

PLANNING REF : 241861
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 18 Shipridge Drive
: Reading, Berkshire
: RG7 1TL
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COMMENTS:

Traffic flow and management is a massive concern - Access to this site is via a housing estate that already suffers from excess traffic and is operating beyond maximum capacity - How will traffic flow be managed. What is the proposed route for vehicular traffic? Will this be via Fullbrook Avenue, or via Ryeish Lane and Shipridge Drive? Either way will result in a heavy increase in traffic through the estate which is already busy and on a bus route. The one-way system which surrounds the land is already a 'rat run' which allows traffic to travel through Fullbrook Avenue. - The one way system are very narrow roads with no walkways, no cycle paths, are already operating beyond maximum capacity and with minimal safety considerations - they are in no way suitable for a service road to a school - the plans which detail mitigation around traffic management, promoting car share, cycling and walking to the school are unrealistic and unlikely to prevent the concerns which can see are being raised from many residents in the immediate area. - We already have limited space on Fullbrook Avenue with inconsiderate and dangerous curb side parking from residents, this will increase 10-fold with those dropping off and collecting children. Insufficient visitor spaces (16), yet the school will be home to some 210 pupils, whilst I appreciate some will cycle/walk to school - Will there be direct access to the School from Shipridge Drive? - Point - 7.7 To reduce traffic congestion in and around the school a zone around the school where parents are requested not to park will be identified, mapped and publicised - what radius will this be for the "car free zone"? Infrastructure Considerations - Building a new school has incremental demands on the locality: building work, infrastructure, environmental impacts - additional delivery vehicles will cause issues with traffic upon entering the development and through roads, contributing again to the air and noise pollution - Impact of building on surrounding drainage - There have been areas on Hyde End Lane and Ryeish Lane which flood during wetter months. Some of this has been caused by the lack of ditch maintenance and insufficient drainage along the road - there is already issues with traffic congestion along Hyde End Lane, especially with the Oakbank School just up the road - let alone with a new school contributing to the traffic, air and noise pollution - This will also have an impact on local wildlife. How will we the surrounding environment be considered and managed alongside a high level of development in last 5 years in all of the surrounding areas - Safety of pupils and staff ie street lighting, walkways etc Need for School vs other amenities - Is there a need for another school? The area already has three primary schools (Lambs Lane, Aldergrove and St Mary's). - General store/local shop or doctors would be more beneficial to residents as we currently don't have one within walking distance. The area is already poorly managed by Thames Water, Wokingham Council and it is just not sustainable to have such a

heavy traffic using infrastructure in such a small premises let alone the lack of suitable sized roadways to support it. This might be more suitable with new roadways directly from Church Road or Hyde End Road, better still put it on the open area between Croft Garden and Shinfield Meadow, better still why don't you remove the agricultural restrictions and green belt from the land along the A4 on the Floral Mile in Ruscombe/Hare Hatch where new buildings will go relatively unnoticed rather than over building in Spencers Wood. I assume Wokingham Council will only be satisfied when they have caused a death of a child or animal or adult before realising this is completely unacceptable and irresponsible.