

## Application 241861 - General Observation

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I support the application adding a primary school to Spencers Wood, but it does not take into account the situation for pedestrians on Ryeish Lane.

With all the houses in the North and South of Croft Road developments occupied, and the pedestrian traffic patterns matured, it is clear that the number of people walking is very much higher than when the initial development plans were approved. The UoR Green Spaces, and paths that link them together, are very popular with residents who live in the Spencers Wood and the Ryeish Lane areas - Alder Grove School is also a key destination.

The vehicle traffic patterns have also matured and there are a lot of cars travelling on both one-way lanes at peak periods.



As can be seen in the photograph, there is a ditch each side of Ryeish Lane, and no refuge point on the first 50m from Hyde End Lane – a pedestrian was knocked down on this section some months ago

This situation is just as stressful for drivers as it is for pedestrians.



Building a primary school on the site set aside will generate a significant amount of traffic, which is likely to be travelling on both of the one-way lanes, and this makes the problem of the present situation more urgent.

We are lucky that a solution to the issue is available, and a similar path has been installed on Hyde End Lane. The site has been raised by approximately 1m above the original level, so a no dig path is very feasible – this protects the existing trees and bushes.

The section of Ryeish Lane being discussed is 175m long, which is just over double the length of the section of the Hyde End Lane footway recently finished.