

## **DEPARTMENT OF GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT**

**ORIGINATING SECTION:** Planning.

**REPORT TO:** 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Planning & Highways  
Committee.

**TITLE:** Petition regarding; Full Planning Application  
10/17/1142 - Demolition of existing building and  
the erection of a school and further education  
college with associated parking and landscaping

**ADDRESS:** Former Cattle Market Sumner Street BLACKBURN  
BB2 2LD

**Applicant:** Wates Construction

**Ward:** Wensley Fold

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<b>Councillor Dave Harling</b>	
<b>Councillor Mohammed Khan O.B.E.</b>	
<b>Councillor Quesir Mahmood</b>	

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### 1.0 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To inform Members of the receipt of a petition objecting to planning application 10/17/1142. Copies of the petition are available in Democratic Services.

### 2.0 **BACKGROUND AND DETAILS**

2.1 Planning application reference 10/17/1142 was submitted to the Planning Authority on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The application seeks consent for the demolition of an existing building on site and the erection of a school and further education college with associated parking and landscaping

2.2 Public consultation letters were issued on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and 2 site notices were also put up 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

2.3 The petition was received 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and contains 96 signatories

The grounds of objection relate to:

- There is already an existing secondary school, within a short distance of the site that causes traffic congestion.

- In addition, there are a number of other commercial/industrial businesses operating in the area that generate high volumes of traffic and obstruct access for vehicles and pedestrians.
- The proposal is located within close proximity to bail hostels which already create anti-social behaviour. There is also a retirement complex and assisted living units close to the site.
- There would be an increase in litter giving rise to a negative impact on the environment.

2.4 The planning application is currently being considered with a date for determination by 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

### 3.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the petition, that the issues raised inform the assessment of the proposal.

3.2 In normal circumstances it would also be recommend that the lead petitioners be informed of the decision once made. However, no details have been given for this to be undertaken.

### 4.0 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

4.1 None

5.0 **CONTACT OFFICER** – Alec Hickey (tel: 585850)

6.0 **DATE PREPARED** – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017