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Dear Sir/Madam

CHRIST CHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL, LESNEY PARK ROAD, ERITH

At the meeting of Erith Town Forum on 28th November, much concern was expressed about Bexley Council's plans to virtually double the size of Christ Church School, Lesney Park Road.

The feeling of the meeting was that the inconsiderate parking often experienced by local residents will surely worsen as a result of more parents bringing and collecting their children from school. Parts of Lesney Park Road and Park Crescent are in a preservation area and residents would like to make sure their properties retain the status attached to such areas. We would not want to see any widening of the road or removal of trees to accommodate traffic. **Please give us reassurance on this point.** Furthermore suggestions were made that a second entrance/exit for students should be opened in Park Crescent or a turning circle made, in order to relieve congestion in Lesney Park Road.

I understand that the relationship between the School and local residents has not been helped by parents allowing their children to invade people's drives, sometimes using them as a toilet. I am told that complaints made to the school have not been handled well.

The residents of Hardwick Court who attended the meeting were very unhappy with the increased noise and inconvenience they are likely to face, stressing that many residents are very elderly.

The question was asked "Why extend this school when already many of the students do not actually live in the local roads". The academic standards of the school were also questioned. The majority of those members of the public attending the meeting were opposed to the expansion of Christ Church School.

We trust these comments will be taken into consideration when planning decisions are being made.

Yours faithfully

Doreen Ives
Chairperson