

Ashmount Site Action Group
Campaigning to keep the Ashmount
School site in educational use



**Do you want Whitehall Park School squashed into a
small site?**

There's still time to stop it !

**ASAG Public Meeting Wednesday 19 November 7 PM
HORNSEY LANE ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE, N19**

When we had last had a public meeting in March this year Whitehall
Park School was only a name.

NOW it has had a very successful first half term in its temporary
accommodation and the School already has a positive identity in the
community.

Last March Islington's claim on half the School's grounds for housing
was still being considered by the Department for Education

NOW it has been announced that the DfE has agreed to those plans to
squash the School into half the site At the last public meeting there was
overwhelming support for a judicial review if the DfE agreed to

Islington's 51% land grab. ASAG took the first steps towards launching
that judicial review.

**NOW the judicial review process is under way and we are reporting
back to you on progress.**

Islington's Executive tried as hard as they could to stop the School
opening.

Now they seem to have strong-armed the DfE into giving up most of

the school playground – leaving the new school with just half the playspace recommended for children in the Department’s own 2014 Guidelines!

Of course more housing is needed in London – but does that mean that children should suffer tiny playgrounds when the necessary space is already there? Islington has the smallest amount of open space of any London Borough, which makes it all the more important for children to be able to play outside when they are at school.

The DfE’s published Guidelines mean the whole Ashmount site will be needed when the school is fully open. In an attempt to make up for the lack of playspace a rooftop playing area is proposed on top of the school, but even with that the space available is woefully short.

While the local community was overwhelmingly in favour of the judicial review in March, WE NOW NEED TO UPDATE YOU ON THE PROCESS, EXPLAIN THE CASE AND THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND GET CONFIRMATION OF YOUR VIEWS AND SUPPORT.

JOIN US ON 19 NOVEMBER AT 7PM AT THE HORNSEY LANE ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE, OFF ASHMOUNT ROAD. WHETHER YOU ARE A PARENT, A RESIDENT, OR INVOLVED WITH THE SCHOOL YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO BE THERE.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT - THERE IS STILL A CHANCE TO REVERSE THE DfE’s DECISION

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