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*Subject:* RME031 Manor Junior School, Fernhill Road, Farnborough

I refer to the above application for the provision of one double modular temporary classroom which was passed to me for comment.

The site shares access to Fernhill Road with Manor Infant School which is located adjacent to the application site. The adjacent school is also the subject of a planning application for a similar proposal.

There is currently evidence of parking on Fernhill Road, however this appears to be associated with the Children's Centre activities and is not present for extensive periods of time.

Supporting information advises that there are 24 existing car spaces and 30 full time staff (additional 8 part-time). The proposal does not include any additional parking, and the applicant states that the existing car parking provision is adequate. No information has been supplied to consider existing parking demand or to consider provision against standards.

At the time of visiting the school the car park appeared substantially full, whilst the addition of 2 FTE staff is unlikely to result in additional parking on Fernhill Road, considering the extent of existing parking restrictions, it will increase pressure on existing parking provision. The school should seek opportunities to increase on site parking provision should the classrooms become permanent.

### **Traffic impact**

Additional trips will be made at both drop off and pick up times as a result of the assumed two additional classes. No additional information has been supplied to indicate the additional number of trips.

Surveys have been undertaken regarding the modal split of school trips as part of the School Travel Plan in place for the site. This has indicated that on

average (over 3 years) 70% of trips are undertaken by foot and 26% by car. This would indicate that approximately 18 trips could be expected to be undertaken by car based on an assumption of 2 classrooms of 30 pupils.

Traffic counts in the vicinity have recorded an average of 1,112 total movements on Fernhill Road in the AM peak with a relatively even balance of flows.

Assuming that 16 of the trips would involve a movement to and from the school in the peaks, this would equate to an increase of ~3% of traffic on Fernhill Road.

It needs to be borne in mind that the adjacent site's similar application would create further impact if both applications were permitted in the region of 4%. Therefore the total increase in traffic is likely to be approximately 7%.

The existing School Travel Plan should be reviewed and updated to accommodate the increase in pupils and to ensure the traffic impact is minimised.

#### **Accident data**

Accident data has been obtained for the past 5 years in the vicinity of the site and has reported 10 accidents on Fernhill Road.

One accident was serious which involved a single motorcyclist falling from the vehicle. No accidents were attributable to the site access or the operation of the two schools in this locality.

The Travel Plan for the school will need to be reviewed and the additional pupils taken into account.

#### **Recommendation**

Whilst the proposal, together with the adjacent site's similar provision, would cause an increase in trips and exacerbate existing congestion during the school peaks, the impact will not be significant above that which already exists and is therefore not considered 'severe'.

I therefore have no objections subject to the following condition:

A review and amendments of the School Travel Plan shall be undertaken to include measures to address the additional trips to be made as a result of the permitted development. This review shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority prior to the occupation of the development.

*Reason: To minimise congestion and parking on the highway*

I trust the above is clear, however should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact David Murphy on (01962) 846826.