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Dear Ms Lovegrove

Public Consultation regarding proposed expansion of Jack Hunt School

I am writing in support of the proposed expansion of Jack Hunt School for the following reasons:

- Recently 4 of the 7 Primary feeder schools have increased their Published Admissions Number (PAN), therefore an additional form of entry allows some of these children to attend their local Secondary School.
- The current Dining Room at Jack Hunt School was built for a considerably smaller PAN than the school currently has; it is not fit for purpose, leads to unacceptable queuing, there is a lack of seating and is not comparable to facilities at other secondary schools in Peterborough.
- The 11 new classrooms will be used by the English Curriculum Area, currently housed in extremely small classrooms nearly 50 years old. It will make a significant educational difference to re-house a core curriculum subject in considerably bigger and better designed classrooms. Furthermore, it will address issues arising from large numbers of students accessing English classrooms through very narrow corridors. An extra Science Laboratory allows specialist lessons to the increasing PAN.
- The All-Weather Pitch (AWP) will improve facilities available to the students at Jack Hunt School during curriculum time and after school sports to a level of parity with the majority of secondary schools in Peterborough and with proposed new schools. The construction of the new block will be on part of the existing Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), therefore the AWP will redress that loss and add to the surface available for all year use for both curriculum and after school sports. During the winter months the school field cannot be used for play at break or lunchtimes and the current MUGA is not sufficient for the numbers of students who wish to use it; the addition of an AWP will allow the school to use this facility at break and lunchtimes. The proposed multi-use 3G surface of the AWP will be marked for both hockey and football and has been chosen, primarily, to meet the diverse needs of the PE Curriculum at Jack Hunt School. The proposed lighting for the AWP will mean that it can be used for curriculum and after school sports when the natural light begins to fade in the winter months. Using the lighting in the evenings up until 8.00pm gives the opportunity for some community use, particularly for young people; which as a Sports College, Jack Hunt School has built up over the years. The AWP facility will also add to the work that the school is already doing with its catchment primary schools. In addition, it allows the school to respond to the current agenda regarding increasing fitness for children and adults.

Jack Hunt School is an oversubscribed good school, striving to be recognised as outstanding and this improvement in its facilities will assist in the school's delivery of an outstanding education for its students.

Yours sincerely

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