worse. Reeks of short termism - slightly cheaper option but no room for expansion of academy or primary. Put it out at Lochyhill - still easily walkable for all secondary pupils in Forres, and plenty space for bus parking for those coming from further away.

Anonymous

9/22/2025 01:36 PM

Yes I use an electric wheelchair and this is the most accessible site for me to reach my child. To attend parents evening etc. My child suffers from fatigue and I don't drive so can't drive her to school, this is the most accessible site for my children walking to school too. I fully support this location out of the proposed locations for the new Forres academy.

Anonymous

9/22/2025 01:48 PM

DO NOT TAKE AWAY THE APPLEGROVE SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD AWAY FROM THE APPLEGROVE CHILDREN!!!! Please build this somewhere differently like the enterprise park. There are around 280 kids at Applegrove and I think it is SO WRONG to take away their outdoor playing space!!

Anonymous

9/22/2025 01:50 PM

With Moray currently having higher than the national average of children unable to attend school, most due to sensory overwhelm and the stress of large school environment, the new school should put wellbeing, inclusion and access at the heart of its design objectives. Small classes, access to nature and a flexible approach to learning environments is paramount

Anonymous

9/22/2025 01:51 PM

Why relocate to a site that has limited scope for expansion and would take away outdoor space from the children at Applegrove? As usual, the so called "professionals" in charge fail to use common sense and foresight. The executives at the council should be thoroughly ashamed of their blatant incompetency and lack of consideration for all of those who will be directly, negatively impacted by using the Applegrove site for the new school.

Anonymous

9/22/2025 01:53 PM

It is important that Applegrove pupils have access to their school playing field. I do not support this location.

Anonymous

9/22/2025 01:53 PM

The site at Lochyhill should be used. Room for growth. It's inevitable that housing will expand that side of the town so a school built there prior to established housing makes sense.

Anonymous Nobody wants the school there. Listen to the local population.
9/22/2025 01:54 PM

Anonymous
9/22/2025 02:23 PM
Why not compulsory purchase those veteran and council houses so the new academy has more space

Anonymous The site looks too squashed.
9/22/2025 02:39 PM

Anonymous
9/22/2025 02:55 PM

The site is too small to be future proof. With the increase in population in the area and the subsequent increase in housing it will soon outgrow the site. A larger site either beyond the current academy or the out of town site at Lochyhill give more scope for making this a long-term solution and also give the opportunity for the school to be an exemplar in terms of a campus with a large range of facilities, connections with the neighbouring enterprise park etc. The downsides of costs etc seem to be fewer if we are genuinely thinking long term.

Anonymous
9/22/2025 03:49 PM

I do not feel that this relocation is the right one due to a number of factors but mainly down to the fact that there is no real room for any type of expansion to the school should it need it in the future. With the way Forres itself is growing then this has to be something that is considered!! Not only that the impact that this location will have to others is huge!!

Anonymous
9/22/2025 03:59 PM
Taking away the green area from apple grove primary. Also noise pollution and general pollution

Anonymous
9/22/2025 06:49 PM

I worry about the negative impact on the community and young people of apple grove. I struggle to understand why it's not being built in the car park?

Anonymous I won't have a play field
9/22/2025 06:49 PM

Anonymous 9/22/2025 06:49 PM	There doesn't seem to be any good place in Forres and ideas seem very short term!
Anonymous 9/22/2025 04:12 PM	<p>The proposed development, with the information provided in this survey does not give any information on the impact to Applegrove Primary. The presentation and/or could benefit with more information on the interface between the primary and secondary school.</p> <p>Predominately it looks like the primary school is losing the access it had to outdoor playing fields. It looks to me that the old school location will be transformed into another playing field. It would be good to have indication that the new football field adjacent to the new sec school location will be a shared space between the primary and secondary school. Therefore it would be good to see the safe walking paths from the primary to their designated external amenity space. In addition, there is no information on traffic management. Previously the traffic went to an almost dead end area so the flow worked. Now its unclear how this will change with the proposed plan.</p>
Anonymous 9/22/2025 04:31 PM	<p>The new school simply must be embedded within the town.</p> <p>Opponents are cunning NIMBYs!7</p>
Anonymous 9/22/2025 05:45 PM	Forres is congested. Why get rid of beautiful green space
Anonymous 9/22/2025 06:00 PM	The area is not suitable for construction let alone the amount of construction traffic that there will be. Also it floods totally unsuitable place to build it
Anonymous 9/22/2025 07:45 PM	It will impact negatively on the green spaces within Forres. The other site should have been used. Awful decision by Moray Council
Anonymous 9/22/2025 08:51 PM	As someone who considers themselves to be fair minded and not "entrenched" in either site initially proposed I would like to make the following comments: The school needs to be somewhere central for all the reasons previously articulated. The current footprint as identified by MC presentations etc seems to be a poor attempt to shoehorn something in as the "easiest option". Plans and provision, especially in terms of sport & recreation look woefully short of what is required and built on a needs analysis which will have been and gone before (if) the school is ever built. It doesn't feel that this has been future proofed at all and when the inevitable noises around FHCC closure return then this will absolutely come home to roost. Despite any indoctrinated response around sufficient opportunities for

feedback and consultation we might hear from MC, the truth is, that local people (those that are not the loud Nae Sayers") have still to "properly engage" here and anyone knowing Forresians will understand that this required a lot of effort! There has been insufficient reason given as to why the current school site (car park and plasmon playing fields and even the Tiagh Farris building (adjacent to Plasom) could not be given serios consideration. Not only would this retain the emotive and existing green space at Roysvale as a focus but might also "encourage" FA to utilise Sanquhar park more often....an under used facility. Or sell it for houses to help fund some proper sports facilities in the town. There seems to be zero creativity of thought on how this could be accomplished, and this might be testament to those clrs and officers plus external "experts" whom have been working on this project. Our children and the community at large deserve so much more than is being offered here and I would encourage you to look at some of these schools to see what can be done: Kirkwall Grammar School or Dingwall Academy.

Anonymous

9/22/2025 10:25 PM

no i dont

Anonymous

9/22/2025 11:38 PM

The loss of land to Applegrove and the planned position of the new building have obviously not been fully thought through. The vote was against this location the first time out, so I doubt anything will change the council's mind unfortunately.

Anonymous

9/23/2025 08:33 AM

Best location for active travel and community access. Issues with the Orchard Road junction on Grantown Road would be worse if the school was in Lochyhill as more people would be driving pupils to school. We need a school now and the Roysvale site is the best location.

Anonymous

9/23/2025 11:13 AM

Hurry up and get it built! This building is old and not fit for purpose, the pupils need a school that is going to enhance their learning experiences

Anonymous

9/23/2025 11:58 AM

The majority of Forresians especially those with knowledge of all the problems faced by the present Academy in a similar situation (traffic problems,lack of proper playing fields,lack of adequate recreational areas, high water table,to name but a few) are appalled that the same dire mistake is being deliberately made by the Council It is not too late to reverse this strange decision and give the children of Forres and area the school they deserve surrounded by wide green areas as has

been granted to those attending the Elgin secondary schools I find it so hard to accept that once more our children are being disadvantaged by the very people who have been voted in to care for their best interests.

Anonymous

9/23/2025 01:29 PM

The school will not be large enough to accommodate the existing number of pupils and allow for more as Forres is rapidly expanding. It will need to be built on several floors and will cause issues for local residents including noise and traffic disruption during the build phase. Applegrove school will also suffer from noise pollution and worse, lose their playground/sports pitch area. Parking will be an issue for both the proposed High School as well as Applegrove and through traffic will be disrupted and delayed during school pick up and drop off periods. An out of town High school option would be much better.

Anonymous

9/23/2025 03:49 PM

I am keen to see some progress so the children and the wider community can start to benefit from the new school and sport facilities.

Anonymous

9/23/2025 03:24 PM

Not a suitable site

Anonymous

9/23/2025 05:45 PM

1. Applegrove primary school should not lose their playing field 2. Roysvale is used by so many people and clubs the community would definitely suffer if they lost access to this green space as it is. 3. The planned area for building floods regularly 4. The site does not have room for expansion should this be required in the future as our town's population continues to increase. 5. The disruption to the local residents and school children from 3 schools would be vast and I fear with the extra traffic and heavy goods vehicles it would be dangerous to all.

