



Whilst in support of ensuring our local children have the very best educational facilities there must be a corresponding assurance that neighbouring properties are not affected either during construction or in the years that follow.

My concerns are threefold.

1) During construction I am concerned about the access for construction traffic. Most people living on the access roads have become used to a level and type of through traffic. I come through the estate two or three times a week and frequently experience double parking which requires careful driving - I can foresee significant problems when large vehicles try to gain access. As a minimum a detailed swept path analysis needs completing. A casual look at the approaches indicates tight corners, kerbs, overhanging obstructions and junction geometry difficult to navigate without mounting the pavements. The survey should also confirm the site layout allows vehicles to enter and leave in a forward direction thus avoiding risky reversing manoeuvres.

Furthermore I would want to see wheel washing facilities provided by the contractor to ensure mud is not transferred onto the local roads.

There are also parking requirements for workpeople on the site - provision must be made for their parking needs without parking on already congested adjacent streets. Finally - no doubt the security of the site will be a consideration for the contractor. This must be achieved without additional light pollution to neighbours' properties and any proactive video surveillance must not intrude outside the boundary of the construction area.

2) The plans indicate large areas of hard surfaces replacing corresponding large areas of soft absorbent ground, which appear to be impervious and which may concentrate rainwater flow. Our property sits on the lowest ground adjacent to the new school site. My concern is that the plans significantly change the way water drains across the site and the lower lying land may not have the capacity to absorb it, resulting in flooding.

3) Prior to granting planning approval I would wish to see an ecological impact assessment take place.

As a keen observer of the natural world I have taken a particular interest in the bird and animal activity along the southern border of the school in the area of our garden. For 20 years I have recorded nesting birds along the hedge and can confirm birds of many species regularly visiting and nesting - in particular birds experiencing significant decline such as greenfinch and house sparrow. Along with birds there is sporadic bat activity with hunting on an evening along the treeline. If it does not impede the construction or functionality of the finished project I would like to see the trees and bushes retained.