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As a parent anything that looks to improve educational facilities and capacity in the local area should have my support. However, living on Pine Grove i cannot approve of any scheme that will lead to greater traffic congestion, increased parking chaos as well as noise and air pollution. The traffic levels are already unacceptably high and troublesome with vehicles often backing up from the busy Great North Road junction, down Georges Wood Road and around the corner up onto Pine Grove. What can be a one minute drive to the road end can take 20 minutes plus in busy periods which is not acceptable when i have to take my son to Dame Alice Owen school at the other side of Potters Bar. People are often vying for road space around the many parked cars trying to get both up and down the road and this causes issues on a daily basis and evidences the unsuitability of the road to deal with such traffic flow. Visibility is usually extremely restricted with people parking on both sides of the road right up to driveway edges. Also my drive seems to be used as a turning point every day of the week again pointing to a lack of appropriate infrastructure for parents to drop their children at the school itself. The road has not been designed to take the levels of school traffic currently experienced, not to mention any construction vehicles and the safety hazard factors are there to see every single day as commuters, parents, residents, pupils, teachers rush to get where they need to go moving in both directions often with little thought to anyone who may be on foot or on a bicycle. After consultation meetings last year there was a promise of further updates which have not been forthcoming, certainly nothing has been put through my letterbox advising of any revised plans. It is only a matter of time before there is a more serious road traffic accident if the traffic is increased on Pine Grove. Thanks