Anonymous

9/23/2025 06:27 PM

The ridiculous traffic lights installed have already made travel around the area far worse, couple this with building materials, contractors etc and what's already a dire situation will only be exacerbated. Some common sense needs to be applied here, the applegrove site is not suitable for the relocation

Anonymous

9/23/2025 09:53 PM

Listen to the people of Forres as these are the ones who will be affected and I haven't heard of anyone who is happy with the location. Please reconsider about it being built behind the original academy. Show the people of Forres that you are listening.

Anonymous

9/23/2025 10:11 PM

The site is not big enough to construct a quality secondary school that truly serves the young people of Forres. Nearby new-build schools in Elgin, Lossie and Nairn have a much bigger footprint. Our young people deserve at least the same level of facilities and green space roundabout. The pupils of Applegrove should not have their playing field taken away from them. Nor should they have to endure 3 years of construction noise or increased danger from increased traffic movements. Roysvale Park belongs to the people of Forres, not Moray Council. It will never be the same if this project goes ahead. People and businesses in the neighbourhood will be permanently negatively impacted by the construction site and school. The drainage system around the site will not cope unless it is significantly upgraded. The cost of this would have to be footed by the council and I do not believe this has been accounted for. I also believe that SEPA and Scottish Water will oppose planning permission being given on that basis and much time will have been wasted on a site that was never suitable.

Anonymous

9/24/2025 09:33 AM

I hope the new school can be built as soon as possible. It is so needed and children are being denied a decent school because some people are worried about their view being interrupted. Children should come first.

Anonymous

9/24/2025 12:18 PM

Far to close to my house i suffer with severe ptsd

Anonymous

9/24/2025 02:47 PM

I agree with all the opposing arguments, from the highly professional, like those of Mr G Alexander, to the very personal, like those of the local vets. I regret that The Moray Council seeks to obfuscate the issue, and ignore the majority opinion of Forres residents. I would expect that this time, an honest report of pro and con submissions will be forthcoming.

Anonymous

9/24/2025 06:39 PM

The site often floods and the area will cause maximum distribution potentially for years ... Why not build on the existing site ? ♀

Anonymous

9/24/2025 09:05 PM

I don't agree with building the new Academy on the Applegrove Primary School grounds due to such close proximity of the two when this is complete and also the poor drainage issues that already exist on this ground. Also taking a large part of the Roysvale Park common good land to then use as a bus lane for the Academy transport is only going to make the traffic situation on Sanquhar Road worse than it already is during school hours. It is stated that part of the old

academy site will remain as the car park for the new Academy, but I don't believe this will be used especially in poor weather and cars will be left along Orchard Road to make the situation even worse than it already is. I see this on a daily basis living in the vicinity.

Anonymous

9/25/2025 08:29 AM

Impact of building on skyline from house Impact of parking and traffic around the park Loss of greenspace/trees Risk of flooding from additional flow in a known flooding hot spot, in particular for local roads and properties Impact on pupils and ASN children at Applegrove Making sure old site is changed sustainably Sports pitches are good In my view Lochyhill was discounted unfairly. Yes there may have been some distance for some pupils and slightly less business locally but there were so many benefits to siting it at Lochyhill on a clean slate. There were also arguments about it being sited centrally but actually Forres is so large now that Roysvale isn't even the centre either. Please reconsider whether Lochyhill should be brought back to the table! You could easily make a brilliant school, have good facilities, room for expansion, no issue with parking, greenspace loss, flooding, less impact on local residents, no impact on primary school, potential for a new school sited in or around as a 5-18 campus. There's so much potential there. Surely what's best for the town and our future generations is worth the extra money. Preserving Roysvale as a park would also be a massive plus and you'd have the majority of people on your side.

Anonymous

9/25/2025 09:03 AM

The new Forres Academy needs to be kept central in Forres so it is easier for everyone to walk to, be able to go up the high street for lunch or walk home for lunch etc.

Anonymous

9/25/2025 01:06 PM

The children of Applegrove use the playing field multiple times a day and that is outwith the playtime and lunchtime slots. By the playing field being taken over for a new school affects the children enjoying outdoor learning. It also creates more traffic in already a busy area. The noise levels during the build will disturb children with additional support needs and the elderly in the area.

Anonymous

9/25/2025 02:12 PM

We are grateful for MRAY Council and Scottish Government funds being prioritised for the building of a new Forres Academy. Please progress the plans and build as quick as possible. Thank you

Anonymous

9/25/2025 03:20 PM

New Academy should certainly not be built next to Applegrove Primary School and should not steal Common Good land on the nearby park. If it is, this would cause more than three years of noisy

disruption and nightmare traffic jams in narrow streets. Instead, the New Academy should be built closer to Forres Enterprise Park, near where a new Primary School will probably be built during the next decade.

Anonymous

9/25/2025 05:34 PM

Just get on with it and stop wasting time on meeting with the minority who are against it. The majority just wants the new school build!

Anonymous

9/25/2025 06:34 PM

The additional traffic on Sanquhar Road and Orchard Road is going to cause major disruption during drop off and collection times. This is already prevalent on Burdsyard Road, Sanquhar Road and Orchard Road.

Anonymous

9/26/2025 06:05 PM

I don't think having the school in the town centre is a good idea as it takes so much traffic into the town already. I don't think it's going to be helpful having all those big construction trucks in the area during building too because it's already tight during school start/collection times.

Anonymous

9/26/2025 06:14 PM

Try listening to people's concerns. This is not the right place for a rebuild.

Anonymous

9/28/2025 09:57 PM

The school does not need to take all of applegroves feild so they can have two for themselves. Its ridiculous.. and they dont need two car parks either. All seems greedy and making the primary school childrens exercise suffer. I have children in both the schools and this seems ridiculous just like the highschools shared bathrooms they spent a tone of money on which is also ridiculous as the girls should never have to be in a bathroom with the teenage boys and feeling awkward to even go to cry or change a pad. Also the bathroom waisted money which could of been used on school trips or something useful was pointless as they plan building another school not properly and to make other younger children suffer. Also I don't want my young child next to the older teenagers hearing their language. Its bad enough what they pick up from the p6 and 7s. Its all stupid. Children should not be right next to high school children smoking and god knows what else.

Anonymous

9/29/2025 09:15 AM

Site doesn't allow for expansion and destroys green space within our town. As the town grows, these green spaces should be protected.

Anonymous 9/30/2025 04:21 AM	This is a well used park for football and dog walking. A 3 storey building will dwarf the single storey pensioners homes nearby and disturb the peace and quiet of residents. Also will take away a playing area for the nearby primary school. There is no future expansion available here.
Anonymous 9/30/2025 02:30 PM	The loss of green space totally unforgivable. The hassle due to the construction and operation of the new school would be to great for the local residents.
Anonymous 9/30/2025 03:02 PM	Right school, wrong site. I say right school, but with the secondary placements we are already short by + new housing developments, are we sure that the capacity of the new academy will be adequate?
Anonymous 9/30/2025 03:41 PM	Concern about Applegrove loss of green space. This field has been of great value to the school for educational, social and mental health purposes. Environmental lessons are of importance as well as showing youngsters the importance of green space. The above talks about a site next to Applegrove - not the playing field of Applegrove. 2 different meanings. The other playing field/ green space is famous for flooding. Everyone living in the area will tell you that. You are removing spaces that is well used by the community. You are planning a 3 storey building next to houses so cutting down light to those properties. The only main thing I can get out of the meetings is that it is the cheapest option. Shared facilities. How can the latter be fitted into a timetable when you are catering for so many secondary pupils/classes. All very well saying you will accommodate- has it been looked at in practice ? It was said at an early meeting that if you ran out of space the primary school would be taken over and that rebuilt. Big question is where would you find the land for that within the catchment? Forward thinking
Anonymous 9/30/2025 10:48 PM	Leaving 1 sports pitch and 1 3g pitch a short distance away which will cut into lesson times is not enough outdoor facilities for 2 schools to share. In a time where outdoor learning, green space and sports is so valued why would you ever consider cutting these?! What will happen at break time at applegrove primary school when all their outdoor space is gone? Is there legally enough square footed space for them to play? The lochyhill site would provide much less congestion and impact on overlooking residence. Looking at other academys/high schools such as elgin, much better sports facilities are provided. I think a 5-18 campus is not a positive, there will be a lot of bullying and anxiety from the younger children. The car park is too far from the school and will encourage people to try and park/drop off in the

already busy streets surrounding the site.

