

Appendix 3 – Copy of Full Responses (Contact details redacted)

Number	Date	Submission type	Full response
1	14 March 2026	Email	<p>I strongly object to the misappropriation of land from Applegrove Primary and Common Good land at Roysvale Park.</p> <p>Taking away green space from Applegrove goes directly against government guidelines on maintaining green space for schools. This space is extensively used by Applegrove pupils and losing it will have a major negative effect on the pupils and teachers. The space is far too small for the proposed new school and building it will cause major noise and disruption and air pollution for all of the surrounding area, having a negative effect on the health of pupils and also the local war veterans.</p> <p>I also strongly object to the common good land at Roysvale being used during construction of the proposed school. This will be yet more green space lost to the public, and to schools and the noise, traffic, air pollution and disruption caused to the surrounding suburban neighbourhood will be insufferable. Common Good land is for public use and wellbeing, not the Council and I would hope that the application to the courts to use this land for such purposes will be firmly refused.</p> <p>Likewise, I strongly object to taking away part of Roysvale Park to make bus lanes, further reducing available green space.</p> <p>There is absolutely no need for this - buses could continue to use the car parking area behind the current Forres Academy, given that parents and teachers are expected to park there.</p> <p>Aside from the tragic and currently illegal loss of part of Roysvale Park, the layout is completely impractical, and the layout plans misleading, as well as unsafe, where buses will be turning out into a blind spot, close to the Nelson Road junction.</p> <p>The majority of the local community voted for Lochyhill as a more practical site, with far less disruption and destruction of a much used essential green area in the centre of Forres.</p>

			I urge local councillors to listen to the views of the community, so that this does not become yet another meaningless tick box consultation.
2	14 March 2026	Email	As a grandparent of children that are attending and will attend the school and a resident of [REDACTED] Why 42 months. Just get on with it and do it in 24.
3	15 March 2026	Email	I am objecting to the build of a new Forres Academy. I live in [REDACTED] opposite the school. I know it's going to cause more traffic issues especially on Orchard road. I feel it's the cheapest option which is why it was chosen. 42 months of heavy construction work and traffic will be unbearable for residents and Applegrove pupils. I'm also concerned about the 3G pitch which will be built opposite my house. This will mean more traffic, floodlights? Noise etc. All this would be better on the outskirts of Forres. I often walk behind the school and especially in Winter the buses arrive early and sit with engines running. More pollution. I also feel it's not being done with the best interest of the pupils. It's just a bad decision in many areas.
4	17 March 2026	Email	I would like to express my concerns about your proposed take over of Roysvale park and your intended bid to acquire this land against to will of the people of Forres and the residents in this area, i can see that you are trying to do a land grab. I must highlight the safety issues regarding Sanquhar road, and the blind spot at the junction of the school gates Nelsons road Sanquhar road, I can see that you have down scaled the children's play park over the last few years, as regards Roysvale park, this is common good land donated to the people of Forres, your proposal to put and all weather football pitch in its place just high lights the fact you are intending for the proposed new school will take over this will needed green space for the elderly, vulnerable, dog walkers and various other groups need the park, the loss of trees which have been there for many years some of which have been planted by passed dignitaries including royalty,

			<p>I have also noted that the current Forres academy over the past couple of years has fully booked the park for PE lesson, denying the public of its well need use, despite the school having its own sports fields</p> <p>You are already depriving the primary children of the very valuable Applegrove playing field of their sport and recreational needs, with the out rageous proposal to build a school on this site when there are more practical sites in Forres to build, I resent the comments from your councillors, stating if we don't like it move already forcing vulnerable veterans to move from their purpose built area, I feel there is no regard for the people of this town.</p>
5	18 March 2026	Letter	<p>Dear sir/Madam,</p> <p>I am writing to voice my very strong objections, to the proposed appropriation and disposal of the land, Applegrove Playing field and the land of Roysvale Park, Sanquhar road for the building of the new Academy.</p> <p>These grounds are used by various community groups on a regular basis. This build would eat away at the heart of the community and destroy a very valuable asset to Forres residents.</p> <p>I have concerns about noise pollution, disputes about the parking of construction vehicles during the build, the risk of flooding, the use of common good land is absolute destruction and fills me with grave concerns for the heart of the community.</p> <p>The parking is another valid concern, as well as the disruption to local business in the area.</p> <p>There is no room for expansion, should the need arise in the future.</p> <p>Congestion, noise, dispute and disruption along with noise pollution. These has to be another site the new academy can be located, without demanding this beautiful area at the heart of the community.</p> <p>When it's gone its gone, green spaces are unvaluable to the mental well being of children and adults alike.</p> <p>Please reconsider before it's too late.</p>

6	23 March 2026	Email	<p>I object to the use of Applegrove playing field being used for the new Academy build as it is my understanding this was common good land and was given over for the use of a playing field for Applegrove School. It therefore should remain that way for the benefit of the children who school there. I do not want to see any erosion of Roysvale common good land whatsoever as it is a well used park and historically, the town's park. Forres is known for its beautiful greenery and any town centre green space should be maintained. I have already documented to you other reasons why I do not feel this area of land is the right place for the new Academy which are additional factors to this objection.</p>
7	27 March 2026	Email	<p>As I gave indicated on numerous times I do not agree with the new academy being built on Roysvale/Applegrove Primary Schoom playing field for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) This park is used regularly by locals for football and walking dogs. 2) The initial survey produced by the council proved that water is only 2ft-6ft below the surface. Compared to 6ft-10ft below the surface at Lochyhill. Bank street, which has homes on it, is renowned for flooding, plus Orchard Road flooded in 2021. By removing the natural soak away by building the school on Roysvale will increase the chances of flooding. 3) This school will tower above the pensioner bungalows and take away green space. A wise person gifted this land and thought they were safeguarding it by making it inalienable. Why do these councillors think they know best and ignore what the people say when replying to surveys? Every 'survey'(as they don't want a vote because they know it will not be in their favour) has shown that over 80% of people have rejected their plan. 4) 99.9% of the academy pupils are lovely, but like every school, there is a proportion of kids who struggle to act in a reasonably acceptable way. I see no value in having the secondary school right next door to impressionable primary school children. 5) Having the school on the edge of town will encourage children to walk further therefore helping reduce obesity. 6) Currently the children start school at 8;40 and have 50 mins for lunch. The council indicated that, instead of

			<p>encouraging kids to stay in school for healthier lunch choices. They did not want to impact negatively on the high street sales. In order to satisfy this they could change the school start time to 8:30 and increase lunchtime to one hour therefore giving the children 10 minutes extra to have access to the bakeries, post office, co op and chip shop.</p> <p>7). Please come and see how small the plot is. A fancy lensed camera had to be used to make the park look bigger than it is. It will be a monster of a building needlessly squeezed into and spoiling a beautiful part of the town.</p> <p>8) I'm not sure how the workmen will get to the area as the council keep saying that there will be no additional traffic? At some points there will be hundreds of builders on the sight.</p>
8	27 March 2026	Email	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>In response to the building of the new Academy in Forres I fail to understand why it is necessary to dedicate a portion of Roysvale Park to develop a bus drop off area. Whilst Moray council say that they carried out a traffic survey over a short period of time and see no traffic issues developing the development of a bus drop off point in the area designated is going to add to the already chaotic traffic movement along Sanquhar Rd. I live in the area and see on a daily basis the traffic build up for Applegrove school let alone the academy traffic that will be generated. It is already choked at drop off and pick up times for the primary school. There is a perfectly suitable bus park at the rear of the current academy and yes pupils and staff would have to walk a few hundred yards to the site of the new build but I don't see this as a hardship. Pupils are happy to walk to the town centre and the Tesco store at break times a walk from the rear of the current academy would therefore not be objectionable.</p> <p>A council representative at a public meeting stated that they carried out a traffic survey and pupils currently step of their buses onto the road and the new drop off point would remove the safety issue. This is utter rubbish as pupils are either stepping off the bus on the car park or if dropped off at the front of the school step onto the pavement. If there is evidence of pupils stepping from their transport onto the road then the vehicle driver/operator needs to be spoken to.</p> <p>I repeat there is no need for a new drop off point, something in the project that could be removed and quite a large amount of</p>

			<p>money saved let alone Roysvale Park being left as it is for us all to continue to enjoy. The new sports pitch would still fit into the planned area at the old academy even with the car park/bus drop off left as is.</p>
9	29 March 2026	Email	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>I object to the use of Applegrove playing field to build a new school because;</p> <p>It will mean a loss of the playing field for the school pupils and it is well known that outdoor play is of enormous benefit to children</p> <p>I do not believe the site is large enough to house a new secondary school -</p> <p>the space around the edge of the building will be very narrow meaning that noise pollution from the school will affect neighbouring properties</p> <p>Inevitable anti-social behaviour of pupils will affect neighbouring properties</p> <p>Inevitable undesirable behaviour will be witnessed by the younger children at the primary school</p> <p>I do not believe there is enough space around the edge of the planned school for the outdoor workshop, drama space and garden area. These areas will be so close to the building that their use will inevitably cause distraction.</p> <p>Because the proposed building has to be squashed into a small area it means that some of the classrooms do not have outward facing windows / natural daylight.</p> <p>The proposed building is too small - in comparison to the current school, the substitution of multi-use spaces for single-use spaces will inevitably result in fewer usable spaces.</p> <p>The surrounding buildings will be dwarfed by the school</p> <p>The school car park will be at such a distance from the school that there will inevitably excess parking along the roads around the school and hugely increased congestion. The current traffic congestion is already grim and that is only from one school. If there is double parking along the length of the road it will increase the risk of road traffic accidents / road safety incidents.</p>

			<p>The site is poorly drained and the proposed building would lead to a reduction in absorption area for rainfall and an increase on demand for local drainage systems.</p> <p>If, as I understand is forecast, the secondary school population increases, the proposed building will not be large enough. I understand that the plan will then be to expand into the primary school meaning that a new primary school will need to be built.</p> <p>I object to the permanent loss of the Common Good Land because;</p> <p>The site is well used by both schools and the local community. If both schools wish to use the field at the same time - especially as the primary school will lose its outside space, there will not be enough room.</p> <p>A matter of principal - CGL was gifted to the community for the benefit of the community. I gather that the community do not wish to lose some of the land for use as a bus drop off zone.</p> <p>At the moment the school buses arrive and depart at different times because the car park is large enough to allow this form of manoeuvring. If they have to use the drop off zone won't they need to wait for traffic which is passing from the car park leading to a jam of buses, all trying to leave?</p>
10	30 March 2026	Email	<p>Dear Learning Estate Team</p> <p>Like most people in Forres, we are pleased there is to be a new Forres Academy. However we have two objections to the Notice of Proposed Appropriation and Disposal of Open Space recently posted by Moray Council.</p> <p>Firstly, it is in our view disingenuous to state that the Council is considering the proposed appropriation and disposal of open space before making any decision. The truth is that, despite the many reservations and concerns local people have about the site, the Council has already decided to build the new school at Applegrove. The wording in the Notice suggests that it ought to have been posted much earlier in the process.</p> <p>Secondly, we believe there is no need to compound the loss of precious green space at Applegrove by appropriating part of Roysvale Park for a bus drop-off and lay-by. This is Common Good land, cherished amenity area and very well</p>

			<p>used by the local community, individuals, groups as well as by the school. It seem inappropriate to diminish this important green space by, in effect, concreting over part of it (and adding to potential flooding problems), when there is an obvious 'brown field site' alternative. We would suggest that the bus drop-off and lay-by should be located alongside the new car park to the south of Burdsyard Road from where, like the staff, the students can walk the few hundred metres to the new school.</p>
11	30 March 2026	Email	<p>I write to object to the proposed appropriation and disposal of land relating to the new Forres Academy. I am a resident of Forres and worked as a [REDACTED]</p> <p>I have several strands to my objection relating to this and also the process of public consultation led by Moray Council so far.</p> <p>1. Having attended several meetings relating to the above, it appears that the choice given to us, at public consultation, is between the site at Roysvale and the site at Lochy hills.</p> <p>In fact there was no choice as details about a build at Lochy hills were significantly lacking, the council blaming difficulty in identifying ownership of the site, and it seemed to me that this halted their provision of a full planning outline against which we could make comparisons. This was in contrast to the Roysvale site, which was clearly Moray Council's preferred site from the start, which had full details and work-up provided, including prices, timeline, planning drawings etc. So I only have a clear picture of the proposals at Roysvale. This imbalance would seem to be a breach of fair consultation principles (as defined by The Gunning Principles) which are a legal requirement in Scotland for public consultation.</p> <p>2. Other possible sites were apparently considered and rejected before public consultation. One of these was apparently the construction of a building on the existing site of the academy, or perhaps at the rear of the present building. This might involve the stepwise demolition of the current building as new modules are built. Unfortunately very little information was given by the council about this option other than their main issue was with potential flooding or surface water and it had been rejected. There is a precedent for this with the new Galashiels Academy which has been built in a phased approach on the existing academy</p>

		<p>site. The pupil numbers are almost identical (Forres 850 (late 2024) vs Galashiels 903 (February 2026)). This has been very successful and received very well by the community and has preserved the advantages of the existing location. Why has this site not been more fully investigated and provided as a choice to the people of Forres? Rejection of it on the basis of flooding or surface water does not seem to be logical given the recent Forres flood prevention works and also the fact that the same problems will affect the Roysvale site - if the flooding/surface water problems are different can Moray Council explain and clarify the differences and the different cost implications? I would ask the council to commission a formal feasibility study of a phased rebuild on the existing site, with that study made available before the Court of Session application proceeds, and with full costings for all considered sites published alongside it to allow genuine public comparison.</p> <p>3.The removal of a green, open playing field from Applegrove Primary School and replacing it with a large multi-storey building occupying the whole space and (I suppose) fenced off from the primary school, will confine the playing area available to the primary school to a very small and mostly tarred area around their school. It is well known to residents in Forres that the green field is well used by the children and removing it appears to be another nail in the coffin to health, exercise, fitness and well-being, and especially in the very young - the time at which these activities must be encouraged in order to instil a lifelong pattern of exercise and health awareness. Over 20% of primary 1 children are at risk of obesity in a 2023/24 study (rising year by year) and the Scottish government target is to reduce this to 7% by 2030. Removing a green playfield from Applegrove Primary school seems to ignore this aspect of their plan. Can I ask what alternative provision are Moray Council making for Applegrove pupils' outdoor physical education during the construction period and permanently afterwards?</p> <p>4.There is an issue regarding the temporary (for 3 years) repurposing of Common Good Land during the construction process and the permanent removal of a part of the Common Good Land for a new bus drop off area. This land is regularly used by many different groups in the community and is valued as an open, green space for common good. Removing it, even temporarily, goes against the aims of common good land and</p>
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		<p>clarify their comment in court to the judge, and separately to ██████ that 'all the concerns about the Veterans had been taken care of'.</p> <p>6. In addition there are well known challenges to the traffic, drainage and flood risk on the Roysvale site, all of which can be mitigated in appropriate planning, but all of which will add significantly to the cost and all of which will significantly affect people living in the wider area.</p> <p>7. The process of public consultation to date has fallen significantly short of accepted standards, and gives me little hope that the views of the public will be genuinely considered by Moray Council. It is very clear to me that Moray Council are only considering the Roysvale site, no doubt because it is the cheapest option. Although I agree cost is an important factor, it should not be the factor overriding all others. What about the health and wellbeing of the community and the people of Forres? What about reasonable alternatives offering better options and fewer disadvantages, even at a slightly increased cost — although, as noted above, we have not been provided with cost comparisons to make that assessment. The consultation process has therefore failed to meet the standards expected under the Scottish Government's National Standards for Community Engagement.</p> <p>8. There have been several surveys regarding the options, all of which have favoured the Lochy hills site:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 2024 - paper survey - >85% choosing Lochy hills.• March 2024 - online survey - >54% favoured Lochy hills• May 2024 - >62% secondary teachers chose the Lochy hills site.• May 2024 - >56% secondary pupils favoured the Lochy hills site.• January 2025 - 82% respondents voted against repurposing the Common Good Land.• September-November 2025 (published January 2026) - >58% did not support relocation to the Roysvale site. <p>Notably, the existing site was never offered as an option in any of these surveys.</p>
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12	2 April 2026	Email	<p>I object to the disposal of common good land currently used by Applegrove Primary School. It is morally wrong. This common good land is also used by footballers, girls volleyball, scouts and others.</p> <p>I object to the temporary disposal of common good land to facilitate the construction compound. This will disrupt the cycle track used by children, adults and mobility scooter users.</p> <p>There's a line of historically important Holly trees which need to be preserved.</p>

