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Response to Planning application from Hertfordshire County Council (T and CP GDP Order 2015)

Director of Planning

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council
The Campus
Welwyn Garden City
Hertfordshire
AL8 6AW

District ref: 6/2020/2581/FULL
HCC ref: WH/3817/2020
HCC received: 18 December 2020
Area manager: Matthew Armstrong
Case officer: Ania Jakacka

Location

CHANCELLORS SCHOOL PINE GROVE HATFIELD AL9 7BN

Application type

Full Application

Proposal

AMENDMENT: Laying of grasscrete for the provision of additional car parking and laying of tarmac pedestrian path. (Temporary period of three years).

Decision

OTHER

Comments:

There is no updated information available on the planning portal for the Highway Authority to review. For this reason, our previous response still stands:

1/. There is insufficient information supplied with this application to enable the Highway Authority to reach a recommendation. In the absence of the necessary information, the Highway Authority recommends refusal due to doubt over possible implications for highway safety and convenience.

Comments

The proposal is for provision of 39 temporary car parking spaces and seven drop off spaces in lieu of 33 car parking spaces and seven drop off spaces approved under a previous application (reference: 6/2019/0085/MAJ), to which the Highway Authority raised no objection. The additional parking is shown on the plan ref: Proposed Additional Car Parking 2154 5 00 0107 Rev C. The submitted Design and Access Statement states that the temporary spaces will be removed once the permanent spaces are built/provided. A planning condition would need to be secured to ensure this happens.

Whilst the Highway Authority raises no objection in principle to the temporary parking being provided as a way of alleviating a temporary issue with parking, concerns are raised with the design of the western car park and lack of reversing space and interference of the new seven "car drop off" spaces with the bus access/pick up/drop off.

For this reason, vehicle swept paths will be required to demonstrate that vehicles will be able to access and turn around and leave in a forward gear the new 27 spaces located in the western car park without the need to reverse out blindly onto the zebra crossing. A single deck bus swept path would also be necessary to confirm that it can continue to use the one-way system unobstructed.

Signed

Ania Jakacka

4 January 2021