

**Tracey Crouch MP**



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Wendy Simpson  
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Dear Ms Simpson

**Planning Application: MC/12/1576**

I am writing in relation to the above planning application to change use of land from open space to school playing fields, as Member of Parliament for Chatham & Aylesford.

As this application relates to the provision of vehicular access to a proposed Healthy Living Centre to the rear of Alexandra Road I would like to make clear from the outset that in principle, I very much support establishing such a facility in Luton. However, I remain of the view that the proposed site is unsuitable due to the impact on local residents and the narrow access roads; the danger posed by increased levels of traffic to children attending Luton Infant and Junior Schools; and the lack of access for those relying on public transport, such as the elderly.

I have also been made aware of concerns over the length of time allowed for residents to contribute to the public consultation. Although the time allowed exceeds the 21 day minimum requirement, there are nearby residents who feel that a planning application with such significant implications for their local area has been submitted without a proper opportunity for them to engage in the process.

I would also like to register my disappointment that despite meeting with Council officers last year to discuss my concerns over the original proposals for the Health Living Centre and the alternative sites, I have not received any notification of their investigations or any further response to the concerns I raised.

I would be grateful if you were to register these concerns as part of the consultation process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tracey Crouch".

TRACEY CROUCH MP

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