Anonymous

10/01/2025 12:45 AM

The loss of the playing field will be so detrimental to applegrove and all the community who use it outwith school time. Why squash it into green space and common good land when there is a perfectly reasonable alternative. You are making forres children less than they deserve

Anonymous

10/01/2025 07:57 AM

Please don't take our playing field away, we play football there everyday

Anonymous

10/01/2025 07:58 AM

I don't want academy pupils right next to us, they already shout things over the fence at lunch time and I wouldn't like it

Anonymous

10/01/2025 10:38 PM

Better safe cycle routes across Forres would greatly improve accessibility to the new (and current) school.

Anonymous

10/02/2025 10:25 AM

My children love the field at Applegrove

Anonymous

10/02/2025 04:23 PM

School playing field

Anonymous

10/02/2025 04:25 PM

Re-use the existing site

Anonymous

10/02/2025 04:27 PM

The proposed relocation removes central greenspace area which cannot and will not be reinstated. The proposed footprint of the new academy furthermore does not allow for any potential expansion in future years as such would appear to be short sighted and inconsiderate of the potential growth in pupil numbers for future years.

Anonymous

10/02/2025 05:33 PM

Common good ground should not be used. A badly thought out scheme from day one Enterprise Park is sensible place for school,easy access,parking ,no flooding etc etc etc

Anonymous

10/02/2025 09:56 PM

I'd suggest the new academy should be built in phases on the present site even if it means building upwards rather than outwards and to the south utilising the playing field on the other side of the

Mosset burn for building or as a car park.

Anonymous

10/03/2025 07:29 AM

I feel this is being proposed in the wrong place & the playing field should be maintained as it is. I hope the council will change this decision. Thank you

Anonymous

10/03/2025 12:50 PM

N/A

Anonymous

10/03/2025 04:56 PM

I understand there's no ideal site, but losing that green area would really be a shame, it's often used by pupils from both schools. Also it seems unfair to the Applegrove kids that they would have to be right next to a secondary school. I'm not completely against the site, especially as it's important that a new school is built due to safety issues with the current one. I'm just not convinced the Applegrove location is the best one.

Anonymous

10/03/2025 05:18 PM

Build it elsewhere! How can you limit green space and sports pitches to 1 field and 1 3G pitch for 2 schools to share? Look at elgin high school on the Edgar road. Fantastic facilities all on one campus. It will take a lot of lesson time to get there and back. Surely you should be focusing on outdoor benefits and sports.

Anonymous

10/03/2025 08:42 PM

On a number of issues I think this school should not be built on the proposed site. Flooding, Traffic, safety and the detrimental impact on the community. It's far too big for this area with the amount of small bungalows nearby. The roads will be dangerous for the children at peak times due to the volume of traffic. This is going to impact this community for years with mess, noise, vibrations from heavy construction. Apple grove pupils will suffer the loss of outside space as will the people who use Roysvale park now. It's just wrong.

Anonymous

10/04/2025 06:17 AM

The risk of flooding. Traffic disruption. Noise impacting on residents during and after construction. Loss of common good land, tree's, playing area for children. It will not enhance the area but cause chaos and upheaval. One fatality with increased work traffic would be one too many..

Anonymous

10/04/2025 01:29 PM

hope it happens quickly!!!! :]

Anonymous 10/04/2025 04:40 PM	You have disregarded two previous consultations in which the public voted by majority for the edge of Forres site at Lochyhill.. The site at Applegrove is too small, will cause traffic issues even greater than those that already exist, and the council plans to use part of the adjacent Common Good land of Roysvale park which the council has no right to do and does not as yet have permission in law to do so. That the council is having to go to court over the issue of Roysvale Park surely reinforces the claim that the Applegrove site is too small, and this whole issue is wasting valuable time which could have been avoided if the Council had listened to the public and chosen the Lochyhill site. Councils have a duty to respect the wishes of those they supposedly serve. Please do so before it is too late.
Anonymous 10/05/2025 05:37 PM	Forres needs a new secondary school but the site proposed is not suitable. Apart from depriving the pupils (including ASN pupils) of Applegrove of their well used green space, the site is extremely tight and unsuitable for such a huge building. Look at Nairn, Lossiemouth, two secondary schools in Elgin and many others across the north and northeast- no other school is squeezed into such a small area. Pupils at both schools will have very limited access to green spaces for leisure and sport . Why are Forres young people being short changed and given lesser facilities?
Anonymous 10/06/2025 09:00 AM	The building would disturb veteran housing
Anonymous 10/06/2025 10:11 AM	Consider using existing car park for Forres Academy for bus/coaches to avoid green space being used at Roysvale. Erect a covered walkway. Regenerate the outdoor basketball court to be a functional and welcoming court/MUGA
Anonymous 10/06/2025 10:49 AM	Building the new Forres Academy on the Applegrove Primary playing fields in my opinion is sheer lunacy, not only will it destroy a beautiful green urban space which has been enjoyed by countless generations but it will also deny the schoolchildren's access to a much needed recreational area especially for special needs children. The construction of the building on this particular site will cause immense vehicular traffic problems. The invasion of common good land by installing a bus drop off lane. Why don't you build the new Academy on the original Academy site.
Anonymous 10/06/2025 12:18 PM	Like the majority of residents affected by the proposed relocation we are totally opposed to the proposal primarily on the grounds of increased traffic along our road, the parking arrangements on the site

of the old school, drainage and loss of the green space comprising Roysvale Park and Applegrove playing field.

Anonymous

10/07/2025 08:37 AM

Keep the green space, find somewhere else like you could put it on the field past the flood alleviation and Mackenzie cruckshank

Anonymous

10/07/2025 11:40 AM

Please protect Applegrove's cherished playing field, a beautiful, irreplaceable space that nurtures our children's health, learning, and wellbeing. Losing it would remove the green heart of the school, a place that has supported generations. Construction and ongoing traffic disruption would also significantly affect families and the local community. As the Scottish Government's Out to Play guidance notes, playspaces and green spaces are essential for children's emotional wellbeing, physical health, confidence, and social skills. This space must be safeguarded for the benefit of current and future pupils.

Anonymous

10/07/2025 02:20 PM

Get started with building the school or I feel it will never happen

Anonymous

10/07/2025 02:44 PM

Why are people complaining about losing green space surely where the current Academy sits will become a new green space

Anonymous

10/07/2025 04:42 PM

i don't think its a suitable place for a 3 story building and the houses next to it will have a view of nothing. im also not happy with it being built on Applegroves property ither, i also don't like how its going to have no colour and 0 taste.

Anonymous

10/07/2025 09:12 PM

It is on the wrong site!!

Anonymous

10/08/2025 10:25 AM

It seems that Moray Council does what it wants to and despite the initial survey being in favour of a separate site the council ignored this and went for the Applegrove site. The loss of Applegrove playing field is sad for all those attending the school.

Anonymous

10/08/2025 12:02 PM

i'm hungry

Anonymous

10/08/2025 12:03 PM

I dont think that this is right you think its right taking away one childs right to a space to play and put a school there its not right the primary

kids shouldnt have to suffer loosing their play ground for our school

Anonymous
10/08/2025 12:03 PM

good luck

Anonymous
10/08/2025 12:03 PM

Nope

Anonymous
10/08/2025 02:45 PM

yes

Anonymous
10/08/2025 02:45 PM

give me more food

Anonymous
10/08/2025 02:45 PM

no

Anonymous
10/08/2025 12:05 PM

Enterprise park is better. It will have a detrimental effect on the veterans living nearby as shown in the Forres Gazettes article from a few weeks ago.

Anonymous
10/08/2025 02:45 PM

DONUT DO A FLAT ROOF IT WILL LEAK

Anonymous
10/08/2025 12:06 PM

think about the safety of the children and who actually has access to the school

Anonymous
10/08/2025 02:45 PM

The position of the school is questionable but if that the only good place to put the school then why not put it there if it will make everyone happy as the high street will still benefit with the pupils attending the shops up the high school.

Anonymous
10/08/2025 02:45 PM

I don't really mind. the astro pitch will need to be used often to keep seagulls off.

Anonymous
10/08/2025 02:45 PM

Good

Anonymous
10/08/2025 02:45 PM

The 3G pitch will be a big walk from the school taking lots of time away from the lesson. Perhaps double lessons may need to be

considered for PE lessons in the future?

Anonymous no i dont
10/08/2025 02:45 PM

Anonymous 10/08/2025 02:45 PM

Anonymous
10/08/2025 02:45 PM
CROISANTTTTT!!!!!!!

Anonymous Definitely don't want it on Roysvale
10/08/2025 02:45 PM

Anonymous
10/08/2025 02:45 PM

- Seagulls: Their droppings are all over the school now (you should have to figure out a way to clean the windows more often and easily)
+ might nest on the pitch. - I do not support that primary school children might come to the academy. It will disrupt learning and there's a big age gap between a 5-year-old and an 18-year-old (not safe for neither). - Making the school more appealing from the outside: don't use grey colours (it looks like a factory or a hospital).

