

# STOP THE WOPPA

## Child Safety

There will be a massive increase in traffic from Elswick and Benwell using Grainger Park Road, Clifton, Dunholme Road and Bentinck Road.

This increase will have a greater risk for the safety of our children.

## Traffic

Currently Westgate Road is the gateway to the quiet, tree-lined residential streets of the West End. This is not the place for a fast food drive thru. Increase in traffic on the West Road will impact traffic flow on all neighbourhood roads. More speeding traffic and congestion. Traffic increase on Wingrove will lead to more delays and accidents.

## Obesity

Newcastle has the highest rate of childhood obesity in the country with the highest level of obesity in Benwell, Scotswood and Westgate.



## NO Fast Food Drive Thru

Burger King is planning to build a drive thru restaurant on the site of the former West End Police Station on Westgate Road, Newcastle.

Local residents are strongly opposed to this proposal for the following reasons:

- **Increased traffic**
- **Increased air pollution**
- **Reduced road safety for children**
- **Littering**
- **Promotion of unhealthy food**

Four bus stops, outside of the proposed Burger King site, are on children's school routes.

The drive-through restaurant will significantly increase traffic very close to a busy pedestrian crossing in close proximity to three schools



## Reasons for Objecting

There are many reasons why we do not need a fast food drive thru in the West End

- More traffic
- Health issues
- Highway safety
- Dangers to children on neighbourhood roads
- School Children Safety
- Obesity in children
- Noise and disturbance
- Vehicle idling and increase in traffic contributing to environmental pollution
- Protecting local business
- Litter in surrounding neighbourhood streets
- Refuse and smells attracting rats and other vermin
- Anti social behaviour in the surrounding area
- Over saturation of fast food restaurants
- Road congestion at drive thru entrance and exit, causing unwanted traffic delays.

More traffic on feeder roads, junctions, crossings, bus stops and residential streets represent serious safety concerns, which we believe have not been considered in documents supporting the application.

As residents of the area and parents it is extremely important that the planning application for a large fast food drive thru in our area is rejected.

The proposed site represents an opportunity for a developer to enhance the West End of the city and build something that would provide an amenity and resource for our community.

A fast food restaurant of any description in a densely populated residential area with the highest levels of fast food outlets in Newcastle, on a main walking route for many primary and secondary school children, located next to bus stops which provide services to secondary school children is an unthinkable proposition. If this planning application is granted, this will set a precedent in the city.

Please consider the real implications this could have on the West End of Newcastle by rejecting the proposal.

**The proposal will be granted if there are insufficient objections by residents.**



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