

Project: Ash Grove Alternative Provision Academy
 Job no: 13921
 Date: 30th September 2026
 Title: **Summary of Public Consultation (held 29th September 2026)**

Summary

On 29th September 2026, a public consultation event was held at Growing Together Radcliffe on Westminster Avenue between 5pm and 8pm. A total of **62 individuals** registered their attendance at the consultation, with **32 representations** received in response to the proposals.

The representations have been reviewed and categorised according to the key issues raised. Where a representation raised more than one issue, each issue has been categorised separately.

Issues

Key Issue Raised	No. of Times Referenced in Representations	% of Representations
Loss of green space / recreational space	21	66%
Crime, anti-social behaviour and drugs	17	53%
Highways (Traffic and Parking)	17	53%
Wrong location / alternative site's available	10	31%
Enough existing education provision in area	4	13%
Concerns regarding behaviour of children	4	13%
Environmental concerns (wildlife, habitats, pollution etc.)	3	9%
Property values	3	9%
Community gardens will not be maintained	2	6%
Noise	1	3%

Loss of Green Space and Recreational Area

The loss of existing green space was the most frequently raised concern, identified in 21 representations. Representations referred to the existing field being used for a range of informal recreational activities, including walking, dog walking, children playing football, community gatherings such as bonfires and other outdoor activities including picnics. Several representations also referred to the importance of the space to the local community and its contribution to residents' mental health and wellbeing.

Crime, ASB and Drugs

Concerns relating to existing crime, anti-social behaviour and drug-related activity in the area were raised in 17 representations. Representations referred to existing issues within the surrounding area and expressed concerns regarding how pupils of the proposed development could interact with these existing conditions. Representations referenced that existing levels of crime could worsen as a result of the proposed academy, due to the vulnerability of students attending.

Highways, Traffic and Parking

Highways-related concerns were identified in 17 representations. These included concerns regarding existing congestion and traffic associated with the surrounding schools. The representations mention that parents use Milton Road for drop off and pick up, creating parking pressures and slowing vehicle movements. Concerns were raised regarding implications of new development on these existing conditions.

Wrong Location / Alternative Site Locations

Reference to the consultation site comprising an inappropriate location for the proposed development was raised in 10 representations. Alternative site locations put forward included:

- Derby High School, Bury Road
- Cams Lane
- Redvales
- Land adjacent to Newbank Garden Centre
- Addition to an existing school within the borough

Existing Education Provision

Representations expressed the view that there is already sufficient school provision within the local area and questioned the need for an additional educational facility. This also linked to comments made regarding existing traffic conditions in the locality and concerns that the new development would exacerbate this.

Behaviour of AP pupils

Some representations raised concerns over the perceived behaviour of pupils of the AP facility and the impact this may have on pupils of neighbouring schools. This also links to comments regarding existing anti-social behaviour issues in the area and how this may influence students.

Environmental Concerns / Maintenance of Community Gardens

Concerns were raised regarding the potential impact the loss of open space would have on wildlife and biodiversity.

It was also questioned as to why the land could be built upon given an understanding of historic coal mining.

The future maintenance and use of the existing community garden was also questioned in respect of who would have the responsibility of doing so and concerns that this would not be done.

Property Values

Representations raised concerns that the proposed development could have a detrimental impact upon local property prices.

Noise / Amenity

Noise was raised as a concern in relation to the amenity of neighbouring properties and how external noise levels from the proposed development may have a detrimental effect.