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**F.A.O. Mr David Elmore**  
Planning Dept.

Dear Mr Elmore

With reference to the above, please note that we strongly object to any expansion proposed by Chancellors School.

As you know, the school is situated on Pine Grove, a quiet, no through road in a small quiet village on the Southern outskirts of Hatfield. We have lived on this road for 25 years now and seen the changes to the school over the years together with an increase of traffic, noise and air pollution.

We have been advised that the council approached Chancellors school back in September 2017, for expansion due to "growing local community." However we, being in the local community were not advised of the councils intentions to apply for this. As explained earlier, we are on the outer perimeters of Hatfield, other areas more central would be better suited for the expanding populations needs. Viability tests have apparently been carried out with a transport assessment, which we have not seen either, if you have these, we would be interested in viewing them.

We believe that Chancellors School should remain the same, or be reduced in size and allow schools that are closer to the main "growing local community" be expanded. This will solve the travel disruption that comes with the school. It is wholly impractical to expand Chancellors school. We live with the school zig zag yellow lines outside our house, yet the cars park outside, blocking our drive on a daily basis at pick up and drop off times. We have seen a child dragged by the rucksack on his back by a school coach. Accidents happen quite frequently, as this once quiet village road is not suited to this volume of traffic. As a consequence of this excessive traffic the road constantly has potholes. The council doesn't even recognise that the road needs gritting in the winter due to the school vehicles which need to take the children, thus causing further accidents and disruption. The vehicles travel at high speeds and I have seen someones cat run over, again on Pine Grove.

Increasing the size of the school, thus increasing the volume of vehicles would be extremely detrimental making it even more hazardous and unsafe for all involved. Currently the school does not have enough parking either. Their staff and pupils park their

vehicles on both sides of Pine Grove, from the top of the road, working their way down the hill. Then the parents come and sit in their vehicles (I've seen some waiting up to an hour before) with engines running in the cold weather causing more pollution and blocking our driveways so they can get as close to the school as possible. There is never anyone to police these drivers. The proposed extra 33 parking spaces wouldn't even cover the current parking problem which Chancellors school have. Once we had to go into the school and report a vehicle parked over our driveway, we showed the receptionist the photo of the vehicle on the phone... It was a member of staff!!! This is a school that cannot cope at with the present numbers, let alone expansion. The school itself knows this. Below is a copy of a letter that the school sent out just a few days ago for your attention.

Based on all of the above points, we urge you to refuse this application.

Thank you.

Kind regards

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