

eMailed to residents November 2014:

Dear Resident

The WKRRRA is calling an URGENT and most IMPORTANT meeting of ALL residents on Wednesday, 5th November at 18.30hrs at CCJ (Country Club Johannesburg) Lincoln Street, Khyber Rock (off Woodlands Drive).

Currently a proposal that has been brought to the attention of Ward 106 to begin immediate construction of a primary school on ERF 109 Woodmead.

This ERF is on the corner of Chrysler & Packard Streets and is basically two-thirds of the current Woodmead Park 2.

It is proposed that this construction begin immediately, and that the school will be ready for the January 2015 intake.

It is further proposed that:

- The building will be of "PRE-FAB" construction.
- There will be no formal sports facilities, but the remainder of the current Park (ERF.160) will be used by the children as a playing area.
- The school will accommodate 1000 children, plus teachers and support staff.

Due to the proposed plans / construction / sports facilities etc. we cannot believe that this school will be supported by too many of our (very few) local youngsters, and thus we assume that most children will be "bussed in" on a daily basis.

We do not believe that our current infrastructure (roads, access, transport, sewage, etc.) can support this additional strain that will be placed upon it.

An additional 500+ vehicles entering the area every morning and afternoon plus the additional strain on particularly the sewage system will have a direct and immediate impact on the character of this area and is not in accordance with the quality homes that currently make up the neighbourhood.

Obviously security will be compromised due to this huge influx of people and the direct neighbours will need to customise themselves to the joyful noise of 1000 children playing plus the noise and fuel contamination of the transport that will be necessary to accommodate a primary school.

In essence this area will immediately and forever lose its current characteristic that caused us all to make our largest investment in the neighbourhood.

The Gauteng Department of Education has agreed to have consultations with the community – as is our right – and have made themselves available for the urgent meeting that we are herewith calling for next WEDNESDAY, November 5th at 18.30hrs at CCJ.

It is critical that everyone make themselves available to attend this meeting and to interact with the authorities so that everyone's opinion can be heard and that consensus can be reached regarding this matter.

Sincerely

Wendy Robertson – for and on behalf of WKRRRA.

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