Anonymous
10/09/2025 07:54 AM

Build up of parked cars exists already around Roysvale and Sanquhar rd car park, loss of a well used park by children and the local elderly population as accessible from surrounding terraced bungalows and veterans homes.

Anonymous not really tbh
10/10/2025 12:37 PM

Anonymous
10/10/2025 01:20 PM

Only that it needs to be constructed as soon as possible. The plans look very good indeed, and the new build will serve the secondary education of our children - and the wider community - for decades, whereas the current Academy is well past its life!

Anonymous
10/10/2025 03:43 PM
We need a new academy from the children. Think of the children before the community. The children are the future.

Anonymous
10/10/2025 07:04 PM
Roysvale, are you mad? Destroy the town's second most important green space when you're in such a rural part of the UK? Roysvale

Place and surrounding housing is made bearable by this green space. Isn't it common good land? Using it for this is sacrilege. The existing Academy site is fine, ok the building isn't - rebuild on same site. Do not destroy this green space and crowd out Applegrove Primary. Apart from Grant Park, Roysvale has to be the worst possible choice.

Anonymous

10/11/2025 10:49 AM

The location for proposed new academy is simply wrong and is not the best option for Forres as a whole now or in the future. Firstly the site is not big enough for a 3 storey building that is proposed. Secondly, to build an academy next to the biggest ASN school in Moray is not fair on the younger children in the long term, not mention the upheaval and distress that this will cause to Applegrove pupils as a whole and more so to those with ASN throughout the build process. Thirdly, for Applegrove to lose their green space at a time when calls are being made for improvements to be made to school grounds in Scotland is absurd. Thirdly, the chaos that will be caused by the traffic flow on Orchard Road and all of the surrounding streets will be immense. It is already horrendous at school drop off and pick up times with the existing school so building it adjacent to the primary school will only exacerbate the problem. Finally, to think that the Council can take common good land from the town of Forres that is so important and regularly used is wrong on so many levels. How this can be overlooked so flippantly, I cannot understand or support.

Anonymous

10/13/2025 06:01 PM

The relocation of this build does not reflect the outcome of the public consultation process, and the voice of the people of Forres. All agree that a new school is required, however the planned location is inappropriate for many documented reasons. As Forres grows there will be no further room to expand the Roysvale site, so why not spend the extra money buying and relocating it to Lochyhills, where a new academy, and the area can be further expanded and developed?

Anonymous

10/14/2025 10:11 AM

Why is this consultation being reintroduced at such a late date? Is it because the previous consultation wasn't run properly? I have already logged all my objections to the planning application. This consultation will be meaningless, so close to the end date for objections re the planning application and will be confusing to the local community

Anonymous

10/14/2025 02:33 PM

I believe the building of a new school behind the existing school has not been fully investigated and the chosen position has more to do with what is simple for the council and not what is right for Forres.

Anonymous 10/14/2025 07:03 PM	As former teacher having worked in Forres academy for over 30 years I have worked through the flooding of the area and the traffic congestion around the site .The loss of green space round a primary school is very shortsighted as it is extremely important to the mental well being of all children
Anonymous 10/14/2025 07:31 PM	I feel the proposed location next to Applegrove is a huge mistake. I do not believe the site is anywhere close to being big enough to accommodate a high school and a building of the height suggested is completely inappropriate for the area. I walk past the area daily and a class full of primary children playing can make the field look busy! The site will cause chaos for the residents in the area whilst the construction takes place and the veteran's cottages next to the site will be completely overshadowed by the proposed building. Along with the above concerns there is absolutely no room for expansion. Forres itself seems to be constantly expanding without the necessary services and infrastructure to keep up and, as far as i can see, the proposed new academy is another example of this failure. I have seen and heard very few positive responses to this proposal, I feel that a decision has already been made completely ignoring the thoughts and concerns of the people of Forres.
Anonymous 10/14/2025 07:57 PM	Whilst I am in support of the proposed site for accessibility for students I do have concerns which include - noise and disruption during the build; possible flooding of an already boggy site which sometimes suffers from sewage after heavy rainfall; the felling of mature trees; the loss of access to green spaces for Applegrove students; the money wasted on the recent new sports hall (can't it be retained?); the likelihood of parents/staff parking in Roysvale PI (can this be made residents only?)
Anonymous 10/15/2025 07:03 AM	The site at Applegroves will be too limited to support Forres' growth whilst having an extremely detrimental effect on pupils of the school and nearby residents. Traffic and safety are already an issue for the existing academy building
Anonymous 10/15/2025 04:17 PM	There are many reasons to which siting the school on the playground of Applegrove Primary is simply wrong. There will be responses that will be more intelligent than this, but I say them in my way. The area is one of the most congested in the town. There is no policing of the traffic, and it has become increasingly dangerous during school drop off/pick up times with the increase of families living away from the town centre. There are blind spots on the tollbooth roundabout and Nelson Road. This situation will only become further exacerbated with

a new school in situ. The drainage is very poor and the wastewater system has no further capacity. The area is prone to flooding with Scottish Water putting in flood doors in houses in the area surrounding the new school. It makes absolutely no sense to make this situation worse or to waste money that should be used for a school build for further flood alleviation measures. There are military veterans houses next to the new school/build site. Their concerns have not been met in terms of mitigating risk to their mental or physical health. The space proposed does not allow for future expansion for a growing population which will continue to predominately be families moving into the outskirts of town.

Applegrove Primary School was built on common good land, and the playground was also given if it was not built on in the future. Moray Council dispute this and will not provide records. Taking common good land away from Roysvale Park for a bus lane simply does not need to happen in any circumstance. No serious effort has been made to utilising the existing school site which already belongs to the council and is expansive. Money is driving the decision despite previous surveys indicating that Forres does not want the school in the proposed location.

Anonymous

10/18/2025 08:58 AM

The site is too small and has multiple issues associated with it including flooding and drainage issues which will be very costly to resolve. This site will not provide the best school for Forres or the school that our children and teachers deserve. The design template being used also has a number of issues and the school at Lossiemouth has problems with classrooms that are too small, poor staircase layout, public accessing pupil area putting our children at risk. The proposed site will obliterate the playing field space for Applegrove where my children also attend and will have a negative impact on the health and well-being of primary pupils in the long term. The school is to be built without any playing field space of its own and will therefore have to use Roysvale park, which is public green space and common good land. The building itself is vast and will completely change the local landscape and is not suitable for this location. It would be much better to build the school on the edge of Forres where there is plenty of room to build the school our town needs with plenty of room for recreational / sporting facilities and room for future expansion.

Anonymous

10/19/2025 08:54 PM

I do not support the use of Applegrove playing field as a site for a new Forres Academy. I do not think taking away a vital green space used daily by pupils and members of the public is acceptable. I do also do not agree with using Common Good Land as part of this project. I do not think that Applegrove pupils should be subjected to the disruption and noise pollution that would result from a 3 year

build. I also believe the site has no scope for expansion due to its small size and therefore no future proofing. The 2 most recent new school builds in Moray have both had these issues. There are also huge issues with traffic in the surrounding streets currently during school drop off and pick up times which will inevitably worsen.

