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Objection to New School construction on Parc de la Fontaine - Nuns'Island.

As a long time resident of Nuns'Island (more than 40 years), I strongly object to construction of New School at location known as Parc de la Fontaine

-Nuns'Island/ Verdun, Qc. as for the following reasons;

1. Destruction of green space which is down to a minimum following the residential developments in the area
2. Destruction of bicycle and pedestrian paths
3. Insufficient amount of space for a School and its recreational facility (check the minimum standards for any school in North America)
4. Circulation pattern; delivery and pick up of students, school staff and parents parking
5. Creation of new traffic problems; bottlenecks during rush hours, loading and unloading of school busses, and delivery of school supply, etc.
6. Danger to students while crossing the road (s) (those that do not use school bus transport)

It is imperative to note that:

- Island's population has reached its limits - there is already a School that was built in more than "one stage". The wrong predictions of population growth at the time resulted in wrong planning as for size of that facility.
- Are the same mistakes to be repeated by choosing the wrong location this time?
- The present school could be "extended"-buildings height in the area reach up to 6 stories -so the zoning changes would not be as "destructive"as these to be implemented at Parc de la Fontaine.

What about the land available in the "Industrial zone " of the island?

What about the price of construction - roads, building & other facilities????

The "improvements" to existing roads made (roundabouts and their "ART"), should we forget about the money spend on these "supper projects" - now do we need more of the same???

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