

THE FEDERATION OF WEST LEIGH INFANT SCHOOL AND BACKWELL C of E JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Mr Quick,

Re: North Somerset Council Sites and Policies DPD

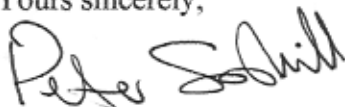
We have seen the Backwell Residents Association (BRA) response to the North Somerset Council Sites and Policies DPD consultation. Specifically within their response we note:

"B.5 Community Facilities:

BRA advocates the safeguarding of land adjacent to, or in close proximity to, schools for recreational use. In particular the safeguard should be maintained on the land off Church Town to the south of Church Lane for the Junior School (Schedule 4, pp 13). There appears to be an omission from this Schedule since a similar need is believed to exist at West Leigh. These are previously identified needs relating to land use."

We wish to add to that comment by saying that the possibility of a playing field in easy walking distance (for small children) from the school, would be of significant benefit to the school and the children, especially since greater physical exercise from an early age is so important. For that reason, we are grateful to the Backwell Residents Association for pointing out that the existing identified land use need should continue to be safeguarded and I would like to confirm that is what the school wishes.

Yours sincerely,



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Chairman of Finance and Premises Committee

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