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13	02 April 2026	Email	<p>To Whom it May Concern,</p> <p>All of the objections to the above have been put forward to the Council many times by numerous residents of Forres and surrounding areas, so I feel there is little point in reiterating them all again but here are a few:</p> <p>The site is too small and means expansion is extremely difficult. Forres is a growing town and the school will need more space as is the case with most new builds.</p> <p>The primary school loses its playing fields and sports fields. Using part of Roysvale park is not the solution as it is unfenced and therefore unsafe without constant teacher supervision. At the moment children have safety to play on a wonderful green space.</p> <p>Roysvale park is prone to flooding and more drainage will be costly and may prove ineffective.</p> <p>Valuable and established trees on the park will be destroyed and new planting will take years to regrow and will not be equivalent.</p> <p>The Park belongs to the town and public opinion was clearly against it appropriation. Why was this not listened to?</p> <p>The Park, although used to provide a running track up until now, is not up to an appropriate standard for athletics, and separated from the existing long jump and shot put/discus facilities behind the existing school - which are also a disgrace and not fit for purpose. Will they all be together after the new build?</p> <p>Each public survey put forward by the Council has clearly shown a majority response against the proposed site of the new school and the appropriation of parts of Roysvale Park and these have been disregarded by the Council who are supposed to represent the people of Forres.</p>

			<p>Finally and very importantly, siting the bus lane on Sanquhar Road will not only appropriate a section of Roysvale Park but be an extremely dangerous decision and one which is completely unnecessary. There is an excellent footpath there already which would safely allow pupils to walk to the new. school from the existing bus drop off site behind the present school. There is no need to take park land and destroy a perfectly good path. But the real reason for not placing the bus drop off on Sanquhar Road is the very real element of safety for all pupils entering the school from this point. It is already dangerous for just primary pupils and double yellow lines will not stop parents driving to and parking on Sanquhar Road. The road is narrow with a blind bend and no safe crossing for children at the moment. Adding large buses with multiple children arriving and departing will be chaos. A serious rethink of this decision is needed.</p> <p>These then are my objections to the use of Applegrove School land, and the appropriation of land on Roysvale Park both temporary and permanent.</p> <p>Resident of Forres and grandparent to three children, two of whom are already at the Academy and the third due to attend in another year.</p>
14	02 April 2026	Email	<p>Dear Sir or Madam, Regarding: NOTICE OF PROPOSED APPROPRIATION AND DISPOSAL OF OPEN SPACE FOR THE RELOCATION OF FORRES ACADEMY, FORRES</p> <p>I am writing to lodge my objection to the above planning proposal for the following reasons:</p> <p>Regarding the use of Applegrove Primary School playing field for the new Forres Academy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - previous consultations have previously shown that the public and local school pupils do not want the school to be built on this site. - the playing field is a much loved and much valued green space used for exercise and the health and wellbeing of Applegrove pupils. - the site although central, is too small for the proposed building. The site will not allow any space for future expansion and there isn't even enough room to facilitate parking for staff and a dedicated playing field for the children - it is removing,

		<p>rather than creating exercise space for our children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The scale of the building will dwarf, overshadow and overlook surrounding properties, depriving nearby housing from light and privacy and also affecting nearby local businesses operating around Orchard Road and St Leonard's Road [REDACTED] - Many of the public are not aware that the proposed building is more than 3 storeys high - this is completely out of proportion with surrounding housing. - The new Academy will obliterate the attractive views across Forres (and beyond) and the aesthetic does not fit in with other buildings in the area. Design graphics have exaggerated a sense of space when in fact the school will expand to the perimeter on all sides, looking vast and out of place. - Applegrove school looks after a high proportion of ASD pupils (one of the highest in Moray?) who rely on the calming and open green space surrounding the school for their health and wellbeing. The construction process will expose all young children attending Applegrove to an unacceptable level of noise, pollution and risk of harm for a minimum of 42 months and this is simply not acceptable. - it is well known that the Applegrove site is prone to flooding and it is very likely that this will add costly delays to the project. Choosing a different site would mean more money was spent on valuable school facilities for our children, not drainage. I do not believe Moray Council has adequately researched the other sites available - it seems determined to built at this site whatever the cost, and this decision was taken long ago. - the surrounding area is also low lying and prone to flooding. The Victorian drainage infrastructure will also require extensive and costly improvements and much of the (residential) area surrounding the plot will need to be dug up. This will again mean that a large proportion of the budget is spent digging up roads and laying pipes rather than providing the school facilities pupils and the town of Forres deserves. - Many local people are not aware of the extent of improvements required and the disruption caused by digging up Orchard road and many of the surrounding roads will cause major congestion which will affect everyone in Forres. - The Mosset burn may not cope with the additional water run off, putting the local area at risk of flooding. The loss of green space alone, will also increase the risk of local flooding. - This project also commits the town expanding town of Forres
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			<p>- This reduces further the green space available at Roysvale which is a popular and well used exercise and wellbeing space for the town.</p> <p>- the proposed bus lane and pathways will lead to the removal or damage to well established trees surrounding Roysvale Park.</p> <p>- the bus lane will be used as a car park or drop off by parents. This already happens on Sanquhar Road and around the existing Academy. This will be difficult to Police / prevent and will stop buses from using this space, nullifying the reason for having the bus lane in the first place.</p> <p>- the bus lane will enter very close to the Nelson Road junction - this is a blind junction and already very unsafe for pedestrians and bicycle users in particular. Cars (and buses) often drive far too fast along Sanquhar Road and this is already a dangerous crossing. The exit site further along Sanquhar Road is also very busy and buses entering and exiting at these point risk colliding with pedestrians and other road users.</p> <p>Regarding the temporary use of Roysvale Park for a construction compound:</p> <p>- as stated above, the public voted against the use of common good land for this purpose.</p> <p>- although temporary, this proposal is likely to result in permanent damage to the green space at Roysvale. The ground used previously during recent improvements to the paths around Roysvale have not been returned to their original state.</p> <p>- the proposed compound site will mean that the common byway across Roysvale Park will be obstructed and made unsafe for pedestrians. This includes school pupils who will need to cross this path to access Roysvale Park after their own playing field is removed. Local residents and park users will not be able to use the area safely.</p>
15	03 April 2026	Email	<p>Dear Sir or Madam,</p> <p>Regarding</p> <p>NOTICE OF PROPOSED APPROPRIATION AND DISPOSAL OF OPEN SPACE FOR THE RELOCATION OF FORRES ACADEMY, FORRES</p> <p>I am writing to lodge my objection to the above planning proposal.</p>

			<p>Loss of common good land - on previous consultation public voted against change if use.</p> <p>Loss of green space - Applegrove pupils will lose their playing field as will community as the space is well used at the weekends and holidays.</p> <p>Loss of trees</p> <p>Site too small for future growth - compared to recent local school builds, this is by far a much smaller area.</p> <p>No room for expansion other than into Primary school area.</p> <p>Education disruption - Applegrove pupils will be massively affected by noise, dust etc. Distraction from learning.</p> <p>Risk of flooding - site regularly affected</p> <p>Construction traffic - impact on surrounding areas. Roads are currently unable to cope with the volume of traffic at peak hours.</p> <p>Safety - risk to pupils, local residents</p> <p>Bus lane - why is this needed? There is a huge car/bus park already at previous site which staff will continue to use once new school built.</p> <p>I really hope all these concerns are taken into consideration as the students and town deserve a school fit for purpose.</p>
16	03 April 2026	Email	<p>Please be aware of my objections relating to land use for the new Forres Academy.</p> <p>I object to :</p> <p>The appropriation of land namely Applegrove Primary School playing field, [REDACTED ADDRESS], for construction of a new Forres Academy (1.67ha). This is Common Good land and this action will deny primary school children of their playing field and use of the field by the community outwith school hours.</p> <p>I object to:</p> <p>The temporary disposal by way of licence of part of Roysvale Park, Sanquhar Road, Forres for around 42 months to facilitate the construction compound (0.7ha) because it is Common Good land and it will disrupt use of the wide safe cycle path used by the elderly and residents with</p>

			<p>mobility scooters. The pavement on the other side of the road is unsuitable.</p> <p>I object to:</p> <p>The appropriation of part of Roysvale Park to provide a new bus drop off/ layby for the new Forres Academy (0.24ha) because this is Common Good land and will leave the community without the safe cycle path used by pedestrians and users of mobility scooters.</p>
17	03 April 2026	Email	<p>Dear Sirs</p> <p>I am writing with regard to the Petition lodged recently by Moray Council for the proposed new academy, using some Common Good ground.</p> <p>I have no problem with some of Roysvale Park being used temporarily for four years by the construction company but object strongly to the proposed permanent bus Drop-Off Area. My objection is on the basis that not only are we going to lose the open green space where the three storey academy itself is going to be located but we are also going to have 2455sq metres of Roysvale Park grass lost to tarmac. The park is widely used by locals who appreciate this lovely green space in the town.</p> <p>Pupil safety is the reason cited for the proposed location because the pupils wouldn't have to cross Burdsyard Road. By locating the Drop-Off Area on the footprint of the old/existing academy instead, all that would be required is a pedestrian crossing on Burdsyard Road with safety railings to direct pedestrians to it. The one way bus system could be placed there to incorporate drop off and pick up and this would enhance the maximisation of active travel for pupils.</p> <p>A lot of residents are against the new academy location anyway and some of the 'Consultation' meetings have become heated, perhaps reconsidering this permanent loss of Common Good ground would help mitigate the animosity towards Moray Council Learning Estate.</p> <p>I do not live on Sanquhar Road so this Drop-Off Area will not be near my house but I will be very disappointed if it is goes ahead and we lose precious green space to tarmac.</p>
18	04 April 2026	Email	<p>Objection to to the proposed appropriation and disposal of open spaces.</p>

		<p>HEALTH and WELLBEING</p> <p>‘Access to green spaces and clean air alleviates stress and encourages physical activity, while environmental degradation leads to health issues and higher care costs.’</p> <p>I quote [REDACTED] [REDACTED] making the case for protecting green spaces.</p> <p>It seems his words do not apply to Applegrove primary school playing field and Roysvale Park.</p> <p>In this day and age with spiralling mental issues in both adults and children, it is vital to protect green spaces which are recognised to promote wellbeing and good mental health.</p> <p>It is against this current knowledge of the benefit of green spaces, to remove a playing field from a primary school, which caters for our young learners, and those with special educational needs.</p> <p>Children need space to run and let off steam. Applegrove Primary School is fortunate to have that beautiful space due to a gift of land by a benefactor for that purpose. It has been enjoyed by the young Applegrove pupils for more than 46 years, when my 3 children started their education at Applegrove Primary school.</p> <p>Why would you downgrade Applegrove Primary, so that it has just over the minimum requirement of outdoor space, when you had a very attractive alternative site at Lochyhill?</p> <p>The children will no longer be able to run and play unsupervised in their own playing field before the morning school bell, at morning playtime breaks nor during the lunch break. MDC claim that Roysvale is a substitute for their own fenced playing field is false.</p> <p>The children will have to be accompanied to Roysvale by already stretched school staff at pre organised, booked times.</p> <p>This will be a huge loss of amenity for Applegrove Primary children and their teachers.</p> <p>5-11 year old pupils are paying the price for MDC ill thought out proposal.</p>
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		<p>construction traffic and secondary school parent's cars trying to get nearer to the new academy building.</p> <p>Secondary school parents will be competing with primary parents for parking places near the two schools now crowded together in the same area.</p> <p>TMC say they are only taking 12% of Roysvale Park, but coupled with the total loss of Applegrove playing field, it constitutes a massive loss of green space, which will spoil a very attractive green and leafy area of our town.</p> <p>TOWN PLANNING</p> <p>New housing developments are required to include a recreation space.</p> <p>Roysvale Park and Applegrove playing field fulfil this requirement for the surrounding densely housed area.</p> <p>Applegrove/Roysvale is an attractive area in Forres leading up to Sanquhar Pond. It needs to be cared for, and valued, not concreted over.</p> <p>COMMUNITY AGAINST</p> <p>In every consultation (5 done) one to go, the Forres community have been against the loss of these two green spaces.</p> <p>COURT PERMISSION NOT GRANTED YET.</p> <p>This court hearing is, and will be, the only objective scrutiny of MDC proposal.</p> <p>Already the judge at the Edinburgh Substantive Court Hearing who considered MDC petition to take some of Roysvale Park has delayed his decision on whether to grant that permission to take the land for a bus park. It seems the Forres community are not alone in their misgivings.</p> <p>MDC have no plan B if this permission is not granted, despite having promised that they would progress Lochyhill as a site in tandem with Applegrove/Roysvale. Dropping Lochyhill due to "difficulties" could be construed as irresponsible, or gambling public money on a positive court decision to appropriate Roysvale. If that permission fails, MDC will have delayed the build unnecessarily.</p> <p>The community have seen no evidence of these 'difficulties' which stopped the progression of Lochyhill site, nor of</p>
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19	05 April 2026	Email	<p>Good Morning,</p> <p>NOTICE OF PROPOSED APPROPRIATION AND DISPOSAL OF OPEN SPACE FOR THE RELOCATION OF FORRES ACADEMY, FORRES</p> <p>We would like to object to the above notice. Although, from experience, we have little faith that any notice or adjustment will result from it. Woefully, the Juggernaut will plough on, regardless of the many reservations and concerns local people have about the site. Indeed, the timing of this consultation indicates that the decision has already been made to build the new school in the Applegrove Primary School playing field and to appropriate part of Roysvale Park to provide a new bus drop off/layby. This step is merely to comply with established and legislative procedures.</p> <p>The widely held concerns around the appropriation of the Common Good Land of Applegrove Primary School playing field and Roysvale Park remain. The long-term detrimental effect this will have on the mental wellbeing of all generations is indisputable. The loss of green and amenity space, and the environmental impact, will also severely degrade the local area and habitat. There is also the damaging effect on the pupils of Applegrove school, including those with special</p>

			<p>needs. Furthermore, the transport network both during and after construction will be seriously compromised. Nothing has changed, or indeed been appropriately mitigated, in any previous response to change any opinion.</p> <p>Furthermore, the identified disadvantages above seriously outweigh any advantages of the proposed Bus Drop-Off and Layby, which could easily and just as conveniently be relocated alongside the new Car Park without the loss of any Common Good Land.</p> <p>Finally, the requirement for a New Academy is not in question, the selected location in the Applegrove Playing field is. It will surely prove more costly and divisive than either of the other two recently noted alternatives.</p> <p>Grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this.</p>
20	05 April 2026	Email	<p>Re: the Open Spaces Consultation</p> <p>I object to the appropriation of land namely Applegrove Primary School playing field, for construction of a new Forres Academy (1.67ha). This is Common Good land and this action will deny primary school children of their playing field and use of the field by the community outwith school hours.</p> <p>I object to the temporary disposal by way of licence of part of Roysvale Park, Sanquhar Road, Forres for around 42 months to facilitate the construction compound (0.7ha) because it is Common Good Land and it will disrupt use of the wide safe cycle path used by the community and especially the elderly and residents with mobility scooters. The pavement on the other side of the road is unsuitable.</p> <p>I object to the appropriation of part of Roysvale Park to provide a new bus drop off/ layby for the new Forres Academy (0.24ha) because this is Common Good land and will leave the community without the safe cycle path used by pedestrians and users of mobility scooters.</p> <p>I also object to the loss of any trees surrounding Roysvale Park.</p>
21	05 April 2026	Email	<p>Dear Moray Council,</p> <p>As a local Roysvale resident I wanted to respond to the consultation on the proposed changes to Applegrove playing field and Roysvale Park.</p>

		<p>I object on the grounds of removal of green space with no creation of new green space to replace what has been lost, both the temporary proposed loss and the permanent loss. With NPF4 improving Scottish planning policy to protect green spaces this proposal seems to conflict with national policy.</p> <p>I regularly see and photograph spectacular views of the Northern Lights from Roysvale Park. A really special experience shared with many locals and visitors to see the Aurora dancing over the skyline of Forres from this green space. This would no longer be possible if this proposal were to go ahead.</p> <p>Green space is absolutely vital for so many reasons including locals health and wellbeing. While I completely support the best educational facilities for our students this should not come at the cost of loss of green space for everyone's recreation and for nature. This also includes a loss of green space for the pupils of Applegrove Primary school which I see every break time enjoying the full length of the field and one I enjoyed immensely as a pupil there myself.</p> <p>I also object on the grounds of loss of trees due to the bus drop off proposed. With NPF4 also prioritising biodiversity this proposal conflicts with national policy with the trees and park at Roysvale hosting many species including birds who rest in Roysvale Park including Oyster Catchers as well as Owls who frequent the trees. Toads and frogs are also regularly seen during their spawning season. The loss of green space in this proposal would be of great detriment to local wildlife.</p> <p>Many local clubs and families use both green spaces during and outside school hours including dog walkers, runners, football clubs and dark sky enthusiast's. This proposal would negatively impact all of these groups.</p> <p>I also object on the grounds of traffic and access - this proposal will lead to increase traffic congestion on already busy roads. Even though the present Forres Academy has a car park many choose to drop off students and pick them up on the nearby roads causing congestion and blocked roads. This new proposal puts the school further from any parking which will only increase the current problem.</p> <p>I would be happy to provide further information on any of the above objections if useful.</p>
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22	06 April 2026	Email	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I write to you today to raise formal objections to the siting of the new Forres Academy at Applegrove/Roysvale.</p> <p>Firstly, my objection is based on environmental concerns. As part of these proposals there will be significant loss of green space and mature trees. The common good land is currently enjoyed by many user groups including dog walkers, runners and park users. Sunday Soccer Club has already taken the decision they have to find a new site. The loss of green space directly contradicts NPF4 planning policy.</p> <p>Green space has many benefits for health and wellbeing and whilst a new school is incredibly important this should not come at the expense of loss of green space for everyone. Why can we not have both? By building on the space, you will deprive the pupils of Applegrove Primary school a place to play. I regularly see them every break time enjoying area where the new school will be built. Many users will lose such an important area for physical and mental health.</p> <p>The loss of mature trees will also have impacts on wildlife and biodiversity. Roysvale is seen to have a number of bird species who nest in the area. Amphibians like frogs and toads can also be found in the park. Yes, new trees can be planted but the habitats will be disrupted. Can it be guaranteed that wildlife will be successfully managed? Again, this proposal in its current form will go against biodiversity priorities in NPF4.</p> <p>Secondly, I object on the basis that the new build itself will have significant impacts on local residents. A 3-storey building squeezed into the footprint of Applegrove playing fields mere metres away from local properties will drastically change the landscape and impede on their privacy. The other thing which is a concern is the fact that Forres is expanding in many directions with new homes being built reguarly. Within 10 years Moray Council already had to review Elgin High School due to capacity concerns. If the school needs to increase in size where else is there to go?</p> <p>There have also been flooding concerns which will need to be fully addressed. There is already a very high water table in the area and adding surface flow from a huge building will also need to be considered. Simply adding flow to the Mosset Burn increases the chances of flooding events during storms.</p>
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23	06 April 2026	Email	<p>I object to the use of roysvale playing fields for the use/ building/ drop off for the proposed academy.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.The land that does not belong to the council and does not have a right to use it. 2. The loss of green space for the public is unreasonable especially when local and nation gov tell us to go out and use it for sports, well being and nature. 3. The danger to residents with more traffic from Lorry's and buses.

