

Sent: 22 May 2024 13:25

To: planningcomments

Subject: Re planning application 5/2022/0599

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to comment on Tarmac's application to build 45 houses on Green Belt land, beside Colney Heath School and Colney Heath Football Club.

The proposed access road is used on a daily basis by parents dropping off and picking up children at the school. It is also used by staff and visitors to the school for parking. The increase of traffic from residents of the proposed properties would be putting the parents and children at high risk.

Colney Heath High Street is already used as a cut through, on a daily basis, by traffic coming off the M25 whenever there are delays. Traffic backs up a distance away from the school. With Park Lane, the access point to 96 to 106 High Street and the access to the school and football club all opening onto the High Street, I can only imagine the delay and frustration that will be generated by adding at least 90 vehicles from the proposed houses.

The Football Club uses the proposed access road for parking during matches and training sessions. They have an active social calendar, the club is used by a large number of local residents. Visitor parking has already created issues on match days, when people need to park on local streets. Removing to current carparking spaces will not help this situation.

Tarmac have made a big 'deal' of this being a 'small development' of 45 houses. Given that they own vast areas of greenbelt land beyond the current application, I am highly suspicious of their future plans. How quickly will they put in planning for a larger development?

Colney Heath is a small village. It has a single intake Junior School. Children from the village already struggle to get Secondary School places. We have no medical facilities in the village. Public transport is limited and not always reliable, especially around school runs. We have a very useful small village shop and Post Office, the closest supermarket is in London Colney. All of this means additional cars on the road.

I feel very strongly that this planning application should be refused. Protect our greenbelt, let Colney Heath remain a village!

Regards,

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