

PLANNING REF : 241861
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Shipridge Drive
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COMMENTS:

In light of the many real concerns and issues already being experienced by too many residents in close proximity to this site and having reviewed the proposed plans for a different site building a

Primary school, housing, local shops and services including a GP surgery in Spencer's Wood already, its clear that there are more suitable sites to build on that have the necessary infrastructure to support it and provide services that that majority of the community can benefit from. It seems unfathomable that we cannot build services in more suitable locations locally, as opposed to turning a community inwards and making life miserable for many that will be directly affected by this particular plan let alone a less safe place to live. Traffic flow and management are a significant concern, especially since access to this site is through a housing estate already

burdened with excessive traffic and operating over capacity. The knowledge that the current over burden system has already caused injury via accidents is a serious matter that we should not increase the risk of.

The question arises: how will traffic flow be managed, and what is the proposed route for vehicular traffic? Whether it be via Fullbrook

Avenue or Ryeish Lane and Shipridge Drive, either option will lead to a substantial increase in traffic through an estate that is already busy and serves a bus route.

The surrounding one-way system, already a shortcut for traffic through Fullbrook Avenue, consists of very narrow roads without walkways or cycle paths, operating beyond maximum capacity with minimal safety considerations. These roads are unsuitable as a service road to a school. The plans detailing traffic management mitigation, promoting car sharing, cycling, and walking to the school, seem unrealistic and unlikely to address the concerns raised by many local residents. The limited space on Fullbrook Avenue already suffers from inconsiderate and hazardous curbside parking by residents, which will likely worsen with the drop-off and pick-up of children. With only 16 visitor spaces and the school expected to accommodate around 210 pupils, the impact on local traffic will be significant, even if some students cycle or walk to school.

Questions remain about whether there will be direct access to the school from Shipridge Drive and the radius of the "car-free zone" around the school to reduce traffic congestion. Building a new school brings incremental demands on local infrastructure, including environmental impacts and the additional traffic from delivery vehicles entering the development and through roads. The community's concerns need to be addressed with realistic and effective traffic management solutions.