			4. The building and loss of green space is out style with the local area.
24	06 April 2026	Email	<p>To The Learning Estate Team</p> <p>I have many objections to the plan to build on Applegrove School playing field and Roysvale Park.</p> <p>Firstly, as I am a resident of 25 years and live in the [REDACTED] which are one storey, the proposed three storey building being proposed would completely overshadow I and my neighbours properties.</p> <p>Also the noise and pollution whilst building would have a big effect on some of my neighbours who suffer from PTSD, due to service in the military. This site was specifically chosen for the cottages, I was told, because it was a quiet area of town.</p> <p>Secondly to take the playing field away from the primary school children is completely wrong as it is used by them at every break and lunch time and always had been. In fact a few years ago the SNP said all children had to have exercise outside every day which the Applegrove teachers ensured that they did. Also having a building site adjacent to the school is a very bad thing. Has anyone thought about the danger to the children.</p> <p>I doubt it !!</p> <p>Thirdly, the traffic on Orchard Road is very busy at times, especially if there happens to be a funeral taking place, but with more cars, lorries and buses will be far busier. Also what about resident parking. Some people already park on Orchard Road and Albert Street whilst either picking up or dropping off their children and that will only increase with another school close by.</p> <p>Lastly, as to flooding and drainage, anyone who lives in this area, knows after rain, both fields are very wet indeed, even at times having many puddles.</p>
25	06 April 2026	Email	<p>Dear sirs</p> <p>I wish to formally object to the proposed use of Roysvale Playing Fields for the development and associated drop-off facilities of the proposed academy.</p> <p>Firstly, there is a serious concern regarding land ownership. Portions of the land in question are not owned by the council,</p>

			<p>and therefore it is unclear what legal right exists to use or develop this space.</p> <p>Secondly, the loss of valuable green space is both unreasonable and contrary to current local and national priorities. Public authorities actively encourage the use of such spaces for sport, wellbeing, and access to nature. The removal of this area would directly undermine those objectives and negatively impact the local community.</p> <p>Thirdly, the proposal raises significant safety concerns. Increased traffic, including heavy goods vehicles and buses, would pose a danger to local residents, particularly in what is currently a relatively quiet area. The additional congestion and associated risks have not been adequately addressed.</p> <p>Finally, the proposed development is out of character with the surrounding area. The construction and loss of open space would significantly alter the local environment in a way that is not in keeping with its current style and character.</p> <p>For these reasons, I strongly urge that this proposal be reconsidered.</p>
26	06 April 2026	Email	<p>am writing to formally object to the proposed use of Roysvale Playing Fields for the development and associated activities of the planned academy.</p> <p>Land Ownership and Rights. It is my understanding that the land in question does not belong to the council, and therefore the council does not have the legal right to use or develop it for this purpose. Proceeding under these circumstances raises serious concerns regarding legality and proper governance.</p> <p>Loss of Public Green Space. The proposed development would result in the loss of valuable green space currently used by the public. This is particularly concerning given ongoing encouragement from both local and national government for communities to engage in outdoor activities for physical health, mental wellbeing, and connection with nature. Removing such a space directly contradicts these objectives.</p> <p>Increased Traffic and Safety Risks. The development is likely to significantly increase traffic in the surrounding residential area, including heavy vehicles such as lorries and buses. This raises concerns about road safety, congestion, noise, and</p>

			<p>overall risk to local residents, including children and elderly individuals.</p> <p>Impact on Local Character. The scale and nature of the proposed building, along with the associated loss of open space, would be out of keeping with the character of the local area. This could negatively impact the visual environment and overall community identity.</p> <p>For these reasons, I strongly urge the council to reconsider this proposal and to protect Roysvale Playing Fields for continued public use.</p>
27	06 April 2026	Email	<p>My objections are. It is understood that the land in question is not wholly owned by the council, and therefore there is no clear or established right to use it for this development. Proceeding without proper ownership or authority raises significant legal and procedural concern. The proposal would result in the loss of valuable public green space that is widely used by the community. This is particularly concerning at a time when both local and national government actively promote outdoor activity, wellbeing, and access to nature. The removal of this space directly contradicts these priorities. The development would lead to a significant increase in traffic, including construction vehicles, buses, and daily drop-off and pick-up traffic. This poses a clear danger to local residents, particularly pedestrians and children, and would place additional strain on roads that are not designed for such volumes. The proposed building and associated infrastructure would be out of keeping with the character of the local area. The loss of open space and introduction of large-scale development would negatively affect the visual and environmental quality of the neighbourhood.</p> <p>Loss of a Versatile Community Space. Roysvale Playing Fields currently serve as a valuable multi-use green space. It supports a wide range of informal and formal activities, including walking, relaxation, and sports. This flexibility and accessibility would be permanently lost if development proceeds, to the detriment of the local community.</p>
28	06 April 2026	Email	<p>I am writing to object to the proposed use of Roysvale Playing Fields for the construction, associated development and drop-off facilities.</p> <p>My objections are as follows:</p>

			<p>Land Ownership and Rights It is my understanding that the land in question is not fully owned by the council and that there is no clear legal right to use it for this purpose. Proceeding without proper ownership or rights raises serious legal and procedural concerns.</p> <p>Loss of Public Green Space The proposed development would result in the loss of valuable public green space. This area is widely used for recreation, sport, and general wellbeing. At a time when both local and national governments encourage outdoor activity and access to nature, removing such a space is unreasonable and counterproductive.</p> <p>Traffic and Safety Concerns The development would significantly increase traffic in the area, including construction lorries and ongoing use by buses and cars. This raises serious concerns about road safety, congestion, and the wellbeing of local residents, particularly pedestrians and children.</p> <p>Impact on Local Character The proposed building and associated infrastructure would be out of keeping with the existing character of the area. The current open, green nature of the space contributes positively to the local environment, and its loss would harm the visual and community character.</p> <p>Loss of a Multi-Use Grass Facility Roysvale Playing Fields currently serve as a versatile, open-access space that can be used for a wide range of activities, including walking, informal sports, relaxation, and community use. This type of flexible green space is irreplaceable. Development would remove a valuable community asset that supports physical and mental wellbeing.</p>
29	07 April 2026	Email	<p>>> Appropriation and Disposal of open space for re-location of Forres Academy.</p> <p>>> Objections</p> <p>>> 1.A huge loss of open / green space for Applegrove pupils and public at large.</p> <p>>> There will be a total loss of Applegrove playing field & of part of Roysvale Park (common good land) for ever.</p>

			<p>>> Plus loss of use of majority of Roysvale park for 3/4 years.</p> <p>>> 2.A loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services..loss of natural drainage,and prevention of natural air filtration systems.</p> <p>>> 3. Appropriation of these areas affects disproportionately children</p> <p>>> and adults who may not have gardens or means to travel elsewhere for recreation.</p> <p>>> 4.These areas are the lungs of Forres in the centre of town. Removing them will have the same effect as on the human body...impacting</p> <p>>> severely the mental health of the countless children and adults who make use of these areas daily. These green areas encourage physical activity and this will be lost.</p> <p>>> Towns need,and are constantly urged , to develop their central green areas for the mental health of their citizens.</p> <p>>> This does the opposite.</p> <p>>> 5.Development is contrary to Council’s own Local Development Plan 2020 and in particular contrary to Policy EP5(Open Space) which extols the many benefits of access to open space.</p> <p>>> 6. The proposals will result in a net loss of access to open space .</p>
30	07 April 2026	Email	<p>OBJECTIONS:</p> <p>1. Such appropriation and development would result in a huge loss of open space for Applegrove pupils and the general public.</p> <p>2. Applegrove playing field and part of Roysvale Park would be totally lost - the absence of biodiversity would cause serious problems with natural drainage and the environment in general.</p> <p>3. The development of these areas would result in substantial lack of amenity for children and adults who are unable to travel further for recreation.</p> <p>4. The loss of these green areas would impact severely on the mental and physical health of those enjoying these spaces at present. The Town's need for green spaces is constantly</p>

			<p>urged; this development would create the opposite, and is contrary to the Council's own Local Development Plan 2020.</p>
31	07 April 2026	Email	<p>Introduction This representation is submitted in relation to the proposed development of a new Forres Academy and the associated use of Common Good land known as Roysvale Park, Forres. It is important to state clearly that there is no dispute regarding the need for a new, modern, inclusive secondary school. This is widely supported across the community. The issue before this body is therefore not whether a new school should be delivered, but whether the proposed location and the process by which it has been advanced satisfy the legal tests applicable to the appropriation and disposal of Common Good land. This representation objects to all three elements of the proposed appropriation and disposal as set out in the public notice dated March 2026, on the grounds set out below.</p> <p>Common Good Land and the Applicable Legal Framework Common Good land is held by a local authority in trust for the benefit of the community. It cannot be appropriated, disposed of, or materially altered in use without satisfying the tests established under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, which require that any such change must demonstrably serve the interests of the community as a whole. Any proposal to alter its use must therefore be assessed against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether continued public access and benefit is preserved • The extent of any functional change in use • Whether the proposal reflects the interests of the community as a whole <p>Under the current proposal, Roysvale Park would become, in practice, part of the operational school environment during the school day. Public use would be constrained or removed, even if not formally extinguished. This represents a material change in how the land is used and experienced by the community.</p> <p>Given the scale of community concern expressed in response to this proposal, it is submitted that the council has not yet demonstrated, on the information available, that the change reflects a shared community benefit sufficient to satisfy the legal threshold.</p> <p>Impact on Existing Community Assets The proposal would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove the Applegrove Primary School playing field (1.67 hectares), permanently appropriating it for secondary school use • Displace Applegrove Primary School pupils onto Roysvale Park for routine school activities, thereby extending

		<p>the functional footprint of school operations into Common Good land • Remove 0.7 hectares of Roysvale Park from public use for approximately 42 months as a construction compound, with a further 0.24 hectares permanently appropriated for a bus drop-off and layby Roysvale Park is not simply undeveloped land. It is a valued communal space with established recreational, social, and cultural significance. Its absorption into school use - whether temporary or permanent - constitutes a material loss of accessible community space, particularly during peak daytime hours when its use is greatest. The 42-month construction compound in particular represents a prolonged removal of 0.7 hectares from public use, for which no adequate or equivalent replacement provision has been identified. Regular users of Roysvale Park - including families, older residents, and those using it for health and recreation - have not been offered any equivalent alternative during this extended period.</p> <p>Consideration of Alternative Sites A number of alternative sites have been identified and discussed, including: • Lochyhill • Bogton (noted for its larger available land area) • The existing academy site • Other edge-of-town locations The existence of these options demonstrates that the Roysvale / Applegrove site is not the only viable location available. It is significant that Moray Council's own site selection surveys produced the following results: • Paper survey: Lochyhill preferred by 85.4% of respondents, against 14.6% for Applegrove / Roysvale • Online survey: Lochyhill preferred by 54.7% of respondents, against 45.3% for Applegrove / Roysvale The council proceeded with the less preferred option in both datasets. This is directly relevant to the legal test: the community's own expressed preference, by a substantial margin in the paper survey, favours an alternative site that does not require the use of Common Good land. It is also noted from the council's own site selection and feasibility reporting that the Applegrove/Roysvale site was only identified as the preferred option subject to the removal of Common Good constraints, and that alternative sites, including Lochyhill, were considered viable but discounted on the basis of factors including land ownership and cost.</p> <p>The existence of viable alternatives, including those with fewer physical constraints, reinforces the requirement that</p>
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		<p>the council must demonstrate not merely that the chosen site is deliverable, but that it is the most appropriate option when assessed against the legal and community interest tests applicable to Common Good land.</p> <p>5. Public Response and Engagement</p> <p>5.1 Scale of Response</p> <p>Available planning representations indicate a clear and substantial imbalance between support and objection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 17% of representations are supportive • Approximately 83% of representations constitute objections <p>This is a significant evidential indicator of the community's view on this proposal. It is directly material to the question of whether the appropriation and disposal of Common Good land can be said to reflect community interest.</p> <p>5.2 Integrity of the Consultation Process</p> <p>Concerns have been raised regarding the nature and integrity of the consultation process. During early public engagement sessions, it was stated that the level of consultation undertaken exceeded what was strictly required. While that may have been intended positively, it contributed to a perception among attendees that community input would have limited influence on the final decision.</p> <p>Furthermore, statements made during engagement with local groups suggested that limited opposition had been identified. This is materially inconsistent with the volume and nature of formal representations subsequently submitted and with the content of wider community discussion.</p> <p>Taken together, these factors give rise to a substantiated concern that the consultation has functioned as a procedural exercise rather than a genuinely participatory process. Confidence in the integrity of the process is a necessary component of any decision that engages the public interest in Common Good land.</p> <p>6. Site Suitability and Infrastructure Considerations</p> <p>6.1 Flood Risk and Ground Conditions</p> <p>Surface water management and drainage capacity in the Roysvale / Applegrove area present established constraints. Surrounding infrastructure, including elements of the</p>
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		<p>These impacts must be weighed carefully in assessing the overall suitability of the selected site, and compared against alternative locations.</p> <h3>6.3 Traffic, Parking and Infrastructure Capacity</h3> <p>The existing road and parking infrastructure in the surrounding area operates under established pressure. It is acknowledged that traffic already exists in connection with the current school. However, the critical issue is how the proposed development would alter the distribution and concentration of that traffic.</p> <p>The proposed development, in its current form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Would concentrate school related traffic in an already constrained central area• Would place additional strain on existing bottlenecks and parking capacity• Risks exacerbating existing congestion patterns rather than resolving them <p>By contrast:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A redevelopment of the existing academy site, with improved access and infrastructure, could alleviate pressure at key junctions and interchanges• Consideration of less central or edge-of-town sites could allow traffic to be distributed more evenly, reducing pressure on existing bottlenecks <p>Transport modelling for a development of this scale must demonstrate not only that capacity can be accommodated, but that there is a net improvement to existing traffic conditions. It is submitted that the development should work holistically with the town's infrastructure - not merely accommodate existing pressures, but actively reduce them.</p> <p>It is further noted that the council has identified alternative design approaches which could reduce or avoid reliance on Common Good land for associated infrastructure.</p> <p>This reinforces the expectation that the current proposal must be demonstrably the least intrusive and most proportionate solution, rather than simply a preferred or convenient option.</p> <p>Taken together, these factors reinforce the requirement that the selected site be not merely viable, but demonstrably</p>
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		<p>preferable to alternatives in terms of infrastructure impact, integration, and community benefit.</p> <p>7. Balance and Proportionality</p> <p>This proposal places in tension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The clear and widely supported need for a new school, and • The legal obligation to protect Common Good assets and ensure that any departure from that protection is justified, proportionate, and demonstrably in the community’s interest <p>A balanced and legally sufficient approach would require demonstration that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chosen site is clearly the most appropriate option available, having regard to alternatives • The impact on Common Good land is justified and has been minimised to the fullest extent practicable • Community concerns have been meaningfully considered and substantively addressed, not merely noted <p>It is submitted that none of these three requirements has yet been satisfactorily met.</p> <p>8. Conclusion and Formal Objections</p> <p>There is strong and genuine support within the community for a new, inclusive, modern secondary school. That support is not in dispute. The consistent and substantiated concern, as reflected in formal representations (83% of which constitute objections), relates to the proposed location, the impact on Common Good land, and the manner in which the decision-making process has been conducted.</p> <p>The consistent message arising from public response is: this is the school the community wants, but not the location.</p> <p>Formal objection is therefore made to each of the three proposed actions as follows:</p> <p>Objection 1: Appropriation of Applegrove Primary School playing field (1.67ha)</p> <p>This appropriation removes an established school playing field serving Applegrove Primary School pupils, displacing them onto Common Good land for routine activities. No</p>
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		<p>adequate replacement provision for those pupils has been identified.</p> <p>The permanent loss of this asset has not been justified against the test that it is necessary and proportionate, having regard to the availability of alternative sites that would not require this displacement.</p> <p>Objection 2: Temporary disposal of part of Roysvale Park for construction compound (0.7ha, approx. 42 months)</p> <p>The removal of 0.7 hectares of Common Good land from public use for a period of approximately 42 months constitutes a material and prolonged interference with community rights. No equivalent replacement space has been identified for regular users during this period. The council is required to demonstrate that this disposal satisfies the legal threshold under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and, where required, to obtain Sheriff Court approval before proceeding.</p> <p>Objection 3: Permanent appropriation of part of Roysvale Park for bus drop-off/ layby (0.24ha)</p> <p>The permanent appropriation of 0.24 hectares of Common Good land for bus infrastructure represents an irreversible reduction in the extent of Roysvale Park. It has not been demonstrated that this infrastructure cannot be accommodated on non-Common Good land, nor that it is the least intrusive means of achieving the required access arrangements. Absent such demonstration, the legal threshold for permanent appropriation of Common Good land has not been met.</p> <p>It is accordingly requested that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All three proposed appropriations and disposals are refused or deferred pending full compliance with the legal requirements applicable to <p>Common Good land under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973,</p> <p>including, where required, Sheriff Court approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alternative sites are fully and transparently reassessed against the specific criterion of avoiding the use of Common Good land, with the results of that assessment published for community scrutiny
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32	07 April 2026	Email	<p>I write to object to the proposed appropriation and disposal of open space for the relocation of Forres Academy Forres.</p> <p>I have attended all meetings and Consultations and as a health care professional I have made my views clear repeatedly since November 2023. The <i>mitigations</i> to my many concerns which have been proposed by Moray Council have in no way altered my opinion over the last two and a half years as I believe there remains a significant adverse risk to the wellbeing and safety of members of the community. Those who will be the most seriously affected are the children attending Applegrove Primary School (in particular the children with additional support needs), the teaching staff, the Veterans whose homes are in very close proximity to the new academy site elderly residents who live nearby and enjoy the green space, the wider community who enjoy the health benefits of exercise in this area and the businesses, in particular our respected Funeral Director, will all be significantly affected.</p> <p>The fact is that this open space is very well used and has been for over 125 years. Our forebears recognised the need to provide green space for the wellbeing of the residents in this area because the community at that time was growing. Since then, the inhabitants of Forres and visitors to the town have appreciated the park for its nature and tranquillity, and the many sporting and arts events it has accommodated over the years. Whilst access to its full extent was limited by the development of Applegrove Primary School, it remains an important public space and one that is much cherished and used by the local community.</p> <p>As the Council will be aware, the Application site and the surrounding area is protected against the adverse effects of</p>

