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Planning Department,
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council,
County Hall,
Marine Road,
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Re. Planning Reference D18A/0387

**Location: Jesus and Mary College, Our Lady's Grove, Goatstown Road,
Dublin 14**

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of The Roebuck Residents' Association we wish to make an observation relating to the above planning application.

Point 1 – Community Access

We request that the new pitch be made available for use by the local community.

We believe that the leisure and open space amenities of the local community are being reduced with the increase in residential development. The forthcoming adjoining residential development for example will further reduce the area's green space, space which, in our opinion, should have been kept as an educational, and associated leisure activities, site.

The continual increase in residential development in the area is being carried out without any corresponding increase in provision for leisure facilities. At the very least, we feel that the current, and future, local residents should not be left with a sporting amenity on their doorsteps that they do not have access to.

There is a large increase in the number of young families in the area. This increase has led to the formation of a number of new social and sports-related groups who could use such an amenity. One such group is the newly formed Goatstown Community Games group.

“Dual function of sports facilities/halls etc outside of school hours will be encouraged where the use of such facilities will be of a benefit to the wider

community"

8.2.12.4 School Development,
DLR County Development Plan 2016 - 2022

Point 2 – Retention of Trees

We request that there be as much retention of the existing trees as possible. This site, and the adjoining site, will be fully developed in the very near future, completely changing the park-like space that is currently there, as well as the very real potential to reduce the privacy and screening these trees and plants have provided to the residents backing onto the site.

We would also like to point out that the proposed distance between the 3 metre fence of the new hockey pitch and the boundary wall of Friarsland Road is marked as being only 300mm (only number 41 will be backing onto the new proposed pitch). The current distance between the old pitch and houses on Friarsland Road is approximately 2.5metres. This allows for sufficient space for the residents and the school to attend to the trees and plants on this boundary. 300mm does not appear to be sufficient space for this.

Point 3 – Parking

We note in the planning application that there will be no provision made to accommodate extra parking for the new pitch. We request that the Jesus and Mary College provide the use of their car park when the pitch is in use. Currently the college's car park is closed, by barrier, to all except school staff.

There is a very limited amount of parking in the campus area altogether, leading to frequent instances of double parking, parking on footpaths etc. With the future increase in cars in this area due to the new pitch (visiting teams, waiting parents, supporters etc.) plus the increase in cars due to the adjoining future residential development, parking will be at an even higher premium than currently.

We are already experiencing overspill traffic and parking issues on the nearby Larchfield Road during drop-off and pick-up times.

Yours sincerely,

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