

STATEMENT MADE IN RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION FOR THE PLANNED DISPOSAL OF LAND AT KEN STIMPSON ACADEMY

Further to the recent publication of Section 123 (2A) notice in the Peterborough Telegraph in regard to the Consultation for the planned disposal of land at Ken Stimpson Academy. Werrington Neighbourhood Council would like to make the following comments:

- a) Any disposal of land which includes the AstroTurf pitches should be safeguarded through a formal agreement to enable the area to remain accessible to the public through the Werrington Sports Centre when not being used by the Academy.
- b) The access path to the community MUGA area alongside the AstroTurf pitches is also part of this land disposal. Again access rights to the MUGA must be formally agreed to retain the community access in the future
- c) Given the loss of this open public space, we strongly believe that there is the opportunity for compensation to be given back to Werrington residents. Given the difficulties of land now identified as School Playing Fields to the south of the school, an equivalent portion of land needs to be returned back to the community (such as a strip alongside the public footpath running across the fields). The Department for Education cannot argue that this will represent loss of school land, given that the aforementioned areas of land are being removed from Public Open Use Designation