		<p>inappropriate development of the sort proposed by the Application by the Scottish Government’s National Planning Framework 4 (“NPF4”) and Moray Council’s Moray Local Development Plan 2020 (the “LDP”) (together, the “Development Plan”). The Council must make planning decisions in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.</p> <p>The LDP sets out that access to open space is important for all of Moray’s residents – this includes but is not limited to schoolchildren and young adults. Indeed, such access is a key theme of the LDP and its supporting documents, such as the Open Space Strategy. Roysvale Park and the Applegrove Playing Fields are identified in the Forres Settlement Statement accompanying the LDP as “ENV4 Sports Area” and benefit from a high degree of protection. For example, the Settlement Statement provides that “<i>open space that contributes to the environmental amenity of Forres will be safeguarded from development that is not related to its current use...</i>”. The justification for Policy EP5 (Open Space) of the LDP highlights the many benefits of access to open space, including supporting healthy and active lifestyles, relaxation and mental health, ecology, placemaking, and quality of life. In this context, Policy EP5 provides that proposals which would result in a change from ENV4 to another use will be refused unless one of the identified exceptions applies. The exceptions are where the proposal is for “<i>essential community infrastructure required to deliver the key objectives of the Council and its</i></p> <p><i>Community Planning Partners... or for a site specific opportunity identified within the settlement statement.</i>”</p> <p>Where an exception applies, the proposals must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be sited and designed to minimise adverse impacts on the principal function of the space and its key qualities and features; and • demonstrate that there is a clear excess of that type of ENV space and not result in loss of access to open space or ensure that equivalent replacement open space is provided. <p>NPF4 similarly emphasises the importance of access to open space. For example, Policy 20 (Blue and Green Infrastructure)</p>
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		<p>may have some benefits, could also be intimidating for younger pupils and discourage access. Therefore, it cannot be said that such facilities provide open space of equivalent function, quality and accessibility for the Applegrove pupils, as required by Policy EP5.</p> <p>It should also be noted that the Scottish Government intends to update the School Premises (General Requirements and Standards) (Scotland) Regulations 1967, which set minimum standards for school premises, including in terms of access to playing fields, and expects a consultation to begin this year. The Scottish Government recognises the benefits of high-quality outdoor learning and therefore access to open space will likely be a key theme of the consultation and any consequent updates. This Application has been brought forward at an inopportune time - it would have been prudent to have the outcome of that exercise to inform the proposals.</p> <p>Similarly, increased use of Roysvale Park for school sports would impact on the public's ability to continue using and appreciating the park in the manner described above. Whilst the Sports Facilities Note submitted with the Application states that the public will have access to the new facilities, it also recognises that these facilities are considered compensation for the loss of the Applegrove Playing Fields and will be shared amongst a larger body of pupils. It remains unclear how the increased pressure on resources will be managed and how the public will factor into that. In future, it is highly likely that Roysvale Park could be subsumed into the school campus, leading to the loss of public access altogether.</p> <p><i>In summary my specific objections are as follows; -</i></p> <p><u>Appropriation of Land namely Applegrove Playing Fields for construction of a new Forres Academy.</u></p> <p>1. It has been highlighted in a 2023/24 study that over 20 per cent of primary one children are at risk of obesity. Applegrove Primary Playing Field is very well used by the children of Applegrove Primary and particularly benefits the children with additional support needs who may require some time out.</p> <p>2.The noise and disruption caused by building on the playing fields of the primary children will be very disturbing to the children and teaching staff.</p>
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		<p>regard because it will undoubtedly comprise the privacy of these residents.</p> <p>9. Deliveries and refuse service will most likely enter via the Orchard Road school entrance/exit. This will cause ongoing noise disturbance to the residents in the Veterans Cottages and other properties. The proximity of the bins will pose a risk of vermin to their homes.</p> <p>10. The fact that this is proposed to not only be a new academy but a community Hub will increase noise, disturbance and traffic increase out with school hours to the residents in close proximity.</p> <p>11. The roads leading to Roysvale/Applegrove are narrow with blind spots and already serve 3 schools. The Moray Growth Plan proposes building 1000plus homes at Lochyhill. The traffic is already hazardous at school times and as Forres grows in the future the traffic on these narrow roads will surely become worse with associated traffic pollution concentrated in this area.</p> <p><u>Temporary disposal of part of Roysvale Park Sanquhar Road, Forres for around 42 months by way of licence to facilitate the construction compound (0.7ha)</u></p> <p>1. 3.5 years is a long time to impact the health and wellbeing of the people who use Roysvale Park regularly. For residents this is daily use and others hiring the park regularly to play football. Disruption to the park in any way will create impact to community wellbeing. The Roysvale Park is a nexus for the community to meet, exercise and socialise. Moray Council state that the community shall be able to use the park during construction to play football, use the children's swings and exercise dogs etc. This seems foolhardy and indeed,dangerous.</p> <p>2. Construction compound hard surface will reduce the natural soakaway effect of the green space further exacerbating the flooding that occurs in that area of Sanquhar Road..</p> <p>3. There are 2 Historic Rights of Way bisecting the Roysvale Park. These Rights of Way will be disrupted.</p> <p>4. Moray Council improved cycle ways within the Roysvale Park at great expense to promote active travel. These areas will be disrupted and damaged.</p>
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33	07 April 2026	Email	I wish to lodge my objections to the following development and will take each in turn.

Appropriation of land namely Applegrove Primary School playing field, 4 Orchard Road Forres for construction of a new Forres Academy (1.67ha)

I object to the above for the following reasons:

1. The land in question is currently the *Applegrove Primary School playing field*. It is important to emphasise the point that this is at present the sole playing field of a primary school.
2. The footprint for the construction of the new Academy is 1.67 ha. The whole of the Applegrove Primary School playing field will therefore be used. This means that the primary school children will no longer have their original playing field and will be deprived of this valued resource.
3. To build on this site will deprive the primary school children of their playing field in perpetuity.
4. Present and future generations of primary school children will be denied access to this resource. It is widely recognised that playing space is a valued asset and that play is a vital activity for learning, development, social cohesion and physical and mental health.
5. A significant number of pupils attending Applegrove Primary school have Additional Support Needs. This group, in particular, benefit from the free access to this resource. Depriving the children to their playing field will have an enormous impact on their education and health.
6. Constructing the new Forres Academy in such a constrained space and in very close proximity to the primary school will have a detrimental effect on the children attending the primary school. In effect the pupils are being disrespected and punished twice – complete loss of their existing playing field and are to be subjected to noise, construction traffic and environmental pollution for several years. This is hardly an optimal environment for the educational development of our primary school children and I therefore contest this application.

		<p><i>Temporary disposal by way of licence of part of Roysvale Park, Sanquhar Road, Forres for around 42 months to facilitate the construction compound (0.7 ha)</i></p> <p>I object to this item for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. The Roysvale Park is inalienable Common Good Land and is for the use and recreation in perpetuity of the citizens of Forres. It is located in a densely populated residential area and is a valued and much treasured green space that is well used by all members of the community, young and old. 8. The Inalienable Common Good Land of the Roysvale Park anticipated for use as a construction compound is almost half the footprint of the new Academy. Therefore, a sizeable area of land will be unavailable for use by the citizens of Forres for at least 42 months, perhaps more. 9. The Roysvale Park will not be available to the public for recreational use during this period 10. The Park itself will be altered permanently both physically and in the public perception. Indeed, the entirety of the Roysvale Park will be absorbed into the ‘school campus’ 11. As part of the overall redesign of the Roysvale Park a public footpath is proposed. This will run from the site of the former academy to the site of the new academy and is a new development. This has not been part of the application submitted by Moray Council to the Court of Session for the appropriation of the Roysvale Park. It is hard to imagine being able to engage in football or other sporting activity when a path courses through the green space of the park in a North to South direction. This represents a permanent change of use of the inalienable Common Good Land although it does not seem to have been specifically requested for consideration but rather has been assumed. If correct this may be an infraction of the law and deserves to be highlighted. <p><i>Appropriation of part of Roysvale Park to provide a new bus drop off/layby for the new Forres Academy (0.24ha)</i></p> <p>I object to this request on the following grounds:</p>
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			<p>as a wonderful opportunity. I do however object to the whole venture being undermined as a direct consequence of placing the new Academy on the wrong site. Locating the new Academy on this site will undoubtedly result in the following:</p> <p>The destruction of an established residential neighbourhood, rendering untold misery and harm both to residents and school pupils together with exorbitant and as yet unappreciated costs to attempt to ameliorate/mitigate problems that are predictable and have already been highlighted many times to Moray Council. Placing the new Academy in this location will be a costly mistake and a waste of a golden opportunity to deliver the very best educational environment for all pupils in Forres.</p>
34	07 April 2026	Email	<p>Dear Sirs</p> <p>We hereby submit our objections to the proposed appropriation and disposal of the open space comprising Applegrove Primary School playing field and part of Roysvale Park as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Appropriation of the playing field for the construction of a new Forres Academy 2.Temporary disposal of part of Roysvale Park for around 20 months to facilitate the construction compound 3.Appropriation of part of Roysvale Park to provide a new bus drop off layby for the new Forres Academy <p>Our objections are based on our understanding of the original Plannng Application 25/01203/APP being contrary to the Council's own Local Development Plan 2020.(LDP).</p> <p>The reasons why the Application is considered to be contrary to the LDP were set out in detail in an email submitted to the Council by the lawyers acting for the Forres New Academy Forum on 30 October 2025.</p> <p>We have extracted some of the text of that submission in drafting these objectlons to the appropriation and disposal of the Playing Fields and Park.</p> <p>In particular the proposals are contrary to the specific requirements of Policy EP5 (Open Space) which highlights the many benefits of access to open space including supporting healthy and active lifestyles,relaxation and mental health, ecology, placemaking and quality of life.</p>

			<p>Our understanding is that Roysvale Park and Applegrove Playing Fields were originally gifted to the Council's predecessors for the benefit of the community and for recreational, purposes.</p> <p>Roysvale Park is common good land and the proposed disposal will lead to the permanent loss to the community of a considerable part of this invaluable asset.</p> <p>To quote the concluding paragraph of the lawyers' email "The proposals are contrary to the general theme of promoting access to open space for all of Moray's residents in the LDP, and contrary to the specific requirements of Policy EP5."</p> <p>We have previously submitted objections to the original planning application 25/01203/APP under the following "Reasons for comment" amongst others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affecting natural environment • Drainage • Lack of landscaping • Over-development of site • Parking • Road access • Road safety • Traffic <p>All of these issues we consider to be relevant to the objections now being made to the proposed appropriation and disposal of the areas of open space specified in the above notice</p> <p>We should be grateful to have your acknowledgement that our objections have been received before the deadline of 5pm on Wednesday 8 April.</p>
35	07 April 2026	Email	<p>> Once again I find myself having to write to you in what no doubt will be a pointless exercise. I have contacted you in the past, as well as contacting all councillors, to register my objections to the building of the new Academy on Applegrove Primary School playing field and my objection to the appropriation of land on Roysvale Park Common Good Land for a construction yard and the building of a permanent concrete bus lane.</p> <p>> Common sense dictates that Applegrove is too small for the new school and is being dictated by the poor choices of the learning estates manager and the councillors, in particular the head of the councillors.</p>

			<p>> The primary school children will suffer, the noise, pollution and</p> <p>> disruption of living next to a building site for in excess of three and a half years and probably a lot longer. Some children and parents have already protested at the prospect of this happening (as per photos on Forres Gazette) and many children have expressed that they do not want to be so close to the Academy and pupils. I can fully understand that because the attitude and language of some the secondary pupils is appalling. The children fear being bullied.</p> <p>> I will move on to Roysvale Park. Beautiful and well used Roysvale Park. Some of the stunning trees will be removed and a concrete bus lane built on the park and this is a disgrace in this day and age. I cannot believe that anyone who cares for the environment and the health and well being of the children and the wider community would think this is a good idea. Roysvale Park is used daily by the academy pupils for outdoor P.E. and by other groups after school and at weekends. It is also used daily by the wider community for pleasure walks.</p> <p>> I could write at length, as I have done previously, regarding further issues affecting the residents in the area and also the absolute chaos that will ensue around the roads when the building starts. Everyone complains about the length of the queues of traffic on Grantown Road, Orchard Road and Sanquhar, the dangerous roundabout at the Legion and the blind exit out of Nelson Road on to Sanquhar. Now of course residents are receiving letters about surveys of their houses prior to building work commencing.</p> <p>> I would sum up simply by saying this decision by learning estates and moray council is an absolute disaster which will only be fully felt when building commences and people realise the extent of the impact on residents and the surrounding area.</p>
36	07 April 2026	Email	<p>I wish to raise the following objection comments to the Notice of Proposed Appropriation and Disposal of Open Space for the Relocation of Forres Academy, Forres</p> <p>Sections 24(2A) and 27(2A) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1959 (as amended)</p> <p>Notification</p> <p>The wording of this Notice is of concern when it notes that Moray Council is <i>considering</i> the appropriation of Applegrove Playing Field, temporary disposal and appropriation of part of Roysvale.</p>

