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Dear Mr Cooper

Thank you for putting me in the picture regarding the proposed redevelopment of the Parklands Middle School buildings and playing fields.

The Parklands Residents Association has my full support in opposing this proposed redevelopment which has just gone on through as a planning application. I am particularly concerned at the prospect of losing yet another school playing field. Whether or not the playing fields in question would be useful for the girl's school in Spinney Hill is beside the point. We cannot afford to lose such facilities which could always be used for sports of some kind or another, or even left as valuable open space.

For many years we have seen former school playing fields swallowed up by housing developments or commercial purposes. This is in spite of repeated declarations by the government that school playing fields shall not be destroyed. They recognise that the youth of the country need all the exercise they can get. It is sheer hypocrisy to exult in London hosting the 2012 Olympic games while yet another playing field is stolen from the children.

Time and time again local planning officers accept one excuse after another to get round the government's good intentions. We have to stop the rot and make the government and planners live up to their fine words. There is no better place to begin than Parklands.

I wish the Residents Association more than luck, I wish them continued strength in their collective efforts.

It will not be easy or quick but stand firm and resolute, and you will win.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D.A. Clark', with a horizontal line underneath.

Derek Clark MEP