



STEYNING GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Mr T Crowley
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Dear Tom

The Governing Body of Steyning Grammar School discussed at its meeting on 11 July your letter to me of 2 July. We agreed that I should write to confirm that there is no change in our position about giving up space on our site for the construction and operation of a skateboard facility.

I am sure you would agree that over the years members of the Governing Body have been sensitive to the needs of the wider community in and around Steyning. In recent years Governors have agreed to dispose of parts of our playing field land for the construction of the Dingeman complex and the expansion of St. Andrew's Primary School.

But of course our primary responsibility is towards current and future students of our own school. The playing field is an essential facility if we are to give students a rounded education, and it has been acknowledged by the Council that the useable area is already marginally below what you would expect for a school of our size; that is without taking any account of the space required for further buildings.

Governors confirmed on 11 July that we could not contemplate a further reduction in space for our playing fields for the construction of a skateboard facility; that would clearly be to the detriment of our students' education. You have asked for a meeting to discuss the matter. Were we to agree to such a meeting in present circumstances, we would risk giving you the misleading impression that our position was negotiable.

As I noted above, members of the Governing Body have shown that they recognise a wider responsibility within the Steyning community. And we value our good relations with the Parish and District Councils. I am sure you will share our confidence that our inability as Governors to solve the long-running argument about a skateboard park will not be allowed to get in the way of our continuing cooperation in providing the best possible education for the students of Steyning Grammar School.

Yours sincerely

Marion Gue
Chair of Governors