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Dear Sirs,

Please register my objection to the above reference planning application by Chancellors School.

1. The proposed expansion is on Green Belt land and is environmentally unacceptable by building on land or using it as a car park,
2. The proposed expansion is in Brookmans Park but the majority of children come from Hatfield or Potters Bar. It would be much better to expand schools in these two locations thereby avoiding environmental damage to the planet due to bus and car transport pollution.
3. Traffic is already excessive in Pine Grove where I live - and cannot be sustained. Neither Pine Grove or Georges Wood Road were designed to receive the traffic that they now do. The real requirement is that traffic should in fact be much reduced - rather than expanded.
4. Double sided parking in Pine Grove renders traffic movement dangerous. There have been two accidents recently outside our house. At arrival and departure times the gridlock is extreme with loud shouting arguments breaking out between motorists.
5. The proposed Travel Plan is aspirational rather than practical. 50% of 1,100 pupils, and most staff arrive in around 600 cars. It is wishful thinking that parents, staff and pupils will give up the car if no bus alternatives are available and insisted on.
6. Residents call for some sanction or limitation on parking locally, or by limiting traffic between certain hours to residents and tradesmen, as is already done elsewhere in Brookmans Park, Hatfield and Potters Bar.
7. Pollution from traffic from waiting vehicles is potentially dangerous to residents'/ pedestrians' health.
8. The junction Great North Road/ Georges Wood Road is already dangerous without further traffic.
9. The Herts County Council website (Education) states that there is no local need for expansion of school capacity in Brookmans Park or Potters Bar, and that a surplus exists until 2021.

10. The school is going ahead with Academy Status Application which undoubtedly will lead to pupils travelling from further afield.

Sincerely,

