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Dear Sirs,

Please may I provide some brief, but important, comments in respect of **Site RP9, Merton Adult Education Centre?**

As this site adjoins a very successful primary school, Joseph Hood School, which is growing in popularity and is currently oversubscribed, but lacks outdoor space and parking, please may I urge the council to use some of the site to benefit that primary school?

Perhaps site RP9 could be split and some of the site could be used to strengthen Joseph Hood School by:

-) providing some extra classrooms
-) providing a car park for staff and visitors
-) improving access to the school e.g. for deliveries and in emergencies
-) enlarging & improving the school's outdoor play spaces

Last year, site RP9 was fully refurbished at significant cost for its temporary use as a secondary school by Harris Wimbledon. It would seem such a waste of those facilities to simply demolish them and use the land for residential housing - an act which would be viewed by most local people as a greedy attempt by the council to sell "our family silver" for no other reason than short-sighted financial gain. Instead, please would the council think hard about whether the site might again be used for the provision of key educational services for Merton? My wife and I would like to see the site being used once again for adult education or perhaps as a dedicated special educational needs facility. Being adjacent to Joseph Hood School, it would be fantastic to see the council using both sites for educational purposes and for site RP9 to complement the fantastic primary school provision at Joseph Hood School.

Therefore, please may I urge you to retain the site for educational use (D1 use class), to utilise the excellent buildings which are currently being used by Harris Academy and to use the site for continued education provision within Merton and to bolster and strengthen the adjoining Joseph Hood School?

Thank you for taking the time to consider our views.