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To: Planning

Subject: Chancellor's School Proposed Development Application Ref: 6/2018/2178/FULL

Dear Sir / Madam

Re. Chancellor's School Proposed Development Application Ref: 6/2018/2178/FULL

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 would like to lodge my strong objection to the above proposal on several grounds. The main and most serious concern is the safety risk. Any CURRENT traffic survey conducted at 3pm on a weekday during term time will undoubtedly show an already hazardous situation. Cars are parked on both sides of the road, residents may be trying to enter/exit their properties and buses are unable to pass due to the inconsiderate parking of parents. A number of minor accidents have occurred already and a more major incident would be no surprise to anyone living in Pine Grove. Bizarrely, where there is the most need to safeguard children, in a cul-de-sac where a large school is located, the parking restrictions in place throughout large parts of Brookmans Park do not exist here. Clearly, with the increased student numbers (and staff that inevitably come alongside), the risks that are already posed in the cul-de-sac are set to heighten dramatically. The proposal of an extra 33 parking spaces is woefully inadequate. This wouldn't even go close to covering the number of cars already overspilling into Pine Grove currently, without any increase in student numbers.

There does not seem to be a practical, logical, potentially successful and sustainable travel plan in place.

In addition to the safety concerns, there are serious environmental issues to consider. The development is within the Green Belt and is unattractive. The additional pollution from the increased traffic poses a health risk. The road is in a poor state of repair and was not designed to receive the heavy traffic it currently does, never mind the increased amount that will come with the proposal and increased student numbers.

The Planning Office must refuse this planning application on the grounds of risks to safety and to the environment.

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