Anonymous

10/21/2025 07:24 AM

I have taken quotes from the consultation document and added my own comments; -'The modern design proposed will allow flexibility to use the learning environment creatively'- this means there will be fewer subject-specific classrooms and therefore teachers won't have their own spaces. This means displays of work/ subject-specific information won't be possible. I suspect that on a different site there would be more room to allow more rooms. 'The new design will facilitate high levels of collaborative and collegiate working among educational professionals'. This is actually insulting! It suggests that we don't already do this and that we don't do it because of the building! What nonsense. 'The new building will be designed to promote accessible and inclusive learning, meeting the needs of all learning including those with enhanced Additional Support Needs who will be accommodated in well considered accessible facilities that will support them from their arrival on site, throughout the day, through formal learning and informal social times. Internal spaces will be further complemented by accessible outdoor spaces, enriching the learning environment and skills development for young people further.' The area dedicated to ASN in the new build is actually far smaller than the space we already have. Therefore, the new building design actually does not meet the needs of pupils with ASN! The current EP access the outdoor space around the school every day. Yes, the fenced area they currently use is quite grim but the proposed garden is actually much bigger. The new building will also provide an improved wireless-enabled learning environment to maximise the effective use of digital devices and promote digital literacy and independent learning. I guess this means every pupil will have access to a laptop? Or will all classrooms have wired in computers? I don't see that on the plans. flexible partitions- I think walls are preferable. Flexible partitions sound cumbersome, not sound-proof and also relatively fragile. Providing a new building with shared and flexible learning spaces will encourage staff to work collaboratively-again, this is insulting. We need a new school with enough space in – not all these excuses for cramming people into a tiny area. widen opportunities for inter-generational working with Early Years' settings, Primary Schools and the wider community- At present, pupils and teachers go out to visit primary schools. Why would you want to bring nursery children to visit a secondary school? Spaces for learning will be designed to allow a range of learning and teaching approaches including active, interdisciplinary and outdoor learning. I suspect that building the school in the proposed location will have exactly the

opposite effect. No drama pupil will want to perform in full view of the primary school. Neighbours will complain if they hear pupils having D&T lessons next to their homes. And the outdoor spaces currently used by the school are just further away. AND what about the primary school! They will lose their space. This is just a daft place to cram in a school! The direct adjacency of Applegrove Primary School in addition to Anderson's Primary School and Pilmuir Primary School nearby to the new Forres Academy This whole section is mind blowing! So, the new school – which is barely big enough for the secondary pupils who will be in shared spaces- is supposed to be large enough for primary teachers to bring their pupils in for lessons? And, another insult, of course we already have good working partnerships with the local schools. And we would wherever a new school is built. The new design places real emphasis on outdoor learning-It doesn't!!! The plans show these spaces but there isn't actually enough room. Outdoor learning requires more space, not less. The new building shall be a comprehensive, purpose-built facility for the whole community, located to be as accessible and welcoming as possible- Forres already has community spaces. I would now like to consider the alternatives: New Build on alternative site - including complex land ownership, lack of access for site investigations.... This suggests that the main reason for not building elsewhere is a legal one? I don't believe that. Refurbish and Extend – am interested to know how much money is spent every year on maintaining the current school. Every summer the workmen are in to change and fix things. Surely a refurb is already underway? The new school will provide even more opportunities for staff to work together and collaborate, with space to develop their own personal learning and to make further improvements to the curricular offer. The adjacency of the new secondary school and existing primary school will support a shared campus approach that will support this more collaborative approach between teachers, subjects and departments, Again, this is just so insulting. To suggest that we don't collaborate and then to suggest that the reason is the building!!!! In summary, I strongly believe that trying to cram a secondary school onto the Applegrove playing field is a dreadful idea. It just isn't big enough. Look at the other new schools in Moray – they take up a much larger area and some have far fewer pupils.

Anonymous

10/24/2025 02:49 PM

The proposed design squeezes the new building into the Applegrove School playing area leaving no room for expansion. The criteria used to select Applegrove over Lochyhill was largely subjective: with a few tweaks, Lochyhill could have scored more highly. That site would have allowed ample space for expansion. The new building will dominate an area which consists largely of one and two storey residential buildings. It will look out of place and ruin one of the nicest areas in the town. Arguments put forward that the existing school site

could not be redeveloped due to flood risk are nonsense. Construction of the Chapelton Dam system has virtually eliminated any risk from the Mosset Burn flooding thus the existing site plus the Plasman Field would provide more than sufficient land area for the new academy. The decision to site the car park at a distance from the new building will lead to increased parking on local streets and town car parks by staff and pupils especially during bad weather. This will permanently inconvenience local residents. Finally, I monitor ground water levels under my property which is low-lying in Bank Lane. I am concerned that ground water levels in the area will rise as a consequence of this massive new structure and in the event my property is flooded, I give notice that I will consider suing the Council for damage caused to my house.

Anonymous

10/26/2025 10:50 PM

Don't do it right next to the academy, where would the playing fields be? Like a 10 minute trek? No thanks U could probably get away with the pieces of land next to the flood alleviation by califer tbf

Anonymous

10/27/2025 10:52 AM

the central site will support accessibility by pupils and the local community who will all benefit from the facilities available to them including applegrove primary school. Stronger links with the primary school and the opportunity for them to use the new facilities will be of great benefit

Anonymous

10/27/2025 11:29 AM

The site is too small and as a result the proposed school is too high and is fundamentally out of keeping with the surrounding area. There is also no room for expansion when the inevitable need arises at some point in the future. The decision to take natural green play space away from primary pupils of Applegrove is astounding. The coach drop off and parking provision as currently shown is not an accurate representation of the reality. All in all a devastating missed opportunity for the young people of Forres.

Anonymous

10/27/2025 07:10 PM

Fully support this proposal and looking forward to seeing work getting started. Forres has spent far too long with a sub standard secondary school.

Anonymous

10/27/2025 07:40 PM

Building over the Applegrove playing field would be a real loss for the community. It's one of the few open green spaces where children can play safely, families can gather, and people can connect with nature right in the heart of Forres. Once it's gone, it's gone for good - and no amount of new facilities can replace the daily freedom and wellbeing that space provides. Beyond that, there are also many practical

issues - from traffic congestion and parking to drainage, access, and the disruption it would cause to nearby homes and the existing primary school. Altogether, it's simply not the right place for such a development.

Anonymous

10/27/2025 10:05 PM

I don't think it's right that there is no playground for the primary or enough sports facilities for both schools. I also don't think the campus for 5-18 year olds is a good idea. I have witnessed academy children shouting things to the applegrove pupils on their way past at lunch time and can only imagine the anxiety and bullying that may occur from such a close proximity.

Anonymous

10/27/2025 10:08 PM

Wrong location, too much chaos will be caused during the building.

Anonymous

10/27/2025 10:17 PM

The area is not suitable due to flooding. It will cause increased congestion in an area already badly effected. It will mean the lost of green space used by not only the primary students but many other groups. The use of common good land is highly questionable.

Anonymous

10/27/2025 10:24 PM

There's needs to be a new school now. As the old one is falling down, a new Attractive school with upto date teaching equipment and facilities will attract more teachers. The pupils also need an update teaching environment.

Anonymous

10/27/2025 10:26 PM

This site is totally unsuitable in many respects. The safety of the primary children because the traffic will be worse and Orchard Road is dangerous as it is. I often walk across Roysvale park and it will bring chaos for the children at Applegrove as well as denying them outside space. The council are cramming in such a lot in a site too small. There's also the safety issue of parents picking up children and where the bus run off will be, on Common good land right next to Sanquhar Road where the parents park. The construction will not be healthy for the Applegrove children either. Years of dirt, noise, vibrations etc.

Anonymous

10/27/2025 10:31 PM

Can't believe in an era where green space is so valuable especially for health and wellbeing and a drive for outdoor learning that anyone would consider this a good option. Find a better site for the new academy.

Anonymous

People of Forres have already said no to the school being relocated

10/27/2025 10:32 PM

on the Applegrove/Roysvale site. Please look at Lochyhills as was voiced by the people of Forres. This area has room for expansion, and has the potential to provide a fantastic purpose built school, with less restrictions and less negative impact to the people in Forres and environment.

Anonymous

Hurry up and start building before my kid leaves. Hes in S1!!

10/27/2025 10:40 PM

Anonymous

Build it at back of Academy forward END OFF

10/27/2025 10:44 PM

Anonymous

I think the proposed location is perfect. Very close to the existing academy so the current transport arrangements will still work. High Street businesses will still benefit from pupils being able to access shops at lunchtimes. Plenty of people have already had to live with building noise on the new housing estates so I don't see that noise will be any more of a problem here than it has been in the Mannachie area. I think the new school will be a great advantage to the town and more importantly the pupils. I'd like to hope that my grandchildren will benefit from the new school when they are academy age, in a few years.

Anonymous

It's a perfect location for the new school central for all to access

10/27/2025 10:54 PM

Anonymous

There are SO many reasons why the new academy should not be built next to Applegrove Primary School, but no one in charge seems to be listening to the people of Forres.

Anonymous

Already Submitted

10/27/2025 11:23 PM

Anonymous

1.The wording " a site next to Applegrove Primary School " is only a half truth. You mean a relocation to " a site which is Applegrove Primary School playing field ". Unwilling to say this clearly ?.
2.Building on the primary school playing field goes against Local Plan,against Scot.Gov green spaces plan, against community wishes already expressed in previous surveys. But too bad. this will save £4 million! No chance ,No room for expansion....but Forres is the only town where there won't be any expansion 3.An out of town site with plenty room is what so many other towns have gone for, but Moray Council are determined to pour a quart into a pint pot. In a few years

people will ask "How on earth did the get away with that decision?"

