

**Objection to planning application 20/03286/F**

- This application does not seriously address the impact of a massive increase in heavy traffic in the narrow streets of St Philip’s Marsh. In particular it does not address the impact on children’s lungs from the increased particulates in air pollution this will cause.
- Neither does it take seriously the implications for road safety and the parents with young children trying to cross the road directly opposite the plant. The school is less than 20 metres from the entrance to Grundons. It insultingly implies that as traffic has always been bad in the Marsh, it won’t make much difference. A pedestrian crossing is not considered necessary, Why? It would certainly make children, parents and staff feel a whole lot safer.
- Lawrence Hill ward has one of the highest levels of multiple deprivation in the country, and the highest level in Bristol. It has the worst health outcomes in Bristol, the highest level of hospital admissions for lung disease, and the highest level of hospital admissions for childhood asthma.
- In the USA the practice of allowing polluting and environmentally damaging developments in the poorest areas of the city is called ‘environmental racism’. Lawrence Hill ward has the largest BAME population in Bristol. We do not think a development such as this would be permitted in any other area of the city. How is Bristol different?
- A recent court cases in Manchester found against the Council granting permission for the building of a multi-story car park 26 metres from a primary school. Manchester City Council was found by the judge to be;

**‘Blind to the potential impact on the school’ and to have; ‘Failed in its public sector equality duty by not considering the likely health effects on children attending the school’. It was criticised for relying on; ‘error filled reports regarding air quality’**

Ella-Kissi Debrah is the name of the 9 year old London girl whose tragic death was caused from traffic air pollution which triggered her asthma. For the first time this was recorded as a cause of death by the coroner.

- There is no Council Air Quality Monitoring outside our School.
- This application is completely against the spirit and vision of what has been modelled by the Temple Quarter Development zone for the re-generation of the area. Instead of affordable housing, small business and green spaces we will now have four waste recycling plants within quarter of a mile of the school and increased heavy traffic and air pollution right in the middle of the city.
- This application should be refused on the grounds that it is harmful to children and the environment and should not be sited in the middle of a city next to a school.

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