



CONSULTATION LETTER WITH STAFF AND PARENTS OF CECIL JONES ACADEMY

Land at Jones Memorial Recreation Ground, Southend-on-Sea

As some of you may know Loxford School Trust Limited ("Loxford") as the operator of the Cecil Jones Academy ("CJA") owns land at Jones Memorial Recreation Ground and I attach a plan showing the location of this land for your reference ("the Land").

This land is open land and was used until 2014 as playing field land primarily by the Primary School (which occupied the buildings now known as Victory Park Academy) but occasionally on Saturday mornings by CJA for rugby and football fixtures against other schools.

The Land has not been used for any sporting fixtures by CJA or for any other school purpose since 2014.

Loxford has been approached by the developer of the new Southend United FC stadium with an offer to buy the Land. The developer wishes to use the Land as part of the new stadium development.

Loxford wish to sell the Land to the developer and to use the money received from the sale to upgrade the sports facilities available to students at CJA. Guidance issued by Department for Education requires that Loxford use the money obtained from the sale of the Land for the purpose of providing sports facilities at CJA and so this money cannot be used for any other purpose.

The Trust is required to consult with you about this proposal and so can you please respond to the questions on the attached form and returning the form to:

Headteacher
Cecil Jones Academy
Eastern Avenue
Southend on Sea
Essex SS2 4BU

The reasons why Loxford wish to sell the Land are as follows:

1. The Land is too far away to be use for games and PE provided as part of the school day and I estimate about half a PE period would be spent going to and from the Land.
2. Furthermore, in order to be capable of use as playing field land, the Land will require a substantial amount of investment. This is money that Loxford would have to find from savings made to CJA's other activities. Loxford does not wish to make these savings.
3. If the Land was sold the money obtained from the sale could be used to provide the following facilities on site at CJA:

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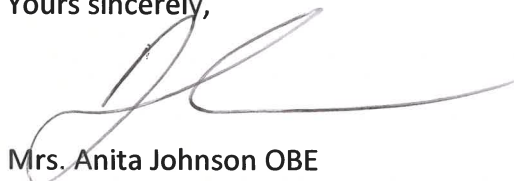
- An all-weather pitch laid out to national standards capable of being used for rugby, football and small sided football with additional facilities comprising spectator areas, team shelters and floodlighting.
- 4 all weather tennis courts and 4 all weather netball courts with floodlighting laid out to national standards.
- A 4 lane 60m sprint straight laid out to national standards.

This will have the effect of providing a substantial upgrade to the sports facilities currently available at CJA.

It has been suggested that the money obtained from the sale could be used, with the agreement of Southend on Sea council, who are the owners, to upgrade land used by the Trinity Football Club on the other side of the Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre on the basis that there is more land there. This would require works to upgrade the land to make it suitable for school use and to keep it secure but there would be a requirement to spend part of the school day going to and from this site.

Can you please complete the attached form and return it by Friday 3rd September 2021.

Yours sincerely,



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CEO, The Loxford School Trust

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RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION

1. Question: Do you think that the land at Jones Memorial recreation ground at Southend on Sea should be sold.

YES

NO

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS ARE ALTERNATIVES AND YOU CANNOT ANSWER "YES" TO BOTH OR "NO" TO BOTH.

2. Question: Do you think that the money received from the sale should be used to upgrade the sporting facilities at the Cecil Jones Academy?

YES

NO

3. Question: Do you think that the money received from the sale should be used to upgrade the sporting facilities at the Trinity Football Club?

YES

NO

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