Another survey to be disregarded.

Anonymous

10/28/2025 05:23 AM

This is wrong for so many reasons. It takes away valuable green space from Applegrove Primary. There is absolutely no room for expansion in the coming years. It is far too close to local housing which contain some elderly and vulnerable people. The parking in the area is really bad at the moment with just one primary. The traffic pressure on Orchard Road with the lights at Orchard Road/ St Catherine's Road junction will get worse with tail backs possibly to the A96. The area is quite low and is often bothered by flooding.

Anonymous

10/28/2025 05:28 AM

Central location near existing school that everyone already travels to

Anonymous

10/28/2025 06:01 AM

Green spaces are needed for good health but are removed from access to Applegrove primary pupils. Additional vehicles in residential area is not good. The alternative area would be off A 96 as most pupils are bussed to the Academy already and there is space with no distress to people. Also excellent parking space

Anonymous

10/28/2025 06:11 AM

I agree with new location of secondary school and with playing fields to locate to where existing school is just now. I just feel community centre and library should stay where is just now as keep that footfall on high street.

Anonymous

10/28/2025 06:29 AM

The area is perfect for the school - the fact it's in the exact same general area as the current school means consideration for traffic etc are mute. It's the only central area in Forres that'll will work. All for the most cost effective option too

Anonymous

10/28/2025 06:43 AM

Build on existing academy site preference

Anonymous

10/28/2025 07:10 AM

Don't let the local residents around the proposed site stop you. It doesn't matter where you build it, you will always face disagreement. If you move it, the next sites' neighbours will complain in the same way. The proposed site at apple grove is the best location. Just get it built.

Anonymous

Most of the people I've spoke to were under the impression it was

10/28/2025 07:19 AM going to be at roysvale park. Why can't it go there? Then where the academy was make it the playing field for the academy/football pitches

Anonymous
10/28/2025 07:22 AM

My preference would be to have an academy on the same site as current academy although I understand the build needs to be larger to accomodate a swelling population. Huntly have the primary and secondary schools adjacent to each other which is fantastic as the primary school benefit from early access to secondary school facilities including language teachers, larger library, labs to spark early interest in STEM subjects. I am dissapointed that objection is fuelled by (often innacurate) social media posts driven by a relatively small number of people within the community.

Anonymous
10/28/2025 07:45 AM

I live on castlehill street and have an autistic child who is noise sensitive, this is going to make our lives hell when they are building.

Anonymous
10/28/2025 08:00 AM

It is a dreadful decision, apple grove deserves it's playing field and the community should not have such a large development in the town centre. No other town builds a highschool in a town centre because of congestion, growing numbers (expansion) and I think the council are forgetting it's not just forres children that go here. Bus routes should be accessible not just walking routes for a few.

Anonymous
10/28/2025 08:00 AM

Have the council considered the construction traffic and the roads, junctions aren't fit for purpose. Green space, the applegrove kids won't have their playing field. When Springfield are building all these new houses could there be a clause where they have to put a school in depending on the amount of houses built

Anonymous
10/28/2025 08:03 AM

The proposed new site for the Academy is not fit for purpose. It is prone to flooding, is the only green space belonging to Applegrove Primary School and the road network around it is already at capacity without adding additional pressure. Also taking a section of the common good land gifted to the people of Forres to be used as a bus lane is surely illegal!

Anonymous
10/28/2025 09:54 AM

I voted yes in the past as I thought that would be the quicker option for my child. As it's unfolding I can see my child among others will just have to accept to get their education in a run down building which I find really upsetting, and if it's going to take a long time to build, might aswell invest in the best spot to give kids in the future their best

start. A state of the art safe and motivating building for them to enjoy with plenty of green space for peace. Increasing safe cycle paths to get there, plenty of lighting and safe passes to walk. Please just get it going.

Anonymous

10/28/2025 11:24 AM

With the expansion of the town there should be various other options. Like the Christies fields between Thornhill and Pulmuir road west. Especially when the town is expanding most on that side.

Anonymous

10/28/2025 01:06 PM

Already high water table and increased flood risk at a known flooding site. I'm not convinced by the remediation and adding flow from a 3 storey build into the local sewerage could have major implications. Loss of green space. Disruption to local primary school. Building dwarfing local residents. Traffic issues. Site should have been considered elsewhere.

Anonymous

10/28/2025 02:56 PM

I don't understand why this is thought to be such a good site for the next few decades, when Forres is a growing town. It will only mean more and more people coming into this specific area (already chock a block at the traffic lights). The reason given has been cost, but this is false economy I think.

Anonymous

10/28/2025 03:25 PM

Yes start building asap. The students and staff require a new building to achieve their full potential

Anonymous

10/28/2025 05:06 PM

Will the support or otherwise make any difference? It seems to most people that the preferred site of the Council is Applegrove playing field...in fact not the just the preferred site, but the only one to be considered. The feelings of previous Council surveys on the topic ,indicating a preference for a larger, site with possibilities for expansion and extensive sports fields have been been ignored....as will be this one .Gobbling up a central green field area,depriving a primary school of its playing field ,squeezing a secondary school into such restricted space is total folly. How future generations will regard such short sightedness!

Anonymous

10/28/2025 08:41 PM

Of the 3 locations it seems like the best option

Anonymous

10/28/2025 09:34 PM

I think it needs to be started as soon as possible, you're never going to please everyone and our young people deserve a new Academy as soon as possible

Anonymous

10/29/2025 04:11 PM

Listen to what the town is telling you. You are elected to represent us.

Anonymous

10/30/2025 10:31 AM

Too small a site and the construction phase will have a detrimental effect on the surrounding area. Traffic conrstration will be awful as primary school and surrounding houses and businesses will be impacted. Area prone to flooding too. Another site shoukd be considered for the long term planning

Anonymous

10/30/2025 03:26 PM

Too much green space is lost by relocating the highschool at the applegrove site. My younger children will lose all of there playground area which they love to run around and do outdoor sports. They will have nowhere to do sports day either. I feel this is going to greatly impact all of the pupils at applegroves mental wellbeing. We need a new highschool but I believe that the other sites where better suited and nothing is lost. I'm deeply worried about the works of building the highschool and the impact on the primary school outdoor space and learning enviroment.

Anonymous

10/31/2025 07:27 AM

Listen to the community and consider the wider impact. There is clearly a very strong feeling against the proposal. Break the habit. Do the right thing. Publish information about who gains, financially, from the proposed development.

Anonymous

10/31/2025 08:27 AM

The increase in construction traffic, noise, pollution and disruption. The loss of valuable green space which is consistently used by children and local people. This site is not in the best interests of the children or the community as a whole. Relocate to a bigger site with room for expansion in the future if necessary.

Anonymous

10/31/2025 08:42 AM

Impact on primary school: Concerns have been raised about the learning environment at Applegrove Primary being disrupted by construction noise and activity. Loss of playing fields

Anonymous

10/31/2025 01:26 PM

Lack of sunlight reaching nearby properties Traffic

Anonymous

10/31/2025 01:47 PM

Stop being so pig headed and be more Realistic... there is Not Enough space!!! Traffic is already a complete shambles!!

Anonymous 10/31/2025 03:49 PM	Have you considered using part of the current site i.e. the large carpark and school sports pitches (accessed over the metal foot bridge).
Anonymous 10/31/2025 04:59 PM	Should be Built at existing site.
Anonymous 10/31/2025 05:00 PM	Should use the existing site for the new school
Anonymous 11/02/2025 01:32 AM	<p>Fact of the matter is, the current school is in no way good enough condition and the new school needs to be built as soon as possible, speaking as someone who has spent 6 years at this school I don't think it should be held off any longer. I personally am sick and tired of the complaints against putting it at Applegrove's field. Applegrove students have WAY too much field as it is, and if you actually look at its use, 80% is never used during the school day anyway. To demand so much land to themselves is greedy, especially when all of these children will be going to the new school too in a matter of years. Don't they want a good, quality and nearby school to learn at in the future? I think that the new school should most definitely go on here as it's central to the town and will not only save the council money on transport, but also parents and carers. Due to so many new residential areas being built further on the other end of Forres, many children (myself included) walk at least 25 minutes a day to and from as it is. Putting a school any further out of central town will mean busses (again, costly) or parents (who work, I will add) to be required to give lifts. Therefore, the new school should go on that field, it clearly makes the most logistical and practical sense to the entire community.</p>
Anonymous 11/02/2025 09:06 AM	Losing a green space in town & accessible to all which is so well used is not forward thinking. Also in my opinion, the people who support this action are being very selfish.
Anonymous 11/02/2025 02:34 PM	no
Anonymous 11/02/2025 10:10 PM	Have submitted my planning application objections.
Anonymous 11/03/2025 09:30 AM	The site on the edge of forres, Lochyhill is far better suited. Space to build and future proof it for all the years to come. Traffic around Apple

Grove is a nightmare now and will be so much worse once the academy moves. It is not future proof at Apple Grove

Anonymous

11/03/2025 12:21 PM

Already poor access to both Applegrove and Forres Academy- this will exacerbate it. No opportunity for extending new academy if needed.

