

PLANNING REF : 241862
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 101
: Fullbrook A Spencers Wood, Reading
: RG7 1FE
SUBMITTED BY : Mr James Macnamara Allen
DATE SUBMITTED : 24/08/2024

COMMENTS:

This is a much-needed local facility for the immediate area. Croft Gardens residents are not able to get into any local walkable school, Aldergrove for example only accepted applications within 0.4 miles which does not include Croft Gardens. This was the original plan for the space during the initial build of the estate which if delays due to AWE exclusion zone were not bungled would already have been built and be being used by local families.

I understand the concern about driving and traffic management but this can be mitigated with infrastructure improvements and traffic flow, along with the fact that there would be a reduction in the number of people having to drive their children to other schools/nurseries outside of the estate.

The addition of a local school would increase the feeling of community in the area as resident children would be able to go to school together instead of being spread out at a number of schools in the surrounding area based on whichever had the most left over space at the time.

Finally, I would be interested to know if this school is likely to be religious or not as currently the majority of 'left over' school places appear to be at Christian schools which is giving local parents even less choice if they would prefer a non religious school for their children.