

As per a recent communication from a council representative "Turning to the issues of traffic/parking problems within the immediate vicinity of the school you will be aware that a Travel Plan was submitted and agreed as part of a unilateral undertaking attached to the granting of planning permission for additional school facilities under planning permission reference 6/2019/0085/MAJ. The purposes of the Travel Plan are to reduce the number of vehicle trips by encouraging alternative options for travel and also to raise awareness about travel issues such as air pollution and road safety in line with Hertfordshire County Council's aim to promote active, healthy, safe and sustainable travel to and from schools. The school's appointed Travel Plan Co-ordinator is responsible for overseeing the management, development, implementation, monitoring and review of the School Travel Plan"

Evidently the travel plan is not being implemented nor monitored, at that end it may be prudent to assign a new travel plan co-ordinator. The levels of traffic at Pine Grove on a daily basis are unsustainable/dangerous and pose a hazard to pupils and residents alike.

The applicants supporting documentation states "Due to limited funding and priority teaching requirements, these original approved plans did not originally include the necessary core provisions such as additional dining space requirements nor Sixth Form provision etc.", which is further evidence the previously approved plans were badly thought out and this new applications is a reflection of that.

I am struggling to understand how the planning department can entertain additional development to further support a prior irresponsible expansion plan without resolving the ongoing issues that both pupils and residents have to endure on a daily basis.

In light of the above I strongly object to the application.