

Sent: 17 June 2024 18:48  
To: planningcomments  
Subject: 5/2022/0599 Objection

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am disappointed that Tarmac's revised plan shows the loss of the wildlife corridor along the fence of 106 High St.. Without it, our hedgehogs, insects, small mammals, etc. will not have an appropriate route to travel to the thick scrub/trees/grass in front of 96-106 High St. and back. The site will also look ridiculously urban - just metres and metres of tarmac, not at all in-keeping with a green village. Indeed, 2 metre footways and a 5.5m road is not at all in keeping with the village. Nowhere in the village looks like that - it's more appropriate for St Albans city centre.

Due to the increased distance from the fence of the school to the road, more spaces will be lost on the parish council land, displacing more than 17 vehicles, in order to allow cars into the tennis courts. Perhaps an extra 3-5 vehicles, giving a total of over 20 vehicles that will end up on the High Street/surrounding roads. During a football match, this number would be much much higher, as all cars are parked perpendicular to the car park. As you know, only the players and officials park on the tennis courts so there would be very little parking left for supporters (of which there are many!). The angle shown by Tarmac to get into the football club gate is completely impossible to drive - we have tried. The angle needs to be much shallower, resulting in the loss of spaces on parish council land.

Removal of the lamppost would cause a safety issue - it's very dark at night when people often leave the football club and fishing lakes. I wouldn't feel safe walking in the dark.

Tarmac are suggesting that some cars could park parallel to the kerb, against the fence of 106, to ease parking. This will reduce the road to one lane and mean that cars coming off the High St would be restricted to one lane with cars coming head on from the football club, the new development and the fishing lakes. It also causes problems with children crossing between parked cars.

It is unlikely this road would be adopted, how would it be maintained, e.g. white lines, potholes? How can residents be assured it will be well looked after with appropriate parking restrictions to keep pedestrians safe?

Kind regards,  
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