



Dear Sir,

21st March 2011

I would like to clarify a few of the points raised by a couple of Earlsheaton residents, in letters submitted over recent weeks.

The School has always maintained a position of sympathy towards the valid concerns of Earlsheaton residents, and are supportive of their campaign to move the access road. We have never sought a maintenance of the status quo; in fact we always advocated a 'Third way' solution to Yorkshire Water. For this reason, it is rather unsporting to make judgements about the suitability of the access road near our school, without a fuller understanding of our area. In fact, we would recommend any concerned Earlsheaton resident to get in touch with the school and we would be more than happy to welcome you to our site, see the school and judge for yourself the 200 reasons (one for every child attending our setting) why we are opposing Yorkshire Water's plans.

The building in which the school is situated was purchased by Paradise School BEFORE much of the existing industrial area built up around it in the last five years. Furthermore, the school did NOT 'choose to convert a mill in an industrial area into a school', as stated by the gentleman in last weeks letter. In fact the building has had planning approval for use as an Educational institute since much before then, when it was used by youngsters from the Sea Cadets. The truth of the matter is we are located near a light industrial area, with an acceptable level of traffic. The extra volumes of the much heavier type wagons used by Yorkshire Water would entail intolerable risks.

This judgment has been made by the Schools Governing Body in consultation with parents from the very outset. As many of our parents are from the surrounding community, it is not surprising that many took petitions and asked their friends and family to sign a petition to ensure the safety of their kids. We fail to see the relevancy of whether such a petition is signed in a mosque, (whose attendees incidentally have their own concerns about the impact of extra traffic volumes to key junctions and roads in the area), or whether it was signed in a pub, church or elsewhere.

Another factual inaccuracy that need correcting, is we do NOT have our own car park, as determined by Mr Barber ingeniously using Google Streetview, to proclaim the suitability of the area around the school, to accommodate the 900 extra HGV's that will be thundering past.

We hope this elucidation of the facts, helps allay any misunderstanding they may have, and that they desist from turning their commendable campaign against the Yorkshire Water access road, into one where the focus is on blaming Paradise School and the residents of the Dewsbury south area, rather than the failure of Yorkshire Water to come up with a feasible solution which would resolve the concerns of Earlsheaton residents; whilst ensuring the problem is not transferred onto other residents of Dewsbury.

Yours sincerely

For and on behalf of the Paradise School Governing Body