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I request that Planning Application S/37111 from Carmarthenshire County Council to construct a new school on Llanerch Recreational Playing Field should be called in for a decision by the Minister.

I fully support the submission made by Mr Lee Waters AM and the Save Llanerch Recreational Playing Field Group.

Thank you,

The reasons behind my support for Mr Waters is that I feel that this plan would be in contravention of the Welsh Government policy of providing green areas for children for their health and well being especially the less well off families of which there are many in the area concerned. The green area in question has been used by many generations for sport and recreation and is a valuable asset to the area. My earliest memory of using it was as a 4/5 year old some 59 years ago and since then my own children have used it and now my grandchildren are using it. The river and the field, over the years, have provided a source of wild life and wild flowers and that needs to be preserved.

The main issues of concern too would be so many more problems and increased chaos with the traffic in an area that has too narrow roads and is already too congested to cope with the existing school on the other side of the road. The lack of privacy for residents in close proximity to the field is another concern and the increase in noise level disturbing the peace and quiet of the area, not only during the construction of the school but also while the school is being used on a daily basis. There is a site just up the road from this green area that is going to be vacated by the existing specialist school in Heol Goffa so the sensible thing would be to build the new school there especially as the surrounding area is used to school traffic and there is a brown/green area just behind the site which could also be used to create even more room for parking or playing areas, etc. Also, the remaining land for the Delta works next to the current new school that has just been built could have been used for the new Dewi Sant school. Amongst the main issues of concern too is that of the underlying sewage tanks in the field. It would be madness to build a school on top of these unreliable tanks which are

in a flood plain. Should there be any problems with them then it would subject the school to un-necessary disruption and be a risk to staff and pupils as regards health and safety. It is an absolutely preposterous idea to build on top of these tanks at all. Also, shouldn't the proposed overspill car park on the other side of the road be a separate planning application as it has a separate and different postcode?

I feel that the residents of the area with their local knowledge should be listened to other than the strangers from the county council who have no real idea of what is going on in this vicinity. It is senseless taking and building on a much loved and needed important green area. The school could be built anywhere in Llanelli as it does not attract just local children with it being a Welsh medium school. The catchment is from all over the place and not just the Llanerch area so it doesn't necessarily have to stay in this area when there are so many other sites that the County Council own that they could build on without the loss of a green area.

Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts on why I am **against** the Planning Application S/37111.