

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice my opinion regarding the construction of a new elementary school on Nuns' Island. I feel as though the choice of land for the future school is less than ideal and will significantly lower the quality of life for everyone on the island.

First of all, the size and shape of the land in question is awkward and less than ideal to accommodate this new elementary school. Second this land is a green space, adjacent to Parc Lafontaine that I would very much like to see conserved. Third, the location of the land is in the worst possible place for a school. It doesn't take a civil engineer or urban planner to realize that building a school right after a roundabout, on one of only two streets to exit the island, will create traffic chaos. We need to consider the safety of the school children as well as the extra traffic this school would cause. With the temporary bridge access and the future construction of a new bridge to the South Shore on top of all the road construction on the existing Champlain bridge, the traffic to and from Nuns' Island is already somewhat of a nightmare. The last thing we need is to create even more traffic on one of only two ways off the island.

I understand that the city wants to build on a piece of land that already belongs to them for financial reasons, but building a school here will diminish property values for residents in the area, create extra noise for those who live on Place du Soleil, extra traffic, lack of parking on local streets, and so on.

There are numerous other options the city needs to consider before going ahead with this project. Instead of granting building permits to all these developers to build mansions and condo towers, why not force them to dedicate land to a new school. They are responsible for bringing this huge rise in population to the island, they should be held responsible for ensuring all the services are in place.

Thank you