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Dear Sir/Madam

Ref 6/2019/0085/MAJ: Chancellor's School Proposed Expansion

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. 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 overflowing into Pine Grove currently, without any increase in student numbers. Furthermore, the proposed Travel Plan is aspirational rather than practical. 50% of 1100 pupils arrive by car. It is wishful thinking that parents, staff and pupils will give up the car if no bus alternatives are available. Parking sanctions/limitations need to be actioned and monitored within the local area.

No consideration is given to locating the expansion in Potters Bar or Hatfield where 85% of existing and potential pupils originate. The Herts County Council website (Education) indicates that there is no local need for expansion of school capacity in Brookmans Park or Potters Bar and that a surplus exists until 2021.

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 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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