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Dear HCA,

Last month I put across a proposal for a new play space in the site opposite Hopeman Primary School. The space is owned by Tullochs and I was given their blessing to move forward with the project. Despite support from numerous members of the public and the school, the members of the community that live in houses bordering the lot have objected as they have experienced harassment from local children. They have informed me that this harassment has been passed on and I respect their objection as no one should feel anxious in their own home and I do not wish to make their current problems any worse. Though I had considered what could be done to deter any vandalism or loitering, it is not worth testing these methods if there is a chance it could upset people living in the community. I stand with those who border this property and I hope they find a solution.

I will now be looking to adapt my proposal. I will consider methods of storing and transporting equipment to allow for more children to access quality play opportunities, allowing an area to be completely packed up after use— ensuring that there is no temptation for any vandalism or misuse of a space. This proposal will take me longer to construct as the logistics will be more complicated, but I thank everyone who has shown support and highlighted that this is something the village needs. I will return with my new proposal in the coming months.

Kind regards,

Charlotte Ball