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Response to Planning application from Hertfordshire County Council (T and CP GDP Order 2015)

District ref: 6/2016/2675/MAJ
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Area manager: James Dale
Case officer: Anthony Collier

Location

Queenswood School, Shepherds Way
Brookmans Park
AL9 6NS

Application type

Full application

Proposal

Erection of extension to existing sports hall, re cladding of existing roof and wall, following removal of existing mobile classrooms and increase parking provision from 85 to 102 approximately

Decision

Notice is given under article 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 that the Hertfordshire County Council as Highway Authority does not wish to restrict the grant of permission.

The application for the development of Queenswood School. The site is situated on Shepherds Way, a 60mph Secondary Distributor Road. Shepherds Way serves some residential units and as a route through from the A1000 to potters bar and local villages. There has been one slight accident at the sites access reported in the previous five years. The sights access has acceptable visibility, and due to the situation on a straight road, visibility overall for the site and surrounding highway is very good.

Developments to the sports hall, roof and class rooms are of little highways concern as they are situated in an area very unlikely to impact highway visibility, and do not present a change of use or substantial increase in provision at the site that could be associated with a material increase in trip generation that could not already occur at the site.

The access to the site is of a suitable width being in excess of 5 meters throughout. The distance from the highway to the parking provision would allow some waiting of vehicles, reducing any likelihood of queuing on the public highway by waiting vehicles.

The layout and dimensions of the proposed parking are acceptable and to a design allowing safe access and manoeuvring. Each parking space appears to be of a dimension in accordance to design standards of 4.8 meters by 2.4 meters.

The additional parking provision of 17 spaces does not appear to as a result of an increase in staff or pupils at the school. As such, it would appear the increased provision is for the use of the sports centre, and trip generation to/from the sports centre is unlikely to result in a material impact on highway capacity at peak

times on the local highway. There is no apparent intensification of use at the site other than the sports centre, total parking provision for which should be reviewed by the LPA.

The school has a historic travel plan, with sustainable travel modes encouraged. No aspects of the design prevent the use of sustainable modes, however the design does not appear to increase provision for pedestrians/cyclists.

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