

MEMORANDUM



From: Chief Officer, Environment & Technical **To:** Chief Officer Planning & Regulatory
FAO: Matthew Phillips

Our Ref: **Your Ref:** P/2020/0497

Date: 4th November 2020

Barkers Lane Community School, Barkers Lane, LL13 9UN
Proposed remodeling, extension of existing school and new car park.

Further to your email / consultation dated 26/10/2020 in respect of the above, I comment as follows:

Site plan

A site plan has now been received which confirms that the new Lisburne Grove access has adequate visibility splays. Swept path analysis has been provided and demonstrates that vehicles can enter and exit in a forward gear.

Lisburne Grove Access

The applicant has now confirmed that no pedestrian access to the school is proposed from Lisburne Grove. We therefore agree that the new vehicular access is not expected to encourage additional drop offs on Lisburne Grove and does not warrant the introduction of parking restrictions here. The uncontrolled pedestrian crossing on Lisburne Grove is no longer proposed.

Existing School Access

The applicant has clarified that the existing school access will only be used by pedestrians and for occasional maintenance or emergency vehicles.

Parking on Barkers Lane

Pre-application advice recommended that parking surveys be undertaken on Barkers Lane to establish how much of the parking here is by school staff and that consideration be given to appropriate TROs or parking proposals to manage the pick-up/drop off. No information has been provided regarding the parking here. The impact of the work on Barkers Lane parking will be dependent on the scale of expansion and the number of extra pupils expected at the school.

Transport Assessment

While a proportionate transport assessment or transport statement was recommended at the pre-application stage, the applicant is correct that a full transport assessment is not a formal requirement for work of this nature. However in order to understand the potential impact of the school expansion on the Barkers Lane, it is necessary to establish the number of additional pupil trips that are likely to be made and to what extent these are balanced by any removal of staff car parking from Barkers Lane. A review of the road safety record of the immediate road network is also required.

Conclusion

I am satisfied that the proposed new access and site layout does not present any highways concerns.

I appreciate that by providing an increased level of staff car parking on site, the highways issues on Barkers Lane may be somewhat alleviated, mitigating the impact of increased pupil numbers at the school. However, with no indication of the number of additional pupil trips, or the extent to which the current parking issues relate to staff parking, it is not possible to establish the traffic impact of the proposal. **There is still a need for a Transport Statement covering the expected increase in**

traffic, the existing parking situation, the road safety record of Barkers Lane and establishing the likely traffic and road safety impact of the proposal.

Due to the likely trade off from moving staff parking into the curtilage of the school and the small increase in pupil numbers the impact on the surrounding network is not expected to be significant. **Therefore, if you are mindful to grant planning consent, the provision of a transport statement to confirm this and a travel plan for the school will need to be included as conditions of this application and be submitted to the Highways Department for approval prior to beneficial occupation of the proposed classroom extension.**

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Chief Officer, Environment & Technical