

Stop the Dump

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Who wants a smelly garbage dump next to their apartment? I know I don't! Mayor Bloomberg wants to build a garbage transfer station right where Asphalt Green is, just a few blocks from where I live. And guess what? We would have to close down Asphalt Green. Asphalt Green is a great place for kids to play and a lot of kids take all kinds of sports lessons there: such as soccer, baseball, track, gymnastics and more. Many schools such as P.S 290 have their field day there and would not be able to. The second graders at P.S 290 take swim lessons there and it's so important that kids learn how to swim. Without Asphalt Green kids would have to travel to play the sports they love. Speaking of traveling when you're in your car on the way to the sports lessons you're going to get caught in traffic because of all the nasty garbage trucks going to and from the dump.

Do you ever go to Asphalt Green after school? Well what are you going to do when Asphalt Green closes down? Yeah right. You think you will do your homework or play sports? I bet you will watch more TV. Wouldn't you rather play sports than sit and watch Sponge Bob hour after hour? In Bikini Bottom they exercise more than you would without Asphalt Green. Without exercise you will be unhealthy and you might become fat. If you think you just need to eat

healthy to stay healthy you're wrong. You *have* to exercise!

Because of the garbage transfer station the air would be stinky and smelly and would not be clean. That's not how you want your city to be is it? That's gross!!!!!! Nobody wants to wake up to a stinky pile of garbage. With all that garbage our city would be ruined. Tourists who come to the city would think it's disgusting! disgusting with a garbage transfer station. Our city is so much nicer without a garbage dump. Why can't we keep it that way?

Why do we even need the transfer station on the upper east side? There are so many families living here and it is a very nice neighborhood. I'm not saying they should put it in someone else's neighborhood but why do they need to put it in ours? If they put it here our neighborhood, which is now very popular, it will grow less and less popular. Why risk ruining our city for a stupid garbage dump? I think it's a terrible idea and I think you should agree. Wouldn't you rather have a nice clean city than a gross disgusting city with a garbage dump?

So many bad things would happen to our city because of the garbage transfer station. So think about it. Why do we need the garbage transfer station?