

THEME 1- MIXED PROJECT - SCHOOL SECTION

While a school in our area seems sensible and most welcome, I do have some concerns mainly in regard to the safety of the children.

1) A roof top school yard (or any elevated space) seems rather risky for school aged children. I hope the surrounding wall will be adequately high! As well, these courtyards seem devoid of any nature at all and do not have the look and feel of a normal schoolyard. I question what the purpose of these courtyards will be--I hope it is more than just a space for children to stand around or wait in line. These areas will really need some aesthetic improvements.

2) I am not in favour of making some of the school's premises and facilities available to the public. Schools should be safe, secure and private--for the children only. There are other facilities that can be used by the public if needed.

3) Parking is a huge issue in our little corner of rue des Bassins. Unless the children will only be coming from a small area within the Sud-Ouest, it doesn't make sense that there would be no parking. We don't even have a metro station close by. Where will the teachers park? Where will parents or grandparents park if they come to pick up their children and arrive early? Where will parent volunteers park? If a child's parents are divorced there is a good chance that one of their parents does not live locally but may have to pick them up frequently. What are they to do? This is a huge obstacle in making the school 'access friendly'.

As well, a drive through, drop off area will be imperative. I can just imagine the traffic jams on rue des Bassins as parents drop off their children or pick them up.

On cold winter days, those who can drive, will want to do so.

4) It is very important to provide parking for bicycles and certainly 20 spaces is nowhere near enough! Especially if there is no place to park a car, nor a drive-through.

5)I would also suggest that once the school is built and ready to go, that project construction in the surrounding area be kept to a minimum or at least well spaced out. As a resident on rue des Bassins I can attest to the fact that the construction congestion right now is a safety issue for both pedestrians and drivers. At the moment there are multiple projects on every street and there are days when it can take ten minutes to drive two blocks. I really worry about the safety of the children when there is so much going on. (Not too mention the noise.)

THEME 2 - MIXED PROJECT - SOCIAL HOUSING SECTION

1) The developer SHOULD meet their obligations regarding parking. This building, like every other, will need as many parking spots as possible. Again, there are various reasons why people need cars (to get to work) or need to have people park at their place. (caregiving is just one such example). Again, there is no easy access to a metro station and there is very little parking on the street.

2) In regard to interlinking the residential building and the school building, I am not opposed as long as there is NO access between the two buildings and security at the school is paramount.

THEME 3 - PAVILION PROJECT IN PARC DU BASSIN-À-BOIS

1) The idea of the pavilion is very appealing and very relevant.

2) The pavilion would be a great space to get together for various events, (a Sud-Ouest summer fair or Christmas fair?) Perhaps there could also be musical events, arts, culture. It would be lovely to have a place where we could gather and have a sense of community.

3) Extra seating such as benches and picnic tables along with A LOT of trees, flowers and green space would be a welcome addition.

THEME 4 - OTHER OPINIONS

A major concern of most people in this area are the incredible number of construction projects all happening at the same time. They are on every street and every corner. The traffic, the noise and the mess don't make for a very pleasant living experience, especially now that we are all hunkered down in our homes during the pandemic. It is my hope that these new projects will not be occurring at the same time as many others!

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