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Mr. Neil Gerrard
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Dear Neil Gerrard

Thank you for your letter of 14th September to some of the residents of Edward Rd in Walthamstow.

We have now formed ourselves into an action group to express the views of our neighbourhood.

For your information more than 100 residents wrote to the council expressing their concerns before the council deadline of 31st July 2006. Also 215 residents signed our petition protesting at the proposed plans to build on Douglas Eyre Playing Fields which is, as you know, designated as Green Belt Land.

At present we are pursuing Councillor Terry Wheeler to facilitate a guided walk about for the residents on the playing fields which he promised to us 8 weeks ago.

We are also planning to hold a mass meeting of the residents in the near future.

We are very much in favour of the plans to redevelop the Blackhorse Lane and Sutherland Rd area. However whilst we agree that Willowfield Secondary School needs to be developed we cannot support its move to the Douglas Eyre Playing Fields risking the destruction of a tranquil neighbourhood without knowing why the originally proposed site at Sutherland Rd was rejected and why the school has not been included in the prestigious regeneration plans for the area North of Blackhorse Rd Station.

We would like to thank you for your concern regarding our situation and we look forward to discussing with you the detailed proposals when they appear to ensure that our views are taken into account before final decisions are made.

On behalf of the Blackhorse Action Group

Yours sincerely