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Sent: 30 September 2018 12:15
To: Planning;
Subject: Ref no: 6/2018/2178 Proposed development at: Chancellors School, Pine Grove, Brookmans Park, Hatfield, AL9 7BN

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal: Erection of building comprising a sports hall and 7 no classrooms with associated facilities; 4no hard play sports pitches with perimeter fencing to replace existing; installation of 2 no temporary mobile classrooms, and; provision of 33no parking spaces on existing hard play surface.

I object to the above proposal, the School intends to expand its numbers by 200 students. This will have a severe impact both on the environment and local area. It does not consider the fact that the additional traffic will put even more strain on the local road network.

The proposed extension will be on Green Belt land with access proposed via the Golf Club Road or alternatively from the gated unmade private road from the A1000. A one way system is also suggested as a possible alternative in Pine Grove all of which do not address the present congestion issues and increased congestion should the development go ahead, which should it go ahead will undoubtedly put at risk both residents and pupils due to the increase traffic. Evidently the school is unable to police or manage the current traffic situation.

Furthermore the transport assessment referenced in the application was concluded in July 2016 using data collated prior to this date, this is now over 2 years old and would need to be revisited, for example contrary to the report there are now parking restrictions on Brookmans Avenue, the transport assessment also highlighted the number of parking spaces would not bring the numbers up to the recommended number, and given the school is unable to police the present parking issues it is inevitable that allowing the proposal to go ahead can only add to the untenable and hazardous driving and parking practices that exist today.

In conclusion, serious consideration must first be given to the policing of the current unmanaged situation regarding dangerous parking practices by parents and students blocking my drive and safe turning facilities for buses and the present impact this all has to the local community.

An alternative such as parking restrictions similar to those that exist elsewhere in the village, namely "Residents Only" parking between 11 and noon will lessen the parking restrictions in the road. It would also reduce congestion on the A1000, in Potters Bar and surrounding villages during peak collection/dropping-times. Overall this would deliver a far more long term sustainable solution, reducing carbon footprint and danger to all parties. Both school/planning authority and Council must not fail in their duty to fully engage with the communities who must live daily with the disruption and danger. The Planning Office must refuse this planning application in its present form on the grounds of safety and sustainability.

kind regards

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