About the application

Application number: 2020/92657	
What is the application for?:	Erection of 10 classroom teaching block and formation of car parking area with a
Address of the site or building:	King James School, St Helen's Gate, Almondbury, Huddersfield, HD4 6SG
Postcode:	HD4 6SG

User comments

Type of comment: An objection

This is a repeat of the comments I made re the public consultation initiated by DPP Planning in July 2020.

I note that 'A school travel plan is being prepared as part of the proposals and will promote sustainable travel habits such as walking/cycling and utilising school/public buses.'

Access to the school, other than from Woodsome Road is already unsatisfactory (see below) and the traffic, predominantly private cars, taking pupils to school in the morning and collecting them in the afternoon can only increase with the additional 150 pupils.

- St Helen's Gate - relatively narrow for a 2 lane road, no 'white line' centre markings, blind bends. For approximately an hour before school finishing time the section between St Helen's Field and the Arkenley Lane crossroads is more or less one lane only due to cars parked waiting to collect pupils..

- Dark Lane - single lane, blind bends, no pedestrian pavement.

- Birks Lane - single lane from the junction with Dark Lane to Arkenley Lane, blind bends, no pedestrian pavement.

- Arkenley Lane - relatively wide single lane from the junction with Birks Lane to St Helen's Gate, no pedestrian pavement.

Unless a ROBUST school travel plan is implemented this will inevitably result in yet more chaotic situations on the abovementioned roads to the detriment of local residents, pupils and other road users/pedestrians.