Anonymous

11/03/2025 01:47 PM

Elgin side of town is better choice for location just of A96 on the way to Elgin.

Anonymous

11/03/2025 02:21 PM

The issue is not the location but the size, the school building will be inadequate for the current and future number of pupils.

Anonymous

11/03/2025 06:39 PM

Site is too small, more traffic on orchard road sewer and storm water issues, this field floods even though contractors have attempted to resolve this issue, look like this will be a 3story building what about the poor residents around this area . Move out of town any where and all of this would be resolved

Anonymous

11/03/2025 08:54 PM

I am completely opposed to this due to: Height of proposed development Drainage Litter Noise both while construction and after Parking Road safety Traffic Lack of consideration for neighbours (War Veterans cottages and Tom Ross funeral home plus all the houses close by) The proposed building is much larger than the low lying building proposed earlier in the consultation. This will without doubt have a detrimental impact on the views which surrounding residents will have and currently enjoy. Looking onto the school itself will be unsightly. Properties close to the proposed academy will be subjected to excessive noise, dust and general disruption during the period of construction and beyond. The noise and litter will be an issue for these residents too. Proximity to the War Veteran Cottages will be far too close and is without consideration to the residents, the same being applied to Tom Ross's funeral home creating a completely inappropriate environment for those paying their last respects to their loved ones. This indicates a complete lack of respect, the respect that we show proudly on 11th November. Traffic on Orchard Road is extensive at then moment, contrary to even 35 years ago when children walked to school by themselves. Cars are parked right along to Albert Street at least. This will be much more extensive and will impact on residents in Cicely Place, Castlehill Road and beyond as well as the already crowded Sanquhar Road, Nelson Road and beyond. The site is known for flooding, therefore building on this proposed site will simply be making the same mistake as 1969 when

they were unable to build the 3rd storey. Local flooding will be a huge concern as the Mosset Burn will not be able to absorb additional drain water. The green spaces which, it is no secret, are vital for good mental health, will be robbed from Applegrove children and will give rise to even more children suffering from mental health issues. The ASN department take great pride in supporting children who require gentle, quiet areas in which to enjoy education at their level. These children often have intolerance to loud noise, the very thing that they are going to be subjected to day in and day out during the construction period and beyond.

Anonymous

11/04/2025 09:33 AM

not enough area for the growing community and the increase in population. Lack of car park space. Secondary pupils mixing with primary school pupils may affect their development and safety.

Anonymous

11/04/2025 09:55 AM

The site is too small for such a large building and will leave inadequate space around it for amenity and parking; it will involve the loss of precious green space; the size and height of the building will be completely at odds with its surroundings; the new school will be too close to neighbouring properties; it seems neither practical nor sensible to locate the new school beside a primary school; traffic congestion will be increased as the parking is too remote from the school. Like many others I feel that the Council's Learning Estate team has pushed through the decision to build at Applegrove without sufficient consideration of potential options which are more in line with Planning Policy and the wishes of the local community. For example, ideas to overcome the above problems and build the new school to the rear of the existing Academy were presented to the Council and retained on file in case the Applegrove scheme comes adrift through the Planning or Common Good processes.

Anonymous

11/04/2025 11:56 AM

Positives- We need a new school. Negatives - It's on a flood plain, it's on existing playing fields, it will overlook residents properties, logically it's in the wrong place with poor vehicular access, it's going to cause continuous disruption for residents of Forres for years to come

Anonymous

11/04/2025 12:33 PM

Although our catchment area is Pilmuir, my children attend Applegrove Primary. We based some of our decision on the green space Applegrove could offer. I do not want my children to lose this space. I also feel sorry for the veterans who would have a huge building out the back of their houses.

Anonymous 11/05/2025 06:50 AM	There has been no consultation with residents in the surrounding area. Proposed new building is removing green space from the pupils at Applegrove.
Anonymous 11/10/2025 02:04 PM	No
Anonymous 11/11/2025 11:53 AM	All of the ASN/Support needs should be on ground floor. Parents and school refusers, people who have experienced bullying, mental health issues don't want to be forced to walk through the building to access services. They just wont come.
Anonymous 11/12/2025 10:45 AM	The proposed site has constrained the building design options and supporting infrastructure is too far distant to be practical. The building will totally change the feel of the local area to one of being congested.
Anonymous 11/12/2025 01:29 PM	In term's of education benefits a replacement school is supported completely and this is an exciting development in Forres for all. However it shouldn't come at the detriment of others and I have yet to be convinced that all the mitigation measures can be achieved and the loss of Applegrove Playing Fields has been fully covered.
Anonymous 11/12/2025 03:53 PM	Forres need school ASP, council give permission to built houndrets of news houses got money for that , without new school? Plenty of space where the Academy is now. Field beside basketball place is empty only travelers used that.
Anonymous 11/12/2025 05:15 PM	I don't believe full consideration of alternative site has been fully explored Site plans look cramped to fit the space rather than a school to fit future pupil increases
Anonymous 11/12/2025 05:23 PM	Loss of green space cannot happen.
Anonymous 11/12/2025 05:25 PM	Green spaces are fundamental for well being. Once they are eaten up you don't get them back. This is used by community groups and ASN children for a variety of uses. How can it be ok to continue to bring traffic through the middle of town when other towns are reducing speed limits to reduce the emissions in town. Cost should not outweigh all other considerations.

Anonymous

11/12/2025 06:01 PM

I believe that to relocate Forres Academy from its present location

and move it to the playing fields of Applegrove Primary School will exacerbate problems already present in this area. The narrow roads in this region serve three schools, a funeral director, a garage and is a densely populated residential area currently just coping with the traffic congestion and hazards. The split site design of this proposal is going to cause parking issues as those unwilling to walk from the designated car park through Roysvale Park to the new academy will park on the narrow roads. The proposed new academy site is at the lowest point of the town. Homes and businesses already flood in this area due to surface water descending from the higher levels. Erecting such a large structure on this playing field which serves as a valuable soakaway will increase the risk of flooding to these homes and businesses. Indeed, Scottish Water in recognition of the risk to these properties have recently issued flood doors. I am concerned that in the future the new academy if built on this site will also be at risk of flooding. By moving the academy forward from its existing site into Applegrove playing fields it will be located in an area surrounded by residential properties in very close proximity. The residents will be in the vortex of activities associated with the new school which is also intended to be a Community Hub. Noise associated with supply vans, traffic and young people moving around the area will affect the residents in particular the Veterans whose homes are immediately adjacent. The business of the well-respected Funeral Director directly opposite the new academy site is likely to be affected. The bereaved attending his premises will be subject to noise during construction. It will be very difficult for him to conduct services in his Chapel. Post construction his Funeral Cortege will still have to navigate the movement of traffic and people attending the new School Community Hub. The highest point of this new academy/community hub is 16 .875 metres. This will cast a considerable shadow in the direction of the Veteran's cottages and the homes Opposite on Orchard Road. Indeed, Applegrove Primary School will be in shadow. Regardless of attenuation tanks installed if the flow is restricted and gravity led to the Mosset Burn then that will surely restrict storage within the tanks. With the best will and design there will be a considerable amount of water redirected from this area to the Mosset Burn. The function of the Roysvale Park and Applegrove Playing Fields as soakaway will be compromised by the large new academy/hub structure and the bus lane and new path from the car park to the new school. There remains a significant adverse risk to this area of flooding!! Roysvale Park is Common Good Land and well used and Applegrove Playing fields is also well used by the primary school children and out of school hours by the public. This green outdoor space will be considerably reduced and the remainder absorbed into serving not only one but the needs of two schools. Therefore, the recognition of each school having to plan for its use will undoubtedly reduce the flexibility of options for outdoor

learning and play in nice weather when teaching staff might spontaneously decide to work outdoors. I foresee a situation where the public will be expected to accept that they cannot exercise their dogs in this area or use it at all during the school times. Therefore, the Roysvale Park will cease to be Common Good Land and be fenced off despite assertions by Moray Council to the contrary. This is appropriation of Common Good Land by stealth.

