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**Subject:** Planning Application Reference: 6/20231 1664I FU LL  
Proposed development at: Chancellors School, Pine Grove, Brookmans Park AL9 7BN  
Proposal: Conversion of an existing unused school gymnasium to create four new teaching class spaces and staff office /admin space...

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Dear Mr Carter and Ms Ransome

I am a resident of Pine Grove, Brookmans Park, and my back garden backs on to the school.

In common with most houses at the upper end of the cul-de sac of Pine Grove, the kerbside frontage is occupied from early morning until early evening by up to 3 or 4 parked cars during the school day.

I am therefore uneasy when any application is made by Chancellor's School for anything which might lead to more pupils and staff, and an increase in traffic locally and in the cul-de-sac and all day parking.

Comments:

Having studied the application it seems on first reading a reasonable and even wise development to be using accommodation to the maximum, especially if it is space that is not being well used at the present time.

I am however surprised that with the growing numbers in the school in recent years, and for the future known established planned growth, that the Gymnasium is not in use! It should surely be a focus for improving the Health and Wellbeing of Students, as set out by Government Health Policy? I am shocked to learn that it should be converted to some other use!

The assurance in the Application that numbers will not change especially upwards is stressed in the Application.

It states:

"The accommodation addresses existing shortfalls whilst rationalising existing widespread illogically located, staff support spaces. There will be no increases in staff

numbers or student numbers (and consequently vehicle traffic) beyond what is currently agreed for the school capacity of 1292 students as a result of this development. The proposals merely look to utilise existing staff numbers in a more logical and effective manner.”

As a resident of over 50 years, I know that numbers of students and staff has relentlessly moved upwards, either by internal growth, County decision, or natural growth of the School in its enlarged Academy Community.

Assurance in the text of the Application that this will not happen equally demonstrates that the School is aware of, and sensitive to the impact and implications on the local community of increased numbers in terms of staff and pupils; increased traffic problems locally on the A1000 and into Bell Lane, and in particular parking problems in Pine Grove.

It is frankly an Assurance that I find difficult if not impossible to accept, and I do not believe it for one moment. I do not expect it to be valid!

For this reason I regret that I have no alternative but to oppose this Application:  
1 Because in the circumstances outlined, I distrust the correctness and honesty in the statement.

2. I don't anticipate that the Planning Committee has the ability to impose and ensure adherence to such a statement within its responsibilities.

3. The Planning Department has little or no influence over traffic or parking.

Yours faithfully



don't really think that there are any grounds for objection in view of the statement on numbers. I know that there's always a problem of "What comes next?!"  
Have a look at the above ref.

- 1.
2. Has any of our Councillors communicated with you or other neighbours about this School Application?

3. Do we know how many students will be in each Classroom?

Can the extrapolate the number of extra journeys etc we can expect so we can file in the Objection

4. Finally where are we on the Parking Restrictions etc after the survey – I expected to receive the Yellow Resident Parking Booklets !!

Just a few thoughts otherwise your draft is a top letter.

