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Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed School Development at Sandy Flatts Lane, Acklam, Middlesbrough, TS5 7YN

We write to you on behalf of Interserve, with regard to the forthcoming full planning application for the erection of a new school at the former Nature's World site, Sandy Flatts Lane, Acklam, Middlesbrough, TS5 7YM.

The site formerly comprised an eco-centre, which ceased operation in 2013. The site has since been fenced off from public access and has remained vacant and become overgrown.

Interserve are now seeking to construct a special school which will accommodate 84 primary school children with severe learning difficulties and physical/medical needs. The school will provide school places for the Tees Valley Education Trust and for the 48 children currently using the Discovery Academy's temporary accommodation unit at the Brambles School in Middlesbrough, as well as the 24 pupils enrolling into the Discovery Academy over the next two years (12 pupils in September 2020 and 12 pupils in September 2021).

The new school will offer a number of facilities to the pupils, including the following:

- A multi-use games area;
- An indoor multi-functional hall;
- 2 x soft informal play and social areas;
- 3 x hard-standing play areas; and
- A soft PE area including sports pitch.

The site will utilise an in and out access for vehicles and pedestrians from Sandy Flatts Lane and sufficient vehicular and cycle parking will be provided for both staff and visitors. There will also be a secondary pedestrian footpath providing access into and out of the site at the south-western corner. Additionally, the site's boundaries will be subject to planting to provide screening from the adjacent uses.

The proposal will bring a vacant site - located within a sustainable area of Middlesbrough – back into active use, whilst delivering additional special school places within the Borough and providing a high-quality development within the local area. The school will provide high quality specialist education provision for families, whilst ensuring that fewer children are required to travel outside of Middlesbrough for their education. Therefore, young people will be able to benefit from education in Middlesbrough.

Please find enclosed a leaflet containing the details of the proposal. Please also visit the following website for more information on the proposals: <https://dppukltd.com/discovery/>. Please return any comments by Friday 14th August 2020.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at newcastleconsultation@dppukltd.com

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