Anonymous

11/12/2025 06:50 PM

I am opposed to the Relocation of the Forres New Academy to the playing field of Applegrove Primary school for the following reasons:

1. Permanent loss of a valued playing field for the pupils of Applegrove Primary School
2. A compromised design for the New Academy as a consequence of building on an extremely constrained site.
3. Loss of a soak away site for surface water in an area that is subject to flooding at the present time
4. Infringement of privacy for residents in nearby housing
5. Degradation of living conditions for local residents due to noise, pollution in general and loss of amenity green space
6. Absolute disregard for the health and wellbeing of local residents and in particular the Veterans of the Armed Forces who all live in close proximity to the proposed site
7. Flooding concerns and inadequate strategies to mitigate flooding
8. Traffic congestion in an area that has a poor road infrastructure in a central location
9. A split site with parking facilities distant from the main locus – it is impossible to imagine that parking and traffic flow will not be a direct consequence of this plan
10. The design of the building will result in overshadowing neighbouring properties and also Applegrove Primary School.

Anonymous

11/12/2025 07:18 PM

Already a build up area taking away vital space and causing even more traffic build up in a small area

Anonymous

11/12/2025 07:24 PM

Additional risk of flooding. Removal of common land Removal of Applegrove playing field. A new 3 storey building in a traditional old part of town, towering over bungalows reducing natural Light . Congestion on Orchard Road -already a busy road . Poor and inadequate drainage . Inadequate infrastructure .

Anonymous

11/12/2025 09:46 PM

Safety and wellbeing of primary aged children at Applegrove Primary. Reduction in Applegrove green space. Traffic on orchard road going to affect Albert Street which is on going at moment Drainage Balfour representative not knowing the high of the build was worrying!!! What happens when delivery's are delivered and funerals are on What happens when delivery's for materials that day are delivered and used and no more arrive and project runs behind Bus labs won't work

Teachers will not walk that distance from car park with books etc as it's bad enough as it is and is seen at moment!! Proposed site has: Drainage issues Adjacent to a heavily used road with proposed main entrance on a curve in the road Directly next to residential properties Limited space for further expansion.

Anonymous

11/12/2025 10:59 PM

" A site next to Applegrove Primary school ". Unwilling to state the exact position which is Applegrove playing field ? And most people know why, but results of previous surveys with those who expressed an opinion has been disregarded as will this survey. Attempting to shoe horn a 1200 pupil Academy into such a small area leaving virtually no play area for the primary children , nor outside social area for Secondary pupils is blatantly nonsense. £60 million or so spent a few years ago on Chapelton dam flood alleviation scheme which virtually eliminates any risk of flooding on the present site , or the large area at Lochyhill (but costing £4 million.which will inevitably be gobbled up by unknowns... but too bad ! All this a great example of the public trust in our democratic system being swept aside. Well done Moray Council !

Anonymous

11/12/2025 11:32 PM

Far too small for school growth Needless destruction of valuable green space in town centre Ebteeprise Park option is best option in longer term

Anonymous

11/13/2025 12:17 PM

No

Anonymous

11/13/2025 02:43 PM

Summary I am against this relocation. I don't believe is it good for the Academy, Applegrove Primary or the Community of Forres. General Comments • It results in a loss of Green Space / Common Good Land for the community. • The playing fields of Applegrove Primary will be removed, without adequate replacement. • Neither Forres Academy or Applegrove will end up with their own independent playing fields as they do now. It will be shared space for c.1600 pupils, which is totally inadequate. • Under the 1967 Regulations, the playing fields allocated are short of the legal requirement. • The proposed use of Roysvale as playing fields for primary age pupils does not represent a safe play space, bounded on 2 sides by roads and not fenced off. • Further green space is lost to an unneeded bus lane, claimed to be required as it's not safe for children to cross a road. The same road that will need to be crossed to access the 3G pitches! • The general public is to retain access to Roysale, including for one of the primary purposed which is dog walking. It is a health hazard to have dog poo on playing fields. • The new Academy is clearly too big a building squashed into too small a space. The artist

impressions are cleverly structured to give the impression of space that simply does not exist at the site. • Pupils at both the Academy and Applegrove Primary are being shortchanged by building on Applegrove. The new school will be overlooked by surrounding properties, and vice versa, which is totally inappropriate. • The active spaces around the edge of the proposed Academy are too small to be of any value to a school of c.1000 pupils. They space is no more than that of a corridor around the building. • A new school should capitalise on opportunity, not short change the community over costs. Costs which spread over the life time of a build become minimal. • The consultations papers cleverly refer to the current 2miles radius to qualify for a school bus. It is well documented that this is likely to change to 3, to reduce Council costs. This will put more cars on the road in already congested streets at peak school times. • Teachers will not want to walk from the proposed car park which, is located away from the school building, particularly in bad weather. • The flexible spaces proposed in this build are not likely to be attractive to teachers who will be used to having assigned classrooms / space. • Parking spaces located in the bus lane will inevitably result in cars being parked there when bus access is required. • The proposed building is completely out of keeping with the surroundings of the area. • Forres needs a new academy, not a community facility. • Placing a community facility at Applegrove will likely result in the loss of facilities and economic decline on Forres High Street. Any community facilities moved to the Academy site will not be available to the community with the same flexibility and open access as they are now. That is a loss to the town, not a gain. • Forres community has already spoken out loudly against word of closure of its well-used community centre on the High Street. Forres does not want a community building, it wants a new academy. • I have not seen evidence that drainage / flooding issues have been adequately managed such that this relation will not potentially result in flooding in other areas of Forres. Water will enter the system below the control of the very effective flood alleviation scheme. Impact on Applegrove Primary • Applegrove Primary is set to lose its green space and playing fields. This space is used daily by the children and is a valued asset of the primary school – it is why many parents have chosen the school for their children. • There are no replacement playing fields for Applegrove maintaining the overall playing capacity that the primary children can use at break and lunch as they do now. Roysvale will only be of use to Applegrove primary for supervised PE lessons, and even then, see my other comments regarding the dangers of the site. • The 3G pitch is not conveniently located as required - it is too far away to be practical for primary children and would require numerous staff to be able to walk the children to use it. What use will the primary school ever get of the 3G pitch when competing with an academy with 1180 pupils? • The all-weather pitches are not in “close proximity” for the primary school as required by the 1967 Regulations. •

Applegrove's Playing Fields are proposed to be removed at a time when all recent education reports are focusing on the importance of outdoor space for learning. These reports are entirely in line with the Scottish Curriculum's direction of travel to outdoor learning. The plans of TMC with this build, however, are out of sync. • Applegrove Playing Fields are categorised as ENV4. EP5 Open Space states that proposals which would result in a change of use on an ENV4 Sports Area to any other use will be refused. • The Scottish Government is to reopen consultation on updating the 1967 Regulations before the end of the year, as has been confirmed in writing by Jenny Gilruth. Given the direction of travel with outdoor learning, it is perfectly foreseeable that approving this planning proposal could result in a primary school no longer meeting revised outdoor space requirements under updated legislation. • Forres has a wonderful rural setting (whether or not considered a rural school) and we should be proud to be able to provide more space than the minimum. • All children need space to run around and let off steam, whether they have additional support needs or not (40-50% of Applegrove children having an ASN need). Condensing those c.300 children into a space a fraction of the size previously available will inevitably lead to issues, as frustration amongst the pupils grows. Applegrove primary is stated within the planning documents to have capacity for 460 pupils. If the school was to reach capacity, these issues would only be exacerbated. • Despite mitigations (all of which are totally inadequate), the education of all children at Applegrove will be negatively impacted during construction due to noise, pollution, vibrations, limitations on play space and construction dangers. Alternative Site There is widespread public support for rebuilding on the existing site. Two local architects have submitted plans for such a rebuild and the push backs in the documentation provided in the consultation pack don't seem to account for the alleviation scheme. Lochyhill could also be brought back online as an alternative site and would provide a much better space for a new Academy, with facilities included in a more conventional campus site.

Anonymous

11/13/2025 04:05 PM

Mass of new build highly school detrimental to the visual civic amenity of this open low rise area. When the existing school was built in 1969 it was positioned and kept to 2 story construction to reduce the impact on the character of this area. This proposal appears to ignore this aspect of planning consideration. If it was a private entity proposing this build it would be unlikely to obtain planning here.

Optional question (416 response(s), 271 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question