
Note

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Subject: **Petersgate Infant School, Green Lane,
Clanfield**

Thank you for sending me a copy of the planning application for the above site which I received for comment. The application seeks permission for the erection of a single storey classroom and resource space at Petersgate School, Clanfield.

Traffic Generation

The Transport Technical Note submitted with the application states that there are approximately 180 pupils attending the school at present. A survey undertaken in May 2012 found that 32% of these pupils walked to school and 66% were driven to school (with 1% each for public transport and 'other'):

Mode	Percentage of pupils using this mode (%)	Actual number of pupils using this mode
Walk	32	58
Driven (alone)	66	118
Bus/Taxi	1	2
Other	1	2
Total	100	180

The Transport Technical Note states that as a result of the proposals it is estimated that there will be an additional 30 pupils attending the school. However subsequent e-mail correspondence from the applicant dated 12th March 2013 has confirmed that there is no current proposed increase in the PAN as a result of these proposals and therefore the maximum number of pupils at the school will remain at 180.

The Technical Note also states that the school currently employs 36 staff, of which 8 are full time and 28 are part time. It is not expected that the

proposals will result in any increase in staff. In terms of modal split for staff, this has been estimated from staff surveys at two local schools:

Mode	Percentage of staff using this mode (%)	Actual number of staff using this mode
Walk	18	7
Cycle	2	1
Bus	0	0
Car Driver (alone)	79	28
Car Share	1	0
Total	100	36

There is also a pre-school which operates privately on the same site which has 1 full time member of staff and 8 part time members of staff.

A School Travel Plan has been developed for the school and includes a series of measures designed to reduce the number of car trips undertaken to the site in relation to both staff and pupil travel. Measures proposed in the School Travel Plan include the provision of information on sustainable travel modes, taking part in national travel events such as Bike Week and Walk to School week and regular initiatives such as a Walking Bus.

Parking

There are currently 35 spaces on site (of which 2 are allocated for staff at the pre-school) and it is proposed to keep parking provision at the same level following construction of the extension given that the number of staff is not expected to increase as a result of the development. In addition there will be 10 new cycle parking spaces provided as part of the proposals (at present there are none on site).

Personal Injury Accidents

The School Travel Plan submitted with the application includes a summary of personal injury accident data in the vicinity of the school for the period 1st August 2007 to 31st July 2012. The data indicates that there were a total of 21 accidents in this period, 7 of which were serious. 5 of these accidents occurred on roads to the school of which 2 were serious.

The accidents reported are typically the result of driver error and there are no discernable patterns in the accident data relating to junction design or poor surfaces. It is therefore considered that the proposed development is not likely to have an adverse affect on the safety of the local highway network.

Construction Traffic

The construction of the extension is proposed to last 24 weeks from April 2013. It is planned that construction traffic will use the main entrance to the school located on Green Lane as this is the only vehicular access available for the site. Given this and the fact that this entrance is also one of only two

pedestrian accesses to the school, the times at which construction traffic can access the site will need to be restricted to outside of school start and finish times.

Recommendation

I raise no highways objections to this application provided that the following conditions are attached to the permission if granted:

No construction traffic shall enter or leave the application site during the hours of 08:30-09:00 and 15:00-15:30.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety.

No development hereby permitted shall commence until a Construction Traffic Management Plan, to include details on provision to be made on site for contractor's parking, construction traffic access, the turning of delivery vehicles and lorry routing as well as provisions for removing mud from vehicles and a programme of works has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved details shall be implemented before the development hereby permitted is commenced and retained throughout the duration of construction.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety.

Plans and particulars showing the detailed proposals for the number, type, location and style of cycle parking to be provided on site shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority in writing before the development commences.

Reason: To encourage the use of sustainable travel modes.

I trust that the above is clear should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Jon Huggett on 01962 846815.