

## **Statement from Holy Trinity Academy ref. planning application TWC 60243**

We are a successful school with exciting plans to increase our school number by another 300 to benefit local children.

When the school was created, the land was designated as pitches to be used by the school when it originally opened. Unfortunately, when the school did use them, lessons on the fields were interrupted by dogs and dog walkers who were vocally aggressive towards staff and students. As a school, the safeguarding of our school children is paramount.

With the need to expand to provide further valuable places in the area, this problem needed to be addressed. We agree with the council that we feel the enclosure is more than offset with the following:

- Improved and protected pitches with new changing facilities which will be available for weekend and evening use by local groups and clubs and the communities
  - Providing good sporting facilities to local pupils and enabling the school expansion for local children
  - The fence will provide a clear barrier between the formal sporting area, which will be protected and well used, and the informal public areas which are large and where people will still be able to exercise and walk dogs, use play equipment etc.
- *Graphics are attached which illustrate the percentage of the area proposed for playing pitch/running track/fence (34%) versus the area proposed to remain in public use (66%).*