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Re Planning Application 6/2019/0085/FULL - Chancellors School Proposed Extension.

The success of the above proposed development becomes more unlikely as time goes by. Having read their very long-winded travel plan it becomes

more and more obvious that the proposed expansion of Chancellors, together with its conversion to an academy and expanding relationship with

Mount Grace School in Potters Bar, is impractical without distinct negative changes in future travel and parking modes.

Pine Grove is a cu'l-de-sac which cannot handle the existing traffic loads and on-street parking. To expand the school creating more traffic

is thoughtless and unacceptable.

The Pupil Catchment Area data (Section 2.26 of the Caneparo report) confirms that 86.52% of pupils do not live in Brookmans Park but largely in

Potters Bar and Hatfield. As a result, the traffic is forced through Brookmans Park roads at very high levels, something that both the headmaster and

the councils should have recognized at the outset. This traffic causes both severe problems as well as high levels of on-street parking in

Pine Grove as well as high levels of noxious fumes.

When you consider that to reach the school via Pine Grove from Hatfield and Potters Bar, traffic has to negotiate the A1000 turn into Georges Wood

Road, and then turn into Pine Grove. They then either have to drop their children at the top of Pine Grove and then turn around creating confusion

and delay or turn into the School Access Road and create further problems! The return journey creates huge traffic congestion at the bottom of

Pine Grove as vehicles turn into Georges Wood Road before negotiating their way back onto the very busy A1000 - the major part of this activity

taking place during the morning rush hour!

It is just not acceptable for the school and the council to pursue such a development without considering the above facts and providing a viable

long-term solution.

In a recent one-off survey by the residents over two days from 7 to 9.30 am and again between 2.30 and 4 pm, we logged almost 1,000 movements

of traffic during the morning and afternoon periods. This was an actual physical survey which logged the movements of vehicles both in and out of

Pine Grove, unlike the Caneparo Associates survey which was created via parent questionnaires!

The Caneparo survey suggests that the school should actively encourage the promotion of car-sharing as a viable method of reducing the overall

number of cars. This is fine but the overall target in the survey is to reduce the number of single pupil vehicles by 5% (see Aim Targets 3.8) which

if you apply it to the current pupil numbers of 1290, if achieved, would result in a reduction of 64 vehicles! Hardly an earth shattering result.

What is required is a sensible long term commitment by HCC to the Car-Share scheme with an understanding that the headmaster must ask every

parent to join the scheme or provide a written excuse to the school. Additionally, HCC must provide funds to expand the coach and bus

facilities - please understand that a single double-decker bus can carry between 60-65 pupils but take up the road space of 30 single pupil cars.

Ten buses could hold the equivalent of 300 single pupil cars.

If HCC wishes to expand Chancellors to facilitate the pupil numbers without the substantial cost of building a new school in Hatfield or Potters Bar,

it must accept that it has a responsibility to the residents of Pine Grove of maintaining our road as a residential street and not a high-speed

delivery area with a day-time parking lot.

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