

15 June 2010

Dear Steve

**Planning application: 2010/1292
Our Lady's Convent High School, 6-16 Amherst Park**

Overall the Hackney Society supports the demolition and redevelopment of Our Lady's Convent School on Amherst Park. The Hackney Society would like to make the following comments:

Scale and massing

The architectural expression of the building is that of monolithic blocks with openings scored out of it. The scale and massing of the building works well within the surroundings however consideration should be given to the specification of an appropriate brick type and spandrel panel finish. The detailing and position of the expansion joints on the façade should be carefully considered.

Materials

In the planning application we could not find any specification for the type of brick. We would like to be assured that a good quality and attractive brick is going to be used with lime mortar to add interest to the plain and monolithic design.

Landscaping

Consideration should be given to the use of more mature trees in the landscape strategy – particularly on the pavement outside the school.

Please confirm receipt of these comments

Best wishes

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On behalf of the Planning Sub-group