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Morning, please read my email, Mr Boulton and Mr Shapps in particular,

I have lived on Pine Grove for 2.5 years, we moved here from London as it's a beautiful village with brilliant amenities servicing the local community.

We have an autistic daughter, and she has just started at chancellors in year 7 which was the plan.

I hope I can provide a balanced perspective, we are grateful for the first class facilities available to our daughter at chancellors.

We thought living opposite a village secondary school would give our daughter a safe environment to gain a little independence and allow her to walk to and from school, we were very wrong.

I'm sure many of you are aware that people living with autism have sensory overload, this is both physically painful and terrifying. When an overload happens she goes into fight or flight mode and this is very dangerous. She is certainly not the only pupil with a disability

I will have to walk her to and from school and meet her at the gates as the situation is very dangerous and frankly she is terrified of leaving school without an adult to keep her safe. We both work full time and living on the school road this should not be an issue.

My husband is an emergency service worker, and risks his life for the safety of others every day, we do not expect our daughter to take the same risk to gain an education.

With busses and cars stopped all along the road and cars coming from every angle. They stop ON THE PAVEMENT on either side of the school service road as well, meaning children have to walk in the road negotiating two way cars and buses

This dead end road, which should be exceptionally safe is seriously dangerous.

The planning process must be wrong when children and people with disabilities cannot benefit from the safe use of pavements???

The admissions process is bizarre also, Im aware that many children from the village were not offered places at chancellors this year in favour of taking children from further afield, obviously creating the need for more commuting. This surely needs reviewing- look at the allocation data from this year please

I feel very strongly as a Pine Grove resident and parent of a chancellors child that this situation needs urgent action.

It is most definitely a serious accident waiting to happen particularly for the vulnerable

Meantime I'm trying to help the situation by offering my drive to parents to drop children

off rather than progressing up the road looking for somewhere to drop their children off, reality is a safe drop off and collection route is what is needed for the children. Blocking Pine Grove will help me, but will move the problem elsewhere in the village putting others at risk. The village roads are not designed to accommodate this.

Please do not enter into discussions about further expansion exacerbating the current dangerous situation.

I'm totally in favour of enterprise but not at the cost of safety

People are moving out of the area and it has actually deterred potential buyers-speak to local estate agents...

Mr Shapps, Mr Boulton please represent us and protect the vulnerable, and do whatever necessary to stop this now.

I'm happy to meet to discuss any element of this email, please do not ignore it, you have a duty of care to protect the vulnerable

[REDACTED]

On 5 Sep 2021, at 16:33, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] > wrote:

Dear Mr Dale, Head of Planning.

My sincere apologies as it's been brought to my attention that Colin Haigh no longer resides in the position of Head of Planning and that you are his replacement.

Let me congratulate and welcome you to your new role and let's hope you do what is right for the community of Brookmans Park,.

Please find the email below, that was sent earlier in the day by error to Mr Haigh.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Dear Mr Haigh/Mr Long

Re. Planning application 6/2021/2363/FULL - Chancellors School: Proposed Extension and the Resulting Impact this will have to the surrounding area and its residents.

I am writing as an Pine Grove resident to object strongly to the above planning application.

This planning application would impact economically, socially and environmentally to the residents of Pine Grove, Brookmans Park Village and the surrounding area on grounds of bad Sustainability; Safety and Well Being.

Specifically the development impacts to Green Belt land and the additional traffic to the existing road safety issues that have still yet to be addressed/resolved by the School and Local and County Council, this will have a further serve impact to the surrounding Highways and the road network of the village that already suffers from severe traffic congestion and parking problems not to mention serve impact to the residents of Pine Grove, resulting from firstly not having address the previous ongoing short comings and short coming of the previous ill conceived planning approval and a Traffic Management Plan that the school has never adhered to and has continuously been Breach since the original granting of the previous Planning consent. The local and county council have a duty under its articles to take action to not only to have this breach corrected but also must denie any future planning applications by the school until such time the present breaches and road safety issues have been correctEd.

The development would destroy further the character and the well being of Pine Grove community and the village and make the traffic problems much more severe.

These infrastructure problems are not solvable as the proposed development area is adjacent to the protected Green belt areas and constrained road systems and with limited footpaths for pedestrians. The application remains silent with regards to the aspiration of the school wishing to expand further on becoming an Academy and the additional direct impact this in itself would have by directly increasing further the volume of traffic up and above; that would be vastly more in vehicle numbers than the presently estimated in the present Application, since the school last application of expansion and since becoming an Academy.

Further, as the proposed development is on Green Belt land I believe that the application falls short of achieving very special circumstances in order to be approved.

The school current pupils numbers is already too large for the village. Freedom of information shows that there is no unmet parental need for the school from its catchment area. It is understood that there is no forecast increased demand for places in this part of the County. I understand that increased school provision is being planned in the areas where there is demand which will increase parental choice. I would hope that this will mean that over time the size of the school may reduce in size as these new places become available in surrounding areas such places like Pottersbar's and Hatfield.

The bussing in of its pupils from long distances daily adds to the village's traffic problems and is surely not in the pupils' best interests as they would be better going to a closer school.

Having had a detailed look at the filed Application even though I had not been

notified Of its existence, The application itself has not followed correctly due process of public notification and on this point alone the application has to be rejected until proper motivation to all is made in the first instance to all who must be notified in the first instance and not a selective few as has been the case.

It is interesting to note that the application remains also silent concerning the parking impact to Pine Grove which in itself a major problem and the absence of a viable working Traffic Plan. Therefore, the only sensible way forward until the present issues are resolved no further planning application must should be considered or approved.

The present application also does not appear to have fully examined other options for the better use of the existing site.

To summarise, the foregoing are the grounds on which planning permission is to be refused (although this list is not intended to be definitive) :

I trust that as this planning application clearly does not meet planning guidelines that it will be refused.

**Your sincerely,**

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