

The Moorlands Primary Federation



We write in support of the new Moneystone Park development, by Laver Leisure, on the site of the old Moneystone quarry.

The Valley Primary School is a smaller than average sized primary school adjoining the site. All of our pupils reside locally in Oakamoor and many of their families attended our school. We are proud to be at the heart of our community. The development of the leisure complex offers many significant benefits to our school and we whole-heartedly support the application. The Valley Primary School recently earned the prestigious classification of 'Forest School'. This means much of our teaching and learning occurs outside of the classroom. Although we have stunning fields and grounds within our site, the proposed facilities available at Moneystone Park will greatly enhance the activities we currently provide and wish to offer our children (and other local children) in the future. Laver Leisure propose offering outdoor activities than cannot be recreated in primary schools but have the potential to provide unique learning opportunities to ours and other schools pupil. We hope to utilise their facilities and the expertise of their staff on a regular basis. The opportunities for staff development and training in both organisations is also great.

As a federation of three local primary schools, working in collaboration with a fourth, every year we take our Year 6 children to an outdoor residential centre for a week-long visit. This development would provide an alternative cost-effective option, plus create more opportunities for us to take our younger children on short-stay visits more frequently.

The lack of affordable housing within Oakamoor poses a significant threat to the future of our school. With the anticipated 250 permanent jobs which the development would provide within the local area, we hope to attract those working parents to enrol their children at The Valley Primary School, thereby helping to secure the future of the school for many years to come.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

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