		<p>Moray Council have already decided to erect the new academy on Applegrove Playing Field and planning approval has been granted despite public opposition to the proposals. Approval of the use of Roysvale Park being Common Good Land has yet to be determined and is currently with the Court of Session.</p> <p>A further consultation doesn't give the community assurance only confusion and pending disappointment that their comments will not be considered fully and dismissed as has happened on previous consultations with this project.</p> <p>Appropriation of land namely Applegrove Primary School playing field, 4 Orchard Road, Forres, for construction of a new Forres Academy (1.67ha)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of green space at Applegrove Primary School is not compensated elsewhere when Roysvale Park will have to be shared with Academy pupils and access to 3G pitch will be a logistical nightmare. • Applegrove Playing Fields and Roysvale Park are both classified as ENV4 Open Spaces in MLDP2020. These are well used green spaces and offer healthy outdoor spaces for all which meets NPF4 Policy 23. • The siting on Applegrove Playing Fields does mean a huge loss to the primary school of safe and secure space for outdoor learning. • It is advised that Applegrove pupils will be able to share Roysvale Park along with the Academy and the public but this will not be fenced off. • Areas we are advise are to comply with 'The School Premises (General Requirements and Standards) (Scotland) Regulations 1967. I understand that the 1967 act is being reviewed by the Scottish Government and like energy requirements this is so important for education that we must strive to future proof not just meet minimum current standards and by the time the school is completed, the areas could fail to meet the standards required. • To compensate for loss of playing fields it is advised that Applegrove pupils will use Roysvale Park and the 3G pitch but the pupils which included a large percentage of ASN pupils would need considerable additional staff support to be
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		<p>safe within the unfenced park surrounded by two busy roads and to cross these to get to the 3G pitch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Further clarity is required on the requirements and how these will be managed long term to comply with the planning policies MLDP2020 EP5 and NPF4 Policy 21.• I struggle to understand how Roysvale Park will operate to fully serve all users when it is currently only used during school hours by the Academy pupils occasionally and not at all by Applegrove or other ASG schools.• The promise of the return of Roysvale Park to the public is not clear if this green area is to be shared with up to 1600 pupils from both the Academy and Applegrove.• Roysvale and Applegrove Playing Field are natural soakaways being green low lying areas from the existing school site to the south and to the High Street to the north. This area is known to be prone to flooding due to the high water table and sandy soil conditions.• Holding tanks have already been installed to Applegrove and have failed to address flooding.• To cover Applegrove playing fields with a large building with a concrete base loses this natural soakaway increasing the flood risk elsewhere.• It seems impossible to conclude that education of Applegrove pupils will not be severely impacted by the noise, disturbance, dust pollution etc.• Veterans living in adjacent cottages will also suffer terribly and those living with PTSD will find themselves in an even worse situation in their homes which should be their place of safety.• In addition mourners, local businesses and teaching staff will have to try to live and work adjacent to a building site for at least two years.• The principal contractor Balfour Beatty anticipate that there will be 112 vehicle movements per day in the first 6months of the build rising to 236 for the remaining 23months. This is an incredible amount of construction vehicles in additional to the usual amount of traffic in the area.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The permanent loss of approx. 12% of Common Good Land of Roysvale Park to provide a bus lane plus the additional path to the west seem completely unnecessary. • There is existing bus parking to the south of the existing school and this provision can remain and incorporated with the new car park at this brownfield site without sacrificing open space of Roysvale. • Students like staff can walk 200m to reach the new proposed replacement school at Applegrove. • Students will have to cross the same roads to reach the 3G pitch and swimming pool. The recent report from The Schools (Consultation)(Scotland) Act 2010 presented to Moray Council dated 25th February 2026 included Plasmon Playing Fields and Mannachie Pitches in the school grounds. • The new bus lane exit is extremely close to an existing entrance to Applegrove Primary School and the blind junction of Nelson Road and Sanquhar Road as well as the retained swing park where parents wait to collect their children. Sanquhar Road is also used as parking for drop off and pick up. It seems to increase the traffic in this area is very dangerous. • The increase in distance of entitlement of free transport from 2 to 3 miles which will commence on 13th April 2026 will surely result in less pupils using the bus provision and perhaps less school buses will be required. It will however increase the number of pupils walking from public bus stops in town and cycling to school or being dropped off by car. <p>Conclusion</p> <p>Everyone agrees that a replacement school is required as soon as possible. Even without the RAAC issues Forres deserves a suitable secondary school. We also need to embrace the opportunity of the Scottish Government funding to create a suitable and sustainable building for our young people.</p> <p>This must be the best we can provide and not compromised.</p> <p>Mitigation and justification measures for building at Applegrove Playing Fields require to be fully investigated by the planning department and statutory consultees rather than</p>
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			<p>being dictated by perceived costs, fears about losing funding and rejection of public concerns.</p> <p>Proposals to use the existing Academy site have been tabled and retained on file. Together with the other site at Lochyhill, these sites are not without their own challenges but may offer a better solution for the replacement school should the permission not be granted or legal approval not given.</p> <p>This is a huge development for Forres, both now and for future generations</p>
37	07 April 2026	Email	<p>Dear Sir Madam,</p> <p>I have objected to the location of the new high school, previously. However I am not against a new high school but further developments of this site cement this objection.</p> <p>The aspect of taking green space from young children at a primary school unbelievable, when all learned professionals encourage children into the outdoors for mental and physical health and overall wellbeing. This is against all advice, taking away a playground when a more appropriate site was available but not costed. The deal was sealed despite local objections. The noise impact of this new building will be horrendous to all concerned.</p> <p>I object to the change of use of Roysvale park, where for centuries it has been used for recreational use. Again all medical and environmental professionals can give you all the research on the appropriateness of these spaces in society. In terms of public health this cannot be measured, it is so needed.</p> <p>This is a short term financial gain for a long term loss.</p>
38	07 April 2026	Email	<p>Objection regarding the proposed appropriation and disposal of open space for the relocation of Forres Academy, Forres.</p> <p>I object to the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ appropriation of land namely Applegrove Primary School playing field, 4 Orchard Road, Forres, for construction of a new Forres Academy (1.67ha) ◆ temporary disposal by way of licence of part of Roysvale Park, Sanquhar Road, Forres for around 42 months to facilitate the construction compound (0.7ha)

			<p>◆ appropriation of part of Roysvale Park to provide a new bus drop off/ layby for the new Forres Academy (0.24ha)</p> <p>I formally object to the planning proposal to build the new Forres Academy on the playing field of Applegrove Primary School. I appreciate the clear need for new educational facilities for the Forres community, this site is unsuitable and presents significant adverse impacts please consider the following points which link into the above 3 mentioned bullet points.</p> <p>1. Loss of vital green space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal will completely consume Applegrove primary schools playing field, a large well used school green space, currently used every day by primary pupils for outdoor playtime, PE, football, field sports, sports days, daily mile, informal recreation and social development. The removal of this outdoor space will diminish opportunities for physical activity, informal play and most importantly all the mental-wellbeing benefits that we know green outdoor space provides for children. • The wider site (Roysvale Park) is used by the community for recreation. There is further reduction in green space also planned here, by using part of the green space to accommodate a bus lane/drop off. This bus lane is not required and can stay at current academy site, right next to the planned teachers car park . The reduction of this resource will also greatly affect the community as this park is well used by local team for sport not to mention local area residents for walking and dog walking . • Currently both Applegrove primary AND Forres Academy have dedicated green space playing fields. I do not see how building over/removing a primary school green playing field AND giving up use of the current academy playing field at Sanquhar, then replacing with a smaller portion of "common good land" green space can even be considered. With this new plan, In excess of 1000 academy pupils PLUS approx 300 primary pupils PLUS a large community of local residents who often use Roysvale park common good land for recreation/dog walking etc will ALL be
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			<p>SHARING this limited area. A step backwards and a real loss of green space with no replacement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulations state secondary schools of the proposed size should have playing fields 3.6 hectares (36000 square metres). Roysvale park is (14600m2) and a new 3G football pitch (7000m2) so therefore it falls significantly short. This is a huge concern. I note that Sports Scotland have a holding objection, awaiting more information . • Roysvale is unsuitable for primary school pupils as it is not fenced and it is bounded by a road on two / three sides. • The principle of locating such a large school build on an existing primary playing field appears contrary to the objective of preserving existing educational outdoor facilities for younger children. <p>2. Noise and Disturbance / impact on primary pupils and local community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary pupils will be located adjacent/on the same campus as large-scale construction for approximately 2–3 years which is very worrying in terms of the impact the noise and disturbance will have on education and general wellbeing. The plans will undoubtedly generate noise, dust, vibration, traffic and construction-works disruption. • The site is also in close proximity to residential properties including the veterans’ cottages and this planned heavy construction raises more community safety and wellbeing concerns. • Concerns for those working from home in residential properties in local area , unclear about timings of disturbance/ noise, work happening at unsociable hours and concern for the local funeral directors business across the road from Applegrove. <p>3. Traffic, parking, access and safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have concerns about the safety of children at Applegrove primary school. During school drop off and pick up hours, on both orchard road and Sanquhar road (the school has multiple entrances), there is high traffic flow and illegal parking daily, often
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			<p>making it difficult for pedestrians to get a clear view when crossing roads. The blind junction at the bottom of Nelson road is of particular concern and the addition of a bus lane exit in close proximity to this will add to the chaos.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • secondary-school drop-off / pick-up / bus-movements / staff parking in a residential areas (Sanquhar Road / Roysvale Place / Orchard Road) which are already very busy during these hours raises serious concerns with further increased constructions traffic. <p>The main car park for the academy is planned to remain at its current location which is quite a distance from the planned new building (the entire length of Roysvale park, then across a public road, then round and behind the swimming pool building.) It is unlikely that everyone will park here or drop off here in adverse weather conditions which means the streets around the new building (Applegrove primary school playing field) will become even more busy and the community/ high street car parks will be used instead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bus lane is not required if a new car park is not, just keep the drop off at the same car park location. • The council planning statement indicates increased demand for car/bus access, the local network and narrow streets may not be sufficient to cope without significant detrimental impact on residents. <p>4. Overlooking and loss of privacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This 3 story building will overlook many nearby residential properties resulting in loss of privacy. <p>5. Overshadowing and loss of light</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fact that the site is so small and restrictive has meant the design of the building has had to upwards/ vertical. As a result the school is a minimum 3 story which will reduce natural light and cast shadow over neighbouring residential properties and the primary school and its remaining areas of mostly tarmac playground. <p>6. Flood risk, drainage and environmental concerns</p>
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The chosen site and its surrounding area is prone to flooding and has known surface-drainage issues. I note the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) has submitted a “holding objection” due to lack of information on flood-risk. Again removing this large area of green space is not ideal, especially with these risks. The increasing risks from climate change (heavier rainfall, more intense storms) means there is even more concern about this. <p>7. Design layout/density</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The restricted site size and therefore the height of the building and density means the building will look quite out of keeping in its surroundings areas. It pushes very close to other one/two story residential properties and is completely out of keeping with the surrounding area. <p>8. Impact on character of local surroundings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The building is being shoehorned into an area too small for it and too close to surrounding residential properties and businesses. (Applegrove primary is only 2 stories and spread out over an area that accommodates it with trees surrounding) there is not this same plan for the new Academy. It is out of keeping with the character of the surrounding area. <p>9. Nature conservation and trees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This plan requires cutting down very well established large trees within the Applegrove grounds and surrounding streets which will have a detrimental effect on the environment including biodiversity loss. <p>thanks for your consideration of this objection.</p>
39	07 April 2026	Email	<p>Appropriation and Disposal of open space for re-location of Forres Academy.</p> <p>My Objections are</p> <p>1.A huge loss of open / green space for Applegrove pupils and public at large.</p> <p>There will be a total loss of Applegrove playing field & of part of Roysvale Park (common good land) for ever.</p> <p>Plus loss of use of majority of Roysvale park for 3/4 years.</p>

			<p>2.A loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services..loss of natural drainage,and prevention of natural air filtration systems.</p> <p>3. Appropriation of these areas affects disproportionately children and adults who may not have gardens or means to travel elsewhere for recreation.</p> <p>4.These areas are the lungs of Forres in the centre of town. Removing them will have the same effect as on the human body...impacting severely the mental health of the countless children and adults who make use of these areas daily. These green areas encourage physical activity and this will be lost.</p> <p>Towns need,and are constantly urged , to develop their central green areas for the mental health of their citizens.</p> <p>This does the opposite.</p> <p>5.Development is contrary to Council’s own Local Development Plan 2020 and in particular contrary to Policy EP5(Open Space) which extols the many benefits of access to open space.</p> <p>6. The proposals will result in a net loss of access to open space .</p> <p>But ,as with all previous “ consultations”, the public are now in no doubt that their opinions are irrelevant.</p> <p>“Consultations” from beginning (when majority expressed preference for Lochyhill) to this stage, have been box-ticking exercises . Response to this “consultation“ will be poor,as the public have realised that it is sadly a waste of time. It is this sort of behaviour that brings shame to our Council.</p>
40	07 April 2026	Email	<p>Objection regarding the proposed appropriation and disposal of open space for the relocation of Forres Academy, Forres.</p> <p>I object to the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ appropriation of land namely Applegrove Primary School playing field, 4 Orchard Road, Forres, for construction of a new Forres Academy (1.67ha) ◆ temporary disposal by way of licence of part of Roysvale Park, Sanquhar Road, Forres for around 42 months to facilitate the construction compound (0.7ha)

◆ appropriation of part of Roysvale Park to provide a new bus drop off/ layby for the new Forres Academy (0.24ha)

I formally and wholeheartedly object to the above development. The reasons stated below provide reasoning and logic for my objection. It should be noted however, that above the points noted below, the manner in which the Moray Council representatives have approached the local consultations and the

1. Loss of vital green spac

- Taking away open playing space will have a clear and well researched detrimental effect on the Applegrove demographic who will lose out on outdoor playing space for a minimum of 4 years. Given that construction projects of this size, in my personal and direct experience, often outgrown the initial scope, this could in the worst case be extended to even longer and potentially constitute the majority of some childrens entire time at Applegrove. The fact this is so evident from the recent Covid pandemic, and yet has been so clearly overlooked, is surprising at best.
- The addition of the bus lane does not seem to align with a) a necessary requirement for bus traffic and b) the fact that it will take even more space away from the local community
- Currently both Applegrove primary AND Forres Academy have dedicated green space playing fields. I do not see how building over/removing a primary school green playing field AND giving up use of the current academy playing field at Sanquhar, then replacing with a smaller portion of "common good land" green space can even be considered. With this new plan, In excess of 1000 academy pupils PLUS approx 300 primary pupils PLUS a large community of local residents who often use Roysvale park common good land for recreation/dog walking etc will ALL be SHARING this limited area.
- Regulations state secondary schools of the proposed size should have playing fields 3.6 hectares (36000 square metres). Roysvale park is (14600m²) and a new 3G football pitch (7000m²) so therefore it falls significantly short. This is a huge concern, and the

Sport Scotland input is telling of the lack of deep research by Moray Council

2. Noise and Disturbance / impact on primary pupils and local community

- Primary pupils will be located adjacent/on the same campus as large-scale construction for approximately 2–3 years which is very worrying in terms of the impact the noise and disturbance will have on education and general wellbeing. The plans will undoubtedly generate noise, dust, vibration, traffic and construction-works disruption. This, in combination with reduced playing areas, will further degrade the morale of children in a school that is already struggling in various ways

3. Traffic, parking, access and safety

- I have concerns about the safety of children at Applegrove primary school. During school drop off and pick up hours, on both orchard road and Sanquhar road (the school has multiple entrances), there is high traffic flow and illegal parking daily, often making it difficult for pedestrians to get a clear view when crossing roads. The blind junction at the bottom of Nelson road is of particular concern and the addition of a bus lane exit in close proximity to this will add to the chaos.
- Traffic volume. Currently, the local roads around Roysvale and Sanquhar become very busy at 'peak times' of school drop off and pick up. This adds time to daily commutes and travel, as well as adding noise pollution to the local area. This will be increased significantly to the detriment of all local residents

4. Overlooking and loss of privacy

- This 3 story building will overlook many nearby residential properties resulting in loss of privacy. It is telling that other, similar school builds in Nairn and Lossiemouth are NOT situated in such close proximity to so many buildings (i.e surrounded 360 degrees by residential buildings). Even more staggering is the fact that the alternative option would have less noise and

			<p>traffic pollution AND have less residential surroundings.</p> <p>5. Design layout/density</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The restricted site size and therefore the height of the building and density means the building will look quite out of keeping in its surroundings areas. It pushes very close to other one/two story residential properties and is completely out of keeping with the surrounding area. <p>6. Nature conservation and trees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This plan requires cutting down very well established large trees within the Applegrove grounds and surrounding streets which will have a detrimental effect on the environment including biodiversity loss. <p>The accumulated negative issues presented by this build hold the potential to bring significant disruption and upset to both the local and wider community. It has not been evident throughout the entire planning and engagement process that the Moray Council team have sufficient depth of knowledge on critical matters such as mental health impact on children, flooding issues and large construction build projects in general, to be as bold and headstrong in their decision making as they have been.</p>
41	08 April 2026	Email	<p>I strongly object to the appropriation of the Applegrove Primary School playing field. This green space has been enjoyed by many generations of school children past and present and especially by children of special needs. I believe this land was gifted by the Sanquhar Estate to the people of Forres with the proviso that it would not be built upon.</p>
42	08 April 2026	Email	<p>Response to the Notice of Proposed Appropriation and Disposal of Open Space for the Relocation of Forres Academy, Forres</p> <p>I object to: (i) the appropriation of Applegrove Playing Field for the new Forres Academy; (ii) temporary disposal of Roysvale park for around 42 months to facilitate a construction compound; and (iii) appropriation of part of Roysvale Park to provide bus drop off / layby for the new Forres Academy. I have set out my reasons below.</p> <p>I note that the notice for this consultation states that “Moray Council is considering” the matters above. It is my</p>

