
Note

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Subject: **Erection of single storey two classroom extension with circulation at Emsworth Primary School, Victoria Road, Emsworth**

Thank you for passing me the above application for comment. The application is for the construction of a single storey two classroom extension at Emsworth Primary School. As part of the extension to the school it is proposed to increase pupil numbers from 210 to 315, with an increase of 15 pupils per year until 2019. In addition to the pupil number increase, it is proposed that there will be an additional two staff employed, taking the number of staff to 25.

Trip generation

Included within the Transport Assessment for the proposed development is a survey undertaken in May 2012 to understand the mode choice for pupils attending the school. The results of the survey are shown in the table below;

Mode	Percentage of pupils using mode to school	Percentage of pupils using mode from school
Walk	54	54
Drive (alone)	27	27
Drive (car share)	13	13
Bus/Taxi	3	3
Cycle	4	4

Whilst the details of the survey have been included, it is not clear whether these figures will be applicable to the proposed increase in the number of students travelling to the school. It should be made clear whether there are opportunities for the modes of travel to be applicable across the school catchment area.

With regards to the proposed staff increases, a survey of three local schools has been undertaken to determine the likely modal split for staff travel to and from the school. The results of the survey demonstrate that driving (car alone) was the most popular mode with 70% of respondents using this mode of travel. It is proposed that the number of full-time staff is to be increased by 2 and therefore it is not anticipated that this will result in a detrimental impact upon the operation and safety of the highway network, subject to