



# Oadby and Wigston Borough Council

## TO COUNCILLOR:

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Dear Councillor et al

I hereby summon you to attend a meeting of the **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE** to be held at the **COUNCIL OFFICES, STATION ROAD, WIGSTON** on **THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2016** at **7.00 PM** for the transaction of the business set out in the Agenda below.

Yours faithfully

Council Offices  
Wigston  
**16 November 2016**

Mark Hall  
Chief Executive

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## ADDENDUM TO THE OFFICER'S REPORT.

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**LPA reference:** 16/000365/VAC.

**Applicant:** Brocks Hill Visitor Centre and Country Park.

**Description:** Section 73 application to remove condition 3 of application reference 81/0697/8 relating to gated access to school to allow public access to Brocks Hill Country Park and separate gate to school.

This addendum to the officer's report contains additional comments received after the report was prepared.

### **PCSO Karim Baladi (Leicestershire Police):**

PCSO Baladi has discussed this application with his fellow police officers. Their view is that the incidence of anti-social behaviour in the area is low at the moment, although that may change if the gate is relocated.

### **Mike Coles on behalf of his parents Mr and Mrs Coles (please refer to the officer's report for further details):**

'Please accept this email on behalf of my parents Mr and Mrs Coles who unfortunately are out of the country at the moment and therefore are unable to speak at the Development Control Committee Meeting on the 17 November 2016 to put the local residents' point of view and concerns across in person. My parents ask that all the local residents' points are discussed and given serious thought and consideration before a decision is made.

'I set out the salient points below:

- safety of the children walking to and from school;
- safety of parents, grandparents and staff using the path;
- dogs fouling the path and running up and down the path with children present ;
- bikes, skateboards and motorcycles being ridden up and down the path;
- trouble from gangs using the path as a gathering place;
- items such as general rubbish, fly tipping, used needles etc;
- safety and well being of the local residents living along the path;
- drain on the police force if being called out to deal with unsociable behaviour.'

### **Mr and Mrs Seaton (1 Grasmere Road, Wigston Magna):**

These residents submitted the following concerns:

- if the application is approved who will be responsible for keeping the path clear of dog mess and other rubbish that will inevitably appear. Not a good idea for young children to be walking to school along a glorified alley way that could be littered with items, including drugs discarded the previous night;
- 24 hour easier access to the park will create a crime corridor between Wigston and Oadby;
- 24 hour possible noise for the unfortunate people backing onto this path, most of whom are retired. There are several are ladies living alone and this application is not a pleasant thing for them to worry about;
- security issues the full length of the path. The proposed site of the new gate will open up security problems for those living on Grasmere Road. It would not be too difficult for some people to shin over a gate;
- as the path is reasonably wide it could be used by motorbikes, pedal bikes etc. Again it would not be a good idea, especially as the path would be shared with the general public and especially children;
- alleyways and footpaths are a magnet for undesirables and the damage they can cause;
- underage drinking and discarded cans;
- at night time it could open up problems for Brocks Hill and its buildings as the footpath would give easier access to people who would normally never think of going near the area;
- why create a possible complex hazard for children, police, local residents and even the security of Glenmere school when none of these exist at the moment. Please leave things as they are.

### **Comment:**

In relation to the points raised above:

- safety of the footpath's users, dog fouling and littering are not material planning considerations.
- anti-social behaviour and its impact on local residents are addressed in the report.