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Religious group face objection to new school

By [Melanie Adams](#)

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They wanted to provide their children with a new and exciting learning environment with space to play outside.

However, the hopes of a religious group battling to build the facility may have been dashed after local residents complained that the new school would create too much traffic.

The Plymouth Brethren say they want to build a new school for 90 youngsters in countryside between Botley and Horton Heath to reduce the strain on its current Allbrook School, near Eastleigh and lessen overcrowding.

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The conversion of Ashberry House on the Winchester Road, along with an extension, would provide more classrooms, a canteen, a library and an extended play area for pupils outside.

However, more than 60 people have now signed a petition against the plans, worried that the sheer size and scale of the building would scar the landscape and cause huge traffic congestion in the area.

Eastleigh Borough Council officers are now due tell councillors on Monday that the scheme on the B3354, near the Bubb Lane roundabout, should

be rejected.

For the full story see today's Southern Daily Echo.

5:30am Saturday 1st September 2007

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Posted by: [Bill, Winchester](#) on 8:38am Sat 1 Sep 07

I bet if the men wore long white dresses and the woman wore black sacks and then had 5 prayer calls per day they would be sure of obtaining planning permission!

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Posted by: [Ian, Turkey](#) on 8:41am Sat 1 Sep 07

I know very little about the Plymouth Brethren, but why cannot they intergrate with main stream schooling, and use their funding to improve the school they go to?

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Posted by: pickey pete, CAMPSITE (OF COURSE) on 9:40am Sat 1 Sep 07

COME ON EASTLEIGH COUNCIL STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT...SOMEONE WANTS TO SPEND PRIVATE MONEY REDUCING CLASS SIZES IN YOUR AREA ??? GIVE THE PLANNING PERMISSION TO THEM TELL THE SNOBS OF BOTLEY TO GET STUFFED AND ILL DO THE TARMAC FOR A DISCOUNT PROBLEM SOLVED THEN MY LITTLE NIPPERS WILL HAVE SPACE TO GO TO SCHOOL NEAR THE SITE (PIKEY FOR COUNCILOR)

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Posted by: tom, botley on 9:47am Sat 1 Sep 07

i feel that bill and pikey are correct.
first do Muslims need to apply for planning ? i thought with all the horrible church conversions surely they have never applied ? and pikey yeah someone wants to spend non public money building schools and reducing class sizes in Eastleigh ? recommend **bold** to refuse permission ? give them permission for twice the size and ill help pikey do the tarmac too many snobs around here (i live in botley)

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Posted by: Cyn ikall, southampton on 1:17am Sun 2 Sep 07

We the 'peoples front of Judea' wish to state that we have no issues with this group!
Mind you if it was the Judean peoples front that would be another story!

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