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Dear Clare,

**Application 16/00410 Increase in Pupils and Staff  
Coxlease School, Clay Hill, Lyndhurst SO43 7DE**

1. New Forest Association (NFA) objects to this application. Please excuse late response.
2. This establishment is part of the US conglomerate Arcadia Healthcare; Priory Group having been acquired by them in 2015 for £1.5 billion. The unit is run for profit and draws its pupils from far beyond the National Park. It cannot (and has not) claimed to be *a community facility that has clear and direct benefit to the local village or rural community*.
3. The Environment Act 1995 defines the second statutory purposes of the National Park as; *-Promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities*. The location of Coxlease School is not associated with the NF's special qualities.
4. Policy DP17 only provides for the limited extension of non-residential buildings and uses where this would not materially increase the level of impact of the activity on the site. The increase in pupil and staff numbers would increase activity. Centrally situated schools that draw pupils and staff every day from beyond the Park's borders generate a disproportion amount of traffic nuisance and NFA can see no reason why an exception to policy should be made in this case.

*Arcadia Healthcare Inc.* must recognise that its location within a designated area places constraints upon it by and either scale down its ambitions or move out.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Baker, NFA Planning Committee