

Appendix M – Testimonials on the use of the sports pitch



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Dear Ms Blackledge,

I am writing in response to your letter dated 30 March 2006 in which you raise your concerns over the proposed development of Champion House College Osterley.

As the Chaplain of St. Mark's Catholic School, I can confirm that we were very privileged to have had the use of Champion House (Tigar Hall) for our year 7 retreats during the last five years before closure. Of particular benefit was the field where pupils could play games during the lunch break or be involved in organised activities during the day. This open area really enhanced the retreat programme as a whole and allowed the pupils to be active in a safe environment.

It was a great pity to see Champion House close and it would be an even greater shame if the beautiful grounds and field were to be destroyed.

I wish you every success in your campaign.

Yours sincerely,

Miss C. Davidson
(School Chaplain)

THE CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL



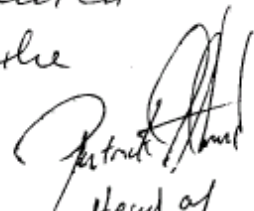
Ms Louise Blackledge
104 Thornbury Road
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Isleworth,
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21st IV 2006

Dear Ms Blackledge,

I am writing to confirm that our school did indeed make very good use of the fields and facilities of Tison Hall, Champion House. The boys made good use of the football pitch for an hour long lunchtime game; and we even used it as part of our "lectio divina" (a spiritual exercise). I believe we conducted two retreats at these places in the past three years.

Yours sincerely,


Patrick Abbot
Head of
Religion
& Education.

Email from Terry Leonard

To Champion Concerns
101 Thornbury Road
Isleworth

May 2007

Campion House site - Use of full size football pitch

I just wish to confirm that I attended and watched football association rules matches when my son played for the local cub scouts on the full size football pitch located in the Campion House grounds in Thornbury Road Isleworth (on the pitch which can be seen on Google aerial photograph).

My son or I did not attend any services at the seminary and we entered freely into area of the pitch via the entrance opposite Church Road along with all players and parents of each child for the duration of each match.

The Cubs and others have /had used the pitch for many years to my knowledge.

I read somewhere that there was a question mark over whether the recreation was actually 'association football'. The matches I watched were refereed using association rules to the best of mine (and the refs..) knowledge, such as off side and the matches were of an agreed length of time which both teams were aware of prior to kick off. The matches were very much organised and not just an informal 'kick about'.

I know of another local resident who played for a 'fire station' football team on this pitch, just confirming its was used by many members of the public not just children.

Yours sincerely,

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