

No joy at primary school site

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Central Primary continues to be a blight on the neighbourhood.

The school has been empty for years apart from the thieves who

cut holes in the fence to slowly strip what was once a grand building (“Vandals leave school in disrepair,” Bulletin February 9, 2017).

Bits of guttering have fallen down and litter the ground.

The school is between Mile End

and Edgeware roads in Diep River, close to the railway line.

Earlier this year, national Department of Public Works spokesman Thami Mchunu, said the building had been handed over to the provincial government

as from March 2017. But provincial Public Works tells the Bulletin that has not happened.

Ray Reed, who lives near the derelict school, has recently tried to repair the hole in the fence with barbed wire to keep the vagrants

out. “It makes no difference to the vandalism going on,” he said. “Flooring is now the prize to rip up and sell.”

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