		<p>understanding that Moray Council has already approved its own plans to build the new Forres Academy, including the proposed bus lane and the use of the construction site. I do not see how the results of this consultation are therefore going to be given due consideration when Moray Council has already made its decision. The public would be forgiven for thinking that, once again, its views will be parried and dismissed rather than accounted for. Moray Council should be reversing its decision in anticipation of the results of this consultation. A decision on building can, in fairness, surely only be taken after the results of this consultation are known?</p> <p>I note also that Moray Council does not have court approval for the use or appropriation (temporary or permanent) of any of the common good land in question. The money that has been spent on this project, against the will of the public at every turn, is shocking when the land is not even secured to allow the plans to proceed. Moray Council has displayed astounding arrogance in its bulldozing of these plans.</p> <p>I have participated in all consultations and surveys Moray Council has issued throughout this potential new academy build process. At each stage, the majority of responses have been against the proposals, but nothing has derailed the determination of Moray Council to proceed in the face of major objections and site issues. Nothing I have seen from Moray Council has convinced me that these plans should proceed. I have, once again, reiterated my objections below.</p> <p>The Community Empowerment Act (Scotland) 2015 states that local authorities must execute their responsibility to properly represent the public on disposal of CGL. Moray Council has a clear conflict of interest in this matter, having already approved its own planning application, including the bus lane. Moray Council has not represented the public in any way if those views have been contrary to Moray Council's plans. During the CGL consultation, 80% of those who voted were against the plans, yet nothing changed in the proposals. Contrary views have been unwelcome at every stage of the process.</p> <p>Applegrove and Roysvale – General Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both Applegrove Playing Field and Roysvale Park offer valued green space within Forres. The health benefits of outdoor space are well documented and have taken on increased importance following the lessons
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			<p>learned from the COVID pandemic. It is wrong to remove this space from public use, especially when other sites are available to build the new Academy on. Applegrove Playing Field and Roysvale Park are used and enjoyed by the public on a daily basis for sport, leisure and exercise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both areas are also used by numerous local groups. These range from local sports clubs e.g. football to the likes of beavers / cubs and scouts who use the area for various outdoor activities due to the proximity to their hut, which does not otherwise have outdoor space. • Both Roysvale Park and Applegrove playing field provide valuable soakaway / flood ground. If these areas are ‘concreted over’, so to speak, local properties and businesses will be put at risk. I have not seen plans that show this has been adequately dealt with. Applegrove already has tanks installed that have been unsuccessful. • Roysvale Park and Applegrove playing field are both surrounded by mature trees, many of which will be lost under these plans. This will impact local biodiversity. Mature trees cannot simply be replaced, it will take generations for any replanting to mature. • I provided extensive commentary in my response to the planning consultation around where I believe these plans fail to meet the Local Development Plan and National Planning Framework, for example. I have attached my response to planning where this information can be found. • Moray Council does have an alternative site in Lochyhill, or rebuilding on the existing site (which has wide public support), that would allow Roysvale Park to be retained and Applegrove to retain its playing fields. Whilst those options carry their own difficulties, the current proposition is fraught with issues, none of which in my view have been given adequate consideration for the impacts they will have. <p>Appropriation of Applegrove Playing Field</p>
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applegrove Primary school is 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 that the primary children can use at break and lunch as they do now. Roysvale Park will only be of use to Applegrove primary for supervised PE lessons, and even then, an unbounded site is unsafe for primary pupils. There are also no toilets. • The proposed 3G pitch (not shown on the map provided with this consultation) 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 and pupils from other primary schools? Taking playing fields away from primary pupils with no equivalent replacement should not be condoned and I strongly object to it. • 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 the Moray Council with this build, however, are out of synch. • 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. The 1967 Regulations being currently under review. • Moray’s own local development plan 2020 set out that access to open space is important, including to school pupils and young adults. The proposal to build on Applegrove playing field completely contravenes this. • All children need space to run around and let off steam, whether they have additional support needs or
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			<p>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 has capacity for 460 pupils. If the school was to reach capacity, these issues would only be exacerbated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. Proposed mitigations have been an exercise in box ticking and do not provide meaningful mitigation to having a construction site on the doorstep of an operating primary school. • Forres has a wonderful rural setting and we should be proud to be able to provide children with outdoor space, not be removing it. • Removal of the open space of the playing field and replacing it with a 4 storey building will have a huge detrimental impact on the veterans living in the veterans' cottages next to Applegrove. Many of these veterans suffer from PTSD. The noise levels they will be exposed to right next to their homes is a cruelty they should not have to suffer. See my planning response for how I think the height of the building will impact daylight to their homes. <p>Temporary Disposal of Roysvale Park for around 42 months to facilitate a construction compound.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42 months is an unacceptable length of time to deny use of CGL. As set out above, the site is currently very well used by both individuals and a selection of community groups. • Roysvale Park provides precious green space for exercise, recreation and general health and wellbeing purposes. The merits of all of these are well known and well documented in this day and age. Roysvale Park is open to all, at all times of day, and is exceptionally well used at all times of year by individuals together with various sporting groups. Removal of this space and its current purpose
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			<p>does not, in my view, benefit the community as a whole.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Although Forres has other green spaces, such as Grant Park, these would be too far away for the many local elderly people to utilise in the way they can access Roysvale Park. The loss of Roysvale Park would see the loss of a well used community space.• Though the construction aspect is to be temporary, Roysvale Park will not be returned to the public as it is now. Green Space will be lost to the unneeded bus lane (see comments below) and the remainder will become playing fields for the new Academy and Applegrove Primary school. These schools if at capacity amount to nearly 1600 pupils. The public will simply not have use of Roysvale Park in the future in the way in which they can use it, at will, at present.• Replacement equivalent green space for public use at any time of day is not being provided.• The size of the proposed construction site seems unrealistically small for such a large build. Construction sites at other similar builds have been vast in comparison to the area being proposed at Roysvale. Recent pictures of the build of Hazlehead Academy in Aberdeen clearly show the scale of space required that is simply not available at Roysvale / Applegrove.• I do not think it is realistic for there to be space for a running track during the months of closure. It would be noisy and dusty with safety concerns that I do not think would make using the track an attractive proposition. The suggestion to retain this feels like something that is intended to make the plans sounds more palatable when in reality it is unpractical.• The idea that any parent would wish their child to use a swing park during construction is also flawed due to all the issues above about safety, and it will not be a pleasant site to play in.• If the running track, football pitch and play area are indeed going to be retained during the build, what protections will be in place to ensure the construction site does not grow and encroach on those facilities? In
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			<p>due course, those areas will likely be swallowed by the construction process, particularly given the very small construction site. That would fundamentally change the basis on which any consents are granted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The footpath to the west of RP is not required. There is a recently upgraded cycle / footpath next to Sanquhar Road. Removal of this would reduce the impact on Roysvale Park. • During construction, there is to be a 6m crossing to the North of Roysvale Park that will be an access route between Roysvale Park and Applegrove Playing Field – I note that this is not shown on the drawing provided as part of this consultation but I am not sure why not. We are told that this is pedestrian access only. 6m would allow for vehicular access and is not required for solely pedestrian access. In any event, that crossing point will prevent the public from using the pedestrian path that currently runs between Applegrove and Roysvale. That pedestrian path currently provides safe access to the primary school for primary children. • Even if other green space was to be set aside for the public at another area, to replace what is to be lost at Applegrove and Roysvale, this would not have the status of CGL and could be easily sold off by the Council for housing, or otherwise removed for another use, at any time. Inalienable CGL is defined in a way to protect it. Once taken from the public, it will not be replaced. <p>Bus Lane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This bus lane is not required. There is a bus drop-off outside the existing Forres Academy which could be re-used. The additional distance pupils would need to walk to school if the existing drop off was used is negligible. • TMC has stated that the current bus drop off cannot be used as children would have to cross the road when they get off the bus. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The children will, however, need to cross the very same road to access the proposed all weather pitches. Why is the road safe to cross
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			<p>to access 3G pitches but not safe to cross when alighting from a bus?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teachers accessing the school from the proposed staff car park will also have to cross the very same road. ○ Moray Council canvassed for a town centre (20 minute neighbourhood) school so children can walk / cycle to school. Will academy children who walk or cycle not have to cross a road? ○ Moray Council has recently extended the entitlement to bus transport from two-miles to three-mile radius. This will put more children on foot / on bikes from greater distances and makes further mockery of the assertion that academy age children cannot cross a road. ○ The change from 2 miles to 3 may also mean that less buses are required and the need for any bus lane further reduced. <p>The arguments put forward by the Moray Council for this bus lane do not stack up. It is hugely controversial due to the taking of common good land and is simply not needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any move for bus allocation from two miles to three will likely also result in more families driving their children to school, placing further traffic pressures on the surrounding streets that already struggle to cope at peak prop off/ pick up times. I have raised concerns in previous consultation responses regarding parking and traffic congestion issues that I believe will be exacerbated by these build plans, including the huge volume of large construction vehicles making daily deliveries on a just in time basis through residential streets. • The exit to the bus lane will next to a busy pedestrian entrance gate to Applegrove primary school. This will turn a currently safe access point from a footpath into a dangerous junction next to a corner for primary pupils to enter the primary school. • The exit to the bus lane is also close to a dangerous blind corner between Nelson Road and Sanquhar
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			<p>Road, increasing the risk of an accident at the junction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The well-used footpath & cycle path, located where the bus lane is proposed, will be unavailable during construction. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This path was only recently installed and the costs of this installation seem to simply be being thrown away. Removal of the path is also loss of another amenity to the wider public. ○ Factoring the additional construction traffic, loss of the footpath and cycle path introduces an unacceptable risk to pedestrians and cyclists who will be forced on to the narrow pavement on the east side of Sanquhar Road. Primary Pupils will then need to cross next to a blind corner to access the pedestrian access to the primary school on Sanquhar Road. • Parking spaces are not shown on the diagram issued with this consultation, but previous plans have shown that parking spaces are to be available in the bus lane for times when the bus lane is not needed for school buses. The suggestion that the bus lane needs to be dual purpose in this way highlights how little space is available for this proposal. Parking spaces in a bus lane will inevitably lead to cars being parked in the bus lane at times when the buses want to be there, which will lead directly to further chaos and traffic dangers in the area. The Transport Statement issued with the planning documents stated that cars stop in the bus lane of the current academy, so this is already an issue, without including formal parking spaces. <p>Attached document response - Summary</p> <p>I am against this build. To go ahead with this would, I think, spoil one of the most beautiful areas of Forres. It would change the town forever, and I do not think the change would be for the better.</p> <p>Loss of Green Space / Common Good Land</p>
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both Applegrove Playing Field (“APF”) and Roysvale Park (“RP”) offer valued green space within Forres. The health benefits of outdoor space are well documented and have taken on increased importance following the lessons learned from the COVID pandemic. It is wrong to remove this space from public use, especially when other sites are available to build the new Academy on. AFP and RP are used and enjoyed by the public on a daily basis for sport, leisure and exercise. One of the qualities Policy 14 of NPF4 is ‘healthy’. Removing APF and RP from the community does not seem to meet ‘healthy’. • Policy 23 of NPF4 states that development proposals which are likely to have a significant adverse effect on health will not be supported. • Both areas are also used by numerous local groups. These range from local sports clubs e.g. football to the likes of beavers / cubs and scouts who use the area for various outdoor activities due to the proximity to their hut, which does not otherwise have outdoor space. <p>Common Good Land</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CGL consultation only sought a temporary change for the construction space, and permanent change for the bus lane. This was justified by the Moray Council (“TMC”) on the basis that the remainder of RP would be returned ‘as is’ after completion of the build. Incidentally, 80% of those who commented were against any change of use of the CGL. TMC is yet to receive court approval for the use of RP. Use may be denied in the courtroom. • It is clear from the plans that RP will not be returned ‘as is.’ Rather, it is consumed within the Academy boundary in order to meet the requirements of the School Premises (General Requirements and Standards) (Scotland) Regulations 1967 (the “Regulations”). The public was not informed of this at the time of consultation on the CGL. Rather, one of our own local councillors stated at a community council meeting that “it’s only a wee bitty of land that we need”. That is simply not the case.
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Regulations state that a secondary school designed for 1180 pupils should have a site of 6.5 acres (26,305m²). TMC states that these requirements have been met to the tune of 30,290m². • In order to reach 30,290m², TMC has included the bus drop off lane as part of the site. The bus lane is 2530m². The south site (less the 3G pitch) is 10,885m². Those 10,885m² are made up entirely of the car park. Including a bus lane and car park (particularly given the size of the car park!) within the calculation of site size available to the school is taking a very wide interpretation of what the 1967 Regulations would have intended to be comprised within a school site. Whilst the inclusion of bus lane and car park may be legal, it would be closer to the truth to state that the site size for the new academy in this proposal is 16,875m² which is 9,430m² short of the legal requirement. • The Regulations also state that a secondary school shall have playing fields of not less than, in this case, 9 acres which amounts to 36,422m². In the plans, the playing fields for the new academy are made up of RP (14,600m²) and the 3G pitch (7000m²). This totals 21,600m² which seems to be 14,822m² short of the legal requirement. This is a significant shortage in the size requirement and this proposal should be rejected for failing to meet the Regulations by a significant margin. • In addition, it is not clear how the minimum 36,422m² is being met for the new Academy over and above the RP and 3G pitch, both of which are to be shared with the primary school, other primary schools and the public. • The design and access statement states that Applegrove Primary requires 1.5 acres of playing fields. This would increase to 3 acres if Applegrove reached maximum capacity. TMC proposes that this requirement will be met by the primary school using RP. The space at RP is therefore to accommodate both the primary and the academy and is 'double counted' in terms of determining available space.
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RP is bounded by a road on two sides and does not represent a safe site for playing fields for primary age pupils, or arguably, any age of pupil. What protections are in place for potential criminal activity relating to safeguarding children on this open public land? • RP is bounded by roads on two sides. As RP is not fenced in (and is not to be due to its CGL status), balls from sports will end up on the road that is immediately adjacent. This presents danger to the pupil that chases it and also to traffic using the roads around RP. TMC state there is a precedent with Andersons using the Grant Park, where there is an unfenced site bounded by a road. Grant Park, however, is a much more enclosed setting, well away from a small section of road on one side. • In any event RP is now stated to provide playing fields for up to nearly 1600 pupils, from two different schools. How will this be managed? It is not appropriate for five year-old children to be mixing with 16 year olds – these age groups have very different use of language and behaviour that will bring challenges. • Neither Applegrove primary or the proposed academy will have dedicated playing fields of their own. As things stand today, both schools have their own playing fields. Removal of dedicated playing fields is not a step forward for either school. • In addition, see my comments above regarding RP being returned ‘as is’ to the public following the build. In reality, the public will be competing on a daily basis with up to 1600 pupils to have any use of the land. This is not returning it as is. • Please be aware that the public regularly walk their dogs on RP at all times of day, and the public has been assured that this will be able to continue. From a simple health perspective, how can school playing fields for any age group have dog poo on the grass? <p>Bus Lane on CGL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed bus lane is not needed. There is already a bus drop off for the current academy that could be
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			<p>used. TMC has stated in consultation that the current bus drop off cannot be used as children would have to cross the road when they get off the bus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TMC, however, has canvassed for a town centre (20 minute neighbourhood) school so children can walk / cycle to school. Will children who walk or cycle not have to cross a road? The argument put forward by the TMC at consultation for this bus lane does not stack up. It is hugely controversial due to the taking of CGL and is simply not needed. • In addition, it has been well publicised that the criteria to merit school transport is likely to move from a two-mile radius to three-mile radius. This will put more children on foot / on bikes from greater distances and makes further mockery of the assertion that academy age children cannot cross a road. • In reality, any move for bus allocation from two miles to three will most likely result in more families driving their children to school, placing further traffic pressures on the surrounding streets that already struggle to cope at peak prop off/ pick up times. See comments below in relation to traffic / parking issues. • The footpath to the west of RP is also not required. There is a recently upgraded cycle / footpath next to Sanquhar Road. Removal of this would reduce the impact on the CGL. • Parking spaces are to be available in the bus lane for times when the bus lane is not needed for school buses. The suggestion that the bus lane needs to be dual purpose in this way highlights how little space is available for this proposal. This desperation for space should be seen for what it is. Parking spaces in a bus lane will inevitably lead to cars being parked in the bus lane at times when the buses want to be there, which will lead directly to further chaos and traffic dangers in the area. The Transport Statement indicates that cars stop in the bus lane of the current academy, so this is already an issue, without including formal parking spaces. <p>Height of the building / Overshadowing and Loss of Light</p>
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The visual impact assessment shows that the view of the spire of St Laurence church is lost behind the LOWEST part of the building. Showing the building in these images in white fails to show the true visual impact of the building. <p>Size / Location of Build Plot, Loss of Privacy and Character of the building / area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is clear from the plans that it is too big a building squashed into too small a site. This again breaches Policy DP1(i)(a) of the LDP. The artist impressions are cleverly structured to give the impression of space that simply does not exist at the site. • You only need to look at the construction site around the new academy in Nairn to see the space required for a construction site. That space simply isn't available at APF and the surrounding area. • The site will be overlooked by many of the surrounding houses, particularly from upper windows. The height of the proposed school is such that it will be possible from the school to look into previously secluded gardens and into the homes of surrounding properties. It is uncomfortable to think that pupils and personnel at the school could be looking into family homes, completely breaching previously valued privacy. This breaches Policy DP1(i)(e) of the LDP which states that a development "<i>must not adversely impact neighbouring properties in terms of privacy, daylight or overbearing loss of amenity</i>". • Housing should also not be able to look into the school at such close proximity. • There are many older properties around the build site. It is highly likely that these properties could suffer damage from the drilling and ground vibrations generated by the construction. It appears monitoring of homes will take place, but monitoring will not stop the damage from occurring and it will be expensive to put right any damage caused – who will pay for repairs? • The building is out of character with the surrounding buildings in every way. The scale of this construction
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			<p>cannot be blended in simply by claiming the brickwork will be a complimentary colour. See comments above regarding the requirements of Policy DP1(i)(a) of the LDP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed plot is in a highly attractive part of the Forres, an area that should be protected as such. Allowing this planning application would have a huge negative impact on the character of the area. • The outlook from our own home will change from open green space to looking at the side of the sports building. The drawings show this to be clad in sheet metal which is not at all in character or size of other buildings in the area, as required by Policy DP1(i)(a) of the LDP. • NPF4 states that people “<i>care about their neighbourhoods and rightly and reasonably expect that new development should improve their lives, rather than undermining what they value most</i>”. What we value most in our neighbourhood is the green, open space at the bottom of our road and the green space of the primary school our son attends. A school chosen not for the catchment, but for the playing fields. NPF4 will not be met for us if this goes ahead. <p>Design of the Proposed Build</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a compact build. There is little more than a corridor of space round the side of the building which has been used to cram in what should otherwise be significantly more spacious facilities for a school for 1200 pupils. • It is clear that the facilities included around the edge of the building are intended to meet Scottish government requirements. They are, however, entirely inadequate in size to form meaningful spaces for a school of the size needed. The enhanced provision garden, which is the size of eight car parking spaces in the shade of the school and trees is a prime example. This is tiny for the anticipated number of ASN pupils. The food tech garden is similarly shaded and vegetables do not grow well in shade. Also, what maintenance is in place for these? The vegetable
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			<p>beds at Applegrove primary have been all but abandoned after the teacher who managed them left.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is little space within the site for the pupils to go at break and lunch. This will result in overspill into RP or the High Street. <p>Noise, disturbance and pollution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will be a huge construction in an otherwise tranquil residential area. The disturbance will impact not just the local streets and houses, but large parts of the centre of the town. The town centre will likely become an area to be avoided for the duration of the build. This will have a negative economic impact on the town. • Education of the primary school pupils will be negatively impacted by the noise – see comments below in the Applegrove Primary School section. • Huge volumes of dust and stew will be created. This will carry in the air and cover everything from parked cars to washing in local gardens etc. • There are also health concerns for locals who will be breathing in dust on a daily basis. This will include the children at Applegrove primary. I note that Balfour Beatty (“BB”) states that air monitors will be located at the edge of the site. The report does not, however, go on to say what will happen if these monitors are triggered. Installation of a monitor is not in itself a mitigation of the underlying problem. <p>Impact on Applegrove Primary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Policy 21 of NPF4 states that a development proposal which results in the loss of outdoor sports facilities will only be supported where the proposal “<i>meets the requirement to replace the facility which would be lost either by a new facility or upgrading an existing</i>
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			<p><i>facility.....the location will be convenient for users and the overall playing capacity of the area will be maintained”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy 21 of NPF4 is not met in relation to the removal of APF. There are no replacement playing fields maintaining the overall playing capacity that the primary children can use at break and lunch as they do now. RP will only be of use to Applegrove primary for supervised PE lessons, and even then, see my comments above regarding the dangers of the site. • The 3G pitch is not conveniently located as required by Policy 21– 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 Regulations. • Policy 21 goes on to state that “<i>development proposals that result in the quantitative and / or qualitative loss of children’s outdoor play provision will only be supported where it can be demonstrated that there is no ongoing or future demand or the existing play provisions will be replaced by a newly created, or improved existing assets....</i>” Applegrove certainly has a continuing demand for playing fields and RP is not providing a replacement asset therefore Policy 21 is not met. • APFs 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 synch. • Moray’s own local development plan 2020 set out that access to open space is important, including to school pupils and young adults. The proposal to build on APF completely contravenes this.
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APF is 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, subject to the exception below. • The exception is for “essential community infrastructure required to deliver the key objectives of the council”. I do not see that this requirement is met given there are other available sites and the community does not want a community building. If the planning department does consider the exemption met, the proposals must <i>“be sited and designed to minimise adverse impacts in the principal function of the space”</i>. Given the playing fields will be completely built over, I do not see that this requirement is met. In addition, <i>“the loss of the open space will not negatively impact upon the quality, accessibility and quantity or open space provision”</i>. I don’t see that this requirement is met either and nor is replacement open space provision of equivalent function being provided. • TMC is relying on the Regulations, which are widely acknowledged to be out of date, to legitimise the removal of APF. The Regulations were designed “to provide” and are now being used to legitimise removing open space. • The Scottish Government is to reopen consultation on updating the 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. • Irrespective of the results of the legislative consultation, Forres has a wonderful rural setting and we should be proud to be able to provide more space than a legal 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
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			<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite mitigation, 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. <p>Traffic Statement Parking / Non construction traffic issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The traffic management survey, as per the Transport Statement, appears to have taken place over one day on 12 June 2025. • The results of a survey on a summer day will not be representative of peak traffic flows on cold, wet, winter days. The survey represents no more than results on a single day. It is not even an average over a large period of review where more confidence could be taken from the results. • The traffic survey states the “<i>the survey of existing car parks have confirmed that there is ample space in the Orchard Road car park</i>”. I do not see how this can be concluded from one day of review. Plenty of Forres residents will vouch for the car parks being well used. Today, in terrible weather, there were only a couple of parking spaces available at Orchard Road car park in the middle of the day. • In addition the transport statement notes that there 115 parking spaces at Orchard Road and 94 car trips for Academy teachers. The transport statement says that the car park was 56% full at peak time on the one day of survey. Orchard Road will be the closest carpark to the school so it is likely that the car park will be filled with teacher vehicles and the public will no longer have the use of it, when its primary purpose is to support the High Street shops. Orchard Road car park is already used by teachers at Applegrove primary school.
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BB state there will be 236 construction vehicle movements per day for a period of two years. No matter how quiet the one-day traffic survey claims the streets of Forres to be, the roads around the construction site are not built to carry such vehicle volumes or weights. • These vehicles will access via narrow Market Street where there will be issues with residents' parked cars. They will then encounter the very busy roundabout at the bottom of St Catherine's Road. • The vehicles then turn left at the Orchard Road traffic light junction. This junction already has large queues, particularly since the traffic lights were installed. It is also the key junction for parents taking children to the local schools. Significant disruption is inevitable as the mitigations are inadequate. • Parking restrictions are stated to be in place around Sanquhar Road and Orchard Road for two years. This will prevent people parking outside their own homes and will lead to further issues for parking in other areas. For those affected, two years is a long time for parking restrictions to be in place. How will parents drop their children at either school during this time? • Just in time deliveries are very hard to manage and will likely lead to build delays with items not being at the site when required. • Deliveries are restricted around school drop off and pick up times, based on school hours of the Academy and <u>not</u> the primary school – Applegrove finishes at 3pm and it appears delivery will still be ongoing at that time. • With restrictions on deliveries from 8.15am, this will mean deliveries to the site will need to arrive earlier to allow works to begin. This will mean heavy lorries passing residential housing in narrow streets at unsociably early hours. • What about delivery restrictions at times when funerals are taking place at the funeral director across the street?
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nelson Road is already a dangerous junction with Sanquhar Road. I myself narrowly avoided an incident at that junction with a construction vehicle doing exploratory surveys at APL. Risk of an accident seems high. • Having such large construction traffic in such close proximity to so many children, of all ages, is dangerous. Increased risk of an accident will be present, no matter how many mitigations are in place. Mitigations may reduce risk, they do not remove it. • The infrastructure surrounding the proposed construction site comprises narrow streets that were not built to carry the volume of traffic this build would require. The only effective mitigation would be to widen the streets, which is not physically possible due to buildings. Orchard Road collapsed recently due to burden of traffic; bursting a water pipe and compromising gas pipes. • Construction workers are to park on the temporary construction site at RP. Given the volume of workers on the site, I cannot see that the site shown is nearly big enough for the number of cars that could be arriving to bring workers to the site. As noted above, there is not space nearby for numerous additional cars. Equally, the running track and swings are to remain open to the public during the build so the site cannot expand beyond that shown. <p>Community Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forres needs a new academy, not a community facility. • The building size could be significantly reduced if the community facility aspects were removed. This would also reduce build costs. • Placing a community facility at APF 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. This will result in loss of available amenities to the community, not gain.
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the sewer does drain into the Mosset Burn, this will increase the volume of water in the Mosset Burn below the level the sewer joins. The Mosset Burn already rises to the top of the bank around the Mosset Tavern, so any increase in volume, may risk flooding around the Mosset Tavern and surrounding houses. • Does work at the culvert on the A96 not need to take place to prevent flooding at the lower level of the Mosset Burn? • If the proposed solution doesn't work, the tanks would not be able to drain and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RP would be flooded with 'clean' water. Whilst RP is flooded, the pupils would lose the use of their playing fields; and ○ the houses and buildings on Orchard Road including, Applegrove Primary School and this proposed new school site, may be flooded with foul water from the combined sewer (as they are now), as there are no proposals from this proposed build to take this combined drain further towards the Tolbooth Street roundabout. In addition, foul drainage from the school will be connected to this existing combined drain. • The plans show the water storage tanks in situ on the site, but space will be needed round the tanks to insert them. The space around the tanks is beside the tree roots of many of the trees that are to be retained, so insertion of these tanks will risk damage to those trees. • Significant upgrades will be required to the antiquated drainage and sewer system, at significant cost. This means significant budget needs to be diverted to pay for these works rather than the money being spent on facilities at a new school. It was stated at a public meeting that the cost of the sewer would come from the contingency fund. • Plans show the new drainage will involve digging up Orchard Road, close to the junction with Grantown Road. Please see previous comments regarding the
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difficulties at that junction. Digging up Orchard Road at that location will cause yet more potentially unworkable traffic challenges for the local community at a busy junction.

