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By email

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Dear Steve Curran,

Brent Lea Programme.

Thank you for your email dated June 11th replying to my letter to David Brockie which was copied to you.

I note that you say that you are balancing the demands for school places and for the need to protect open space / metropolitan land.

We feel that it is essential for this process to be carried out openly and that it was most unfortunate that the Cabinet paper to offer a lease to Floreat on Brent Lea came out immediately after a planning consent was granted for temporary class rooms on that site.

The officer report recommending planning approval for the temporary classrooms was based on the premise that those buildings would be removed and the land would be restored for recreation before September 2017.

If your offer to lease land for a permanent 2FE free primary school is ratified it will undoubtedly make it even harder for EFA to find alternative sites within Floreat's catchment area and it will land them with the even harder task of securing and funding compensating land which can be designated MOL.

In addition, if the lease is followed by the development of a detailed design for the School at Brent Lea it will embarrass those members of the Planning Committee, who are on record as saying they would support the temporary buildings if they could truly be removed in 2017, but they could not support a planning application for a permanent school at Brent Lea.

EFA are looking with Floreat for alternative school sites now. We have been asked to assist that search. These efforts will be prejudiced if Cabinet decide this week to authorise a lease to Floreat and we request you defer that decision.

Yours sincerely

Denis Browne
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Brentford Community Council.

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Joanna Russell, Stephen Hissett and
members of the Planning
Committee.