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To: planningcomments

Subject: Planning Application 5/2022/0599 - Land to rear of 96 to 106 High Street, Colney Heath

I am writing to object to this application in relation to the revised proposed site access.

This area is currently used for access to Colney Heath Primary School and Colney Heath Football Club. It also serves as a car park. On match days as well as school days there is significant traffic on that site, including primary school children using the site to access the school either having come by car or on foot/bicycle. The plans envision that the car parking will be retained so that residents will effectively be driving through a car park to reach their homes.

The proposed site access is too narrow given that location and the volume of traffic at certain times of the day.

The amended drawing shows the loss of a green verge in order to install a 2m wide footway on the eastern side of the carriageway. It is also assumed that vehicles will drive on the western footway in order to pass at busy times. The concept plan suggests that the proposed pedestrian link will be between the parked cars (not shown) and the carriageway, along this western footway. This presents a risk, especially when young children are considered, as they may not be as visible to motorists reversing out of a parking space into the carriageway and concentrating on other vehicles accessing or entering the site.

In addition there are no plans presented for the entrance to the football club and therefore it is not possible to determine how vehicles will safely access the club.

The revised proposed site access is not safe and therefore the application should be refused.

Best wishes

John Hale

County Councillor

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