

# EASTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE ON 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2022

## UPDATE REPORT

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**Site:** Basildon C Of E Primary School, School Lane, Upper Basildon

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**Planning Officer Presenting:** Michael Butler

**Member Presenting:** N/A

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**Parish Representative speaking:** Geoffrey Couchman – Basildon Parish Council via Zoom

**Objector(s) speaking:** Ruth Cane via Zoom

**Supporter(s) speaking:** N/A

**Applicant/Agent speaking:** Pam Slingsby – In Person  
Natasha Lee - In Person  
Grant Fensome Via Zoom

**Ward Member(s):** Cllr. Alan Law

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A question was asked at the Committee site visit about ownership of the fence adjacent the application site and the public right of way. The District Council owns the fence, the land on which the right of way lies and all of the primary school site, so has ultimate control as freeholder of the land in question.

To clarify the summary of public representations on the committee report, there have actually been 13 letters of objection, not 14, to the application as one letter is ambivalent as it makes no comment on the application per se, but simply notes the ongoing availability of another forest school area in the locality at Emerys Down.

There has been one additional letter of support for the application. It states that the school has worked tirelessly to raise funds for this project. It will assist the education of the pupils and assist the overall culture and facilities at the school. The application site is currently a health hazard for pupils at the school. The application should be approved.

To summarise: 13 letters of objection, 1 ambivalent, 4 support, 18 in total.