Trees

- 36 trees (many of which are mature) are to be lost to this build.
- A further 26 trees have been identified as being in poor condition and should be monitored and management decision on their retention made in the future.
- This sounds like these 26 trees are likely to be lost during the lifetime of the building and therefore the building will not be surrounding by or masked by trees in the way in which it is portrayed in the reports / illustrations.
- Trees 62-64 that are located next to the proposed sprint track are listed as some of the most important class A and B mature trees. Up to 26% of their root plate will be damaged, further to the damage already endured by those trees during construction of the relatively recent footpath. Despite thinning of their canopies by 20%, these trees will be put under significant stress and may be lost, yet they are the key trees in the illustrations to attempt to mask the building from RP.
- These trees are so close to the sprint track / active space, any further root growth is likely to damage the sprint track.
- Despite a tree replacement scheme, it will take decades to grow to their current size.

Impact on local businesses

I mentioned above the impact that this proposed build is likely to have on High Street Businesses. In addition to that, there are the businesses on or around Orchard Road such as the funeral director, dentist and car garage. All of these are well used and respected businesses in the town but all will be negatively impacted by noise, pollution and traffic issues to name but a few.

			<p>Veterans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The veterans' cottages will be the most affected by the scale of this building. Once again, we have a breach of Policy DP1(i)(e) of the LDP. I note the drawing on page 50 of the design and access statement which seems to suggest there will be no impact to their daylight but is entirely misleading in that regard.• The 25° rule is a preliminary rule of thumb and not a substitute for a detailed daylight assessment. A context specific approach should be used here. The sun is below 25° in Forres from early October to the end of February. So, for roughly 4.5 months of the year, the veterans' cottages will be deprived of direct sunlight they once had.• The veterans will have an open outlook replaced by a four-story massed building. This will not be without consequences for them and does not meet DP1 of the LDP.• People who have served our country will be left with a view of the bin storage, and the noise of those bins then being emptied.• I have heard that a c.2m high baffle board will be installed to manage noise at their properties during the build. Any application of realism will establish that a baffle board will have minimal impact. Many of these people suffer from PTSD. You cannot mitigate putting a construction site on their door step with a baffle board. The issue is the build. There is no mitigation for that. <p>Seagulls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seagulls are a real problem in Forres, as is the case in many parts of Morayshire. They already nest on the roof of Applegrove, which is sloped at >4°, and which has ineffective acoustic bird deterrence installed.• The building is to have a roof with a 4° angle. Experience to date shows this will not deter seagulls from nesting and neither will the bird deterrent sounders. DP1 of the LDP states that pitched roofs
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			<p>are preferable to flat roofs. A 4° angle is effectively flat roof regarding birds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The seagulls create a public health hazard and the proposed mitigations will not be sufficient to keep them away from the area. <p>The Mitigation Document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This document has been used to list the concerns raised by the public over the last 18 months and then states that additional information, by in large, has been provided. The lived experience is that this document dismisses the very concerns people raise as part of this process. • In each case, rather than make a planning adjustment or put in place a true mitigation, it has been used to push back on each concern raised and seek to legitimise continuing with the plans as have always been intended. • This is not how a planning process should work, and it is certainly not democracy in action. <p>What Next?</p> <p>These are hugely controversial plans. They should be rejected due to flagrant breaches of the 1967 Regulations, the LDP and NPF 4. The only alternative is for <u>significant compromises</u> to be agreed at planning, as without this, these plans seem likely head to court.</p> <p>TMC has proposed plans for a building that is much bigger than is needed. It is a building designed to house community facilities, way beyond those of an academy school. At best, the site has room for the needed academy only.</p> <p>Removal of community facilities would: reduce the size of the building; allow the building to be more in keeping with its surroundings; and allow for more meaningful spaces to be provided around the edge of the building for use by the pupils.</p> <p>In addition, removal of the unneeded bus lane and additional footpath through RP would reduce objections to the CGL issues, and reduce the likelihood of court challenge. It would also increase the green space available at RP for playing fields for the pupils.</p>
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			<p>Applegrove Primary needs playing field space for the children. The proposal of RP is totally unsuitable for them and does not allow for the open breaktime and lunchtime play that they currently enjoy. This needs to be rectified.</p> <p>Without these amendments, I wonder when we will ever see the desperately needed new academy school in Forres.</p> <p>Alternative Site</p> <p>There is widespread public support for rebuilding on the existing site. Two local architects have submitted plans for such a rebuild.</p> <p>Lochyhill could also be brought back online as an alternative site.</p>
43	08 April 2026	Email	<p>* I OBJECT to the appropriation of land namely Applegrove Primary School playing field for construction of a new Forres Academy.</p> <p>1. There is an insensitive disregard for the young children who attend Applegrove Primary School. It has been noted that this school has Enhanced Provision for children with additional needs. The beautiful and expansive outdoor space is regularly used to help them manage their emotions and behaviours. All the children will be faced with years of intolerable noise and disruption while building work is ongoing and then to be left with an inferior schooling experience to the one they currently enjoy.</p> <p>2. There is a callous disregard for the vulnerable and elderly residents who live in very close proximity to the playing field and have done for years. Namely the War Veterans Cottages and the small bungalows for older people in and around Albert Street. The distressing upheaval to their daily lives will be unforgivable and then once work is completed, their healthy and peacefully environment will be changed forever and not for the better.</p> <p>* I OBJECT to the temporary disposal by way of licence of part of Roysvale Park, Sanquhar Road, Forres for around 42 months to facilitate the construction compound.</p> <p>1. Allowing this area to be used as a laydown yard is unfair to the community who use Roysvale Park on a daily basis. On any given day you can see people of all ages and abilities either walking through this area or meeting for social interactions. There have been accusations of “NIMBYism”</p>

		<p>(Not In My Back Yard) to the voices objecting to Moray Council's plans but I argue that Roysvale Park, as common good land, is Forres' backyard. I live further up from here beside xxxxxxxx and am witness to people from all the social backgrounds using routes through this common good land as a thoroughfare from their homes to the centre of Forres. I watch [REDACTED] walking from the new build estates out at Mannachie and Knockomie. I watch people coming from the more established (and to be honest, less salubrious areas). They all enjoy and benefit from this beautiful and well kept historic part of Forres.</p> <p>2. The laydown yard will become a noisy, dusty, and hazardous addition to this peaceful area and I'm sure there will be detrimental effects on people's mental and physical health. Let alone the risk of accidents happening due to increased traffic movements, especially with the heavy plant vehicles that will be used. Laydown yards for constructions of this size are usually on virgin building land with vast open spaces around them, not shoe-horned into an established residential area. The coming frustrations and upset to the people of Forres is simply unfair and being ignored by Moray Council.</p> <p>* I OBJECT to the appropriation of part of Roysvale Park to provide a new bus drop off/lay by for the new Forres Academy.</p> <p>1. I fear that allowing Moray Council to appropriate part of this Common Good Land will set a legal precedent for further "land grabs" in the future.</p> <p>2. Allowing this beautiful green space to be concreted over is allowing Moray Council to ride roughshod over the valued heritage of Forres, one of Scotland's most ancient market towns. Over the years, I watched as Fife Council ruined the ancient royal burgh of Inverkeithing. Only now have they belatedly understood the impact of their disregard for local pride in historical heritage and are spending out to reinstate a vestige of what has been lost. Please don't allow Moray Council to make the same mistake.</p> <p>3. This part of the Roysvale Common Good Land is in regular use. The small pavement on the opposite side of the road is not really fit for purpose and if you stand and watch, people cross over to use the wide flat surface on Roysvale Park. People walking dogs, people in mobility scooters, people with prams, people jogging, and people simply enjoying the quality</p>
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			<p>of life that this much used thoroughfare affords the community of Forres. As I have already noted, people from all over Forres use Roysvale Park as a pleasant and healthy shortcut to get from their homes to the town centre. The other options are alongside busy traffic heavy roads. To end, I recently met a mother with her adult disabled daughter. Her daughter was riding a specially adapted bicycle that allowed mum to guide her from behind with safety. The wide and even surfaces leading into Roysvale Park, and onto this area, are perfect for her to enjoy this wonderful freedom. The palpable quiet, safe, gentleness of the environment is her right to enjoy as a resident of Forres using Common Good Land, gifted by the past for the good of all. Moray Council wants to destroy this. Please don't let them do it.</p>
44	08 April 2026	Email	<p>I am against the temporary disposal by way of licence of Roysvale Park not only due to it being a community space where community football matches are played, as well as it being used by residents every day. It is also actively used for years as a landing space for a rescue helicopter (even in the last few months).</p> <p>What will be the new landing place in case of emergency?</p> <p>I am also against using part of the part for a new business stop as this road is already impossible to come in our out of to our driveway due to kids being dorped off and picked up. It will be even more dangerous for the children.</p>
45	08 April 2026	Email	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>We write to formally object to the proposed appropriation and temporary disposal of land in connection with the development of the new Forres Academy, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The appropriation of Applegrove Primary School playing field • The temporary use of Roysvale Park as a construction compound (circa 42 months) • The permanent appropriation of part of Roysvale Park for a bus layby <p>Our objection is submitted on the basis of significant concerns relating to residential amenity, child welfare, transport impact, loss of community assets, and the lawful use of Common Good land. Furthermore, we consider the proposals to be in conflict with key principles set out in</p>

		<p>the Scottish Government’s National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4), which forms part of the statutory Development Plan.</p> <p><u>1. Loss of Protected and Valued Open Space (NPF4 Policy 20 – Blue and Green Infrastructure)</u></p> <p>Roysvale Park represents an important area of open space that contributes directly to the health, wellbeing, and quality of life of the community. Under NPF4 Policy 20, development proposals should protect and enhance green infrastructure and avoid the loss of valued open space unless it can be clearly demonstrated that the space is no longer required or will be replaced by equivalent or better provision.</p> <p>In this case, Roysvale Park is demonstrably well-used and valued, and also serves multiple functions including recreation and emergency access. There is no clear evidence that it is surplus to requirements, nor that equivalent provision will be made. The proposal therefore represents a direct conflict with Policy 20.</p> <p><u>2. Impact on Applegrove Primary School – Safeguarding and Educational Environment (NPF4 Policy 14 – Design, Quality and Place)</u></p> <p>The proposed appropriation of the Applegrove Primary School playing field, combined with prolonged nearby construction activity, raises serious safeguarding and educational concerns.</p> <p>NPF4 Policy 14 requires that development creates safe, inclusive environments and protects the wellbeing of users. The loss of outdoor space, together with exposure to noise, dust, heavy machinery, and increased traffic, is incompatible with providing a safe and supportive learning environment for primary school children.</p> <p>This represents a clear failure to safeguard pupil welfare and maintain appropriate educational conditions.</p> <p><u>3. Residential Amenity and Character of the Area (NPF4 Policies 14 and 16)</u></p> <p>The scale and duration of the development will significantly alter the character of an established residential area. NPF4 requires that development respects the amenity of existing residents and avoids unacceptable levels of disturbance.</p>
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46	08 April 2026	Email	<p>I am writing with my objections to the building of a new Forres Academy on the current school playing field of Applegrove Primary.</p> <p>It is agreed that Forres needs a new academy.</p>

		<p>The common good land, known locally as Roysvale/Applegrove Primary School Playing Field, is a beautiful green space enjoyed by the school pupils and the community. The plan to build the new Forres Academy on the primary school playing field and use the Roysvale section as a construction site and a bus drop off point is taking so much away from the children of Applegrove and the wider community.</p> <p>Present and future generations of children at Applegrove will not have the benefit of a large green space to play and learn in and will be confined to a tarred playground. Forres is about to have its second primary school without a playing field – Andersons being the other but that is a historical reason. This is such a regressive step, ignoring a child’s right to safe play, for their health and wellbeing, as well as that of the community. It is all too often we hear about declining physical fitness, overweight children, decline in behaviour, too much screen time and poor mental health.</p> <p>I was a teacher at Applegrove for 20 years. The field enabled children space to be energetic; it is a safe and accessible resource for outdoor learning. Yes, teachers can and do go out with the school grounds to find green space for outdoor learning but it has to be carefully managed with adult/pupil ratio and sound risk assessment. The field was so accessible for younger pupils and their teacher to do outdoor learning. What a disaster for sports and athletics. Applegrove embraced the Daily Mile where every child in the school had the opportunity to walk/jog/run for 15 minutes every day. I know this as I was the teacher that drove the initiative. We had a school population of very fit children. It was no accident that Applegrove had a period of time where they consistently did very well locally and nationally at sport and athletics.</p> <p>Building the new academy on this school playing field is a permanent change of use. It is lost forever. The size of the new school will overshadow the surrounding houses, in particular the War Veterans Cottages. A three storey academy is being squeezed onto a field that regularly floods, there will be no room for expansion and the traffic flow will be worse than it is now. I know that there was a feasible opportunity to build the new academy on the existing site.</p>
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			<p>In my humble opinion, Moray Council, you had made up your mind that this is the only option from the word go. The consultation process has not felt democratic. The people of Forres were given two choices of site; Roysvale/Applegrove or Lochyhill. More people voted for the Lochyhill site. This has been ignored. It will, of course be down to cost. The cost to children and the community losing their grass playing field is greater.</p> <p>By acquiring common good land like this sets a grim precedent for other parts of Scotland. In this case the community and the children of the primary school will lose out forever.</p> <p>It is not the right site.</p>
47	08 April 2026	Email	<p>To Whom It May Concern</p> <p>I strongly object to the new Forres Academy being proposed in the grounds of Applegrove Primary School.</p> <p>There will be little or no room for any grassy area for sports or play time for the children and their sports time is important in their school curriculum.</p> <p>The proposed bus stance in Roysvale Park is also objectionable.</p> <p>The park was gifted to the people of Forres for leisure facilities and nobody has the right to build on that ground.</p> <p>Sanquhar Road and Orchard Road are already highly congested. There is a Funeral Directors almost opposite and any construction vehicles and noise will be unbearable to mourners. Parents also park along both roads dropping off and collecting children so it will be extremely busy and dangerous with added construction traffic.</p> <p>I cannot understand why the present Forres Academy cannot be demolished bit by bit then a new school built in those grounds which would be adequate to accommodate 1200 pupils and a public library without disturbing any land which belongs to the people of Forres.</p> <p>I hope your plans may be reconsidered.</p>
48	08 April 2026	Email	<p>For the attention of the Learning Estate Team</p> <p>I am writing to object to the following</p>

			<p>1 Appropriation of Applegrove Playing Field</p> <p>I object to the loss of green open space for children to play and run freely.</p> <p>We are more aware than ever of the importance of green space for the healthy physical and mental development of our children.</p> <p>A school such as Applegrove, especially with its designated ASN base , should not have to sacrifice its facilities.</p> <p>Every lunch and break time the playing field is busy with numerous small groups playing football and others simply enjoying the open green space. PE classes also make use of the area which will be lost.</p> <p>We are more aware than ever of the importance of green spaces for the mental health of our children. Applegrove is home to the designated ASN base for Forres Primary Schools and many of the pupils will benefit greatly from the opportunity to de stress in open green spaces. To remove this is a backward step.</p> <p>Applegrove Playing Field was originally Common Good Land and is still used by other community groups outside school hours.</p> <p>I strongly object to its loss for building.</p> <p>School Premises regulations are currently being updated (March 26)</p> <p>Regulation 35 states</p> <p>For primary and secondary schools it is a requirement that there are playing fields available and for primary schools it is a further requirement that playing fields are in close proximity to the school.</p> <p>Applegrove currently has an ideal playing field arrangement which Moray Council are seeking to destroy.</p> <p>2 Temporary disposal of part of Roysvale Park</p> <p>Roysvale Park is common good land and should be used for the good of our community.</p>
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49	08 April 2026	Email	<p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>Re - The Moray Council Open Spaces consultation, April 2026 regarding the proposed appropriation and disposal of open space for the relocation of Forres Academy in Forres.</p> <p>I hereby submit my objection to the proposed appropriation and disposal of land. Thw reasons for my objection are detailed in the attached PDF document.</p> <p>I wish to raise the following objection comments to the Notice of Proposed Appropriation and Disposal of Open Space for the Relocation of Forres Academy, Forres</p> <p>Sections 24(2A) and 27(2A) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1959 (as amended)</p> <p>Notification</p> <p>The wording of this Notice is of concern when it notes that Moray Council is considering the appropriation of Applegrove Playing Field, temporary disposal and appropriation of part of Roysvale.</p> <p>Moray Council have already decided to erect the new academy on Applegrove Playing Field and planning approval</p>

		<p>has been granted despite public opposition to the proposals. Approval of the use of Roysvale Park being Common Good Land has yet to be determined and is currently with the Court of Session.</p> <p>A further consultation doesn't give the community assurance only confusion and pending disappointment that their comments will not be considered fully and dismissed as has happened on previous consultations with this project.</p> <p>Appropriation of land namely Applegrove Primary School playing field, 4 Orchard Road, Forres, for construction of a new Forres Academy (1.67ha)</p> <p>Loss of green space at Applegrove Primary School is not compensated elsewhere when Roysvale Park will have to be shared with Academy pupils and access to 3G pitch will be a logistical nightmare.</p> <p>Applegrove Playing Fields and Roysvale Park are both classified as ENV4 Open Spaces in MLDP2020. These are well used green spaces and offer healthy outdoor spaces for all which meets NPF4 Policy 23.</p> <p>The siting on Applegrove Playing Fields does mean a huge loss to the primary school of safe and secure space for outdoor learning.</p> <p>It is advised that Applegrove pupils will be able to share Roysvale Park along with the Academy and the public but this will not be fenced off.</p> <p>Areas we are advise are to comply with 'The School Premises (General Requirements and Standards) (Scotland) Regulations 1967. I understand that the 1967 act is being reviewed by the Scottish Government and like energy requirements this is so important for education that we must strive to future proof not just meet minimum current standards and by the time the school is completed, the areas could fail to meet the standards required.</p> <p>To compensate for loss of playing fields it is advised that Applegrove pupils will use Roysvale Park and the 3G pitch but the pupils which included a large percentage of ASN pupils would need considerable additional staff support to be safe within the unfenced park surrounded by two busy roads and to cross these to get to the 3G pitch.</p>
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		<p>the new car park at this brownfield site without sacrificing open space of Roysvale.</p> <p>Students like staff can walk 200m to reach the new proposed replacement school at Applegrove.</p> <p>Students will have to cross the same roads to reach the 3G pitch and swimming pool. The recent report from The Schools (Consultation)(Scotland) Act 2010 presented to Moray Council dated 25th February 2026 included Plasmon Playing Fields and Mannachie Pitches in the school grounds.</p> <p>The new bus lane exit is extremely close to an existing entrance to Applegrove Primary School and the blind junction of Nelson Road and Sanquhar Road as well as the retained swing park where parents wait to collect their children. Sanquhar Road is also used as parking for drop off and pick up. It seems to increase the traffic in this area is very dangerous.</p> <p>The increase in distance of entitlement of free transport from 2 to 3 miles which will commence on 13th April 2026 will surely result in less pupils using the bus provision and perhaps less school buses will be required. It will however increase the number of pupils walking from public bus stops in town and cycling to school or being dropped off by car.</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>Everyone agrees that a replacement school is required as soon as possible. Even without the RAAC issues Forres deserves a suitable secondary school. We also need to embrace the opportunity of the Scottish Government funding to create a suitable and sustainable building for our young people.</p> <p>This must be the best we can provide and not compromised.</p> <p>Mitigation and justification measures for building at Applegrove Playing Fields require to be fully investigated by the planning department and statutory consultees rather than being dictated by perceived costs, fears about losing funding and rejection of public concerns.</p> <p>Proposals to use the existing Academy site have been tabled and retained on file. Together with the other site at Lochyhill, these sites are not without their own challenges but may offer</p>
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			<p>a better solution for the replacement school should the permission not be granted or legal approval not given.</p> <p>This is a huge development for Forres, both now and for future generations.</p>
50	08 April 2026	Email	<p>Learning Estate Team,</p> <p>Kindly acknowledge my objection to appropriation of Applegrove Playing Fields and Roysvale Park.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>8 March 2026</p> <p>Dear Learning Estate Team</p> <p>Formal Objection to Appropriation and Disposal of Open Space and Common Good Land at Applegrove Playing Fields and Roysvale Park</p> <p>I write to formally object to the proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Permanent appropriation of Applegrove Primary School playing field; · Temporary disposal (by licence) of Roysvale Park (Common Good land) for construction (~42 months); · Permanent appropriation of Roysvale Park for a bus drop-off / layby on Sanquhar Road. <p>My objections fall along the following categories.</p> <p>1. Failure to Meet Legal Tests for Common Good Land</p> <p>Roysvale Park is Common Good land, protected under Section 75 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.</p> <p>The Council must demonstrate necessity, proportionality, and clear public benefit. These tests have not been met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposals prioritise Council convenience over necessity; • A permanent loss of parkland for road infrastructure is irreversible; • A 42-month exclusion of public use is substantial, not minor. <p>This raises serious concern that the proposal constitutes unjustified alienation of Common Good land.</p>

			<p>2. Unjustified Loss of Playing Field (Policy Conflict)</p> <p>The loss of the Applegrove playing field conflicts with Scottish Planning Policy and Circulars 5/1997 and 7/2007:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The loss is significant, not ancillary; • No like-for-like replacement has been secured; • The field has not been shown to be surplus. <p>This represents a clear failure to safeguard outdoor sports provision.</p> <p>3. Failure to Demonstrate Reasonable Alternatives</p> <p>A fundamental requirement has not been met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An existing bus lane lies approximately 150m away; • No robust justification has been provided for creating a new bus lane on parkland; • Alternative locations for the construction compound have not been adequately explored. A 42-month exclusion of public use is unnecessary. <p>The proposals therefore fail the “no reasonable alternative” test.</p> <p>4. Permanent Loss and Fragmentation of Roysvale Park</p> <p>The bus layby will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanently reduce the size and usability of the park; • Introduce transport infrastructure into protected open space; • Set a harmful precedent for further erosion of Common Good land. <p>This is irreversible and disproportionate.</p> <p>5. Drainage and Environmental Harm</p> <p>The site currently provides natural soakaway in an area already prone to drainage issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard surfacing will increase surface water runoff and flood risk;
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal results in loss of green space and biodiversity; • Construction activity will likely cause long-term ground damage. <p>6. Road Safety Risks</p> <p>The proposed bus lane is unsafe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The exit is located on or near a blind corner; • It is highly likely to be used for informal parking and drop-offs; • This will increase congestion and risk to children and pedestrians. <p>7. Unacceptable Construction Impacts (42 Months)</p> <p>The temporary compound is inappropriate due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate proximity to Applegrove Primary School entrance; • Location adjacent to children’s play equipment; • Likely noise, dust, lighting, and traffic impacts; • Significant health and safety risks, including site access by children. <p>A 42-month occupation represents a prolonged loss of public amenity.</p> <p>8. Impact on Community Use and Emergency Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roysvale Park is used for recreation and local sports, which will be reduced both temporarily and permanently; • The park may function as an informal air ambulance landing site, and its reduction could impact emergency response capability. <p>9. Cumulative Impact</p> <p>Taken together, these proposals result in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of a school playing field; • Long-term loss of public parkland;
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Permanent encroachment of infrastructure onto Common Good land. <p>This represents a significant and unjustified degradation of community assets.</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>The proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conflict with Scottish planning policy;• Fail the legal tests governing Common Good land;• Do not demonstrate necessity or lack of alternatives;• Create unacceptable impacts on safety, environment, and community use. <p>I respectfully request that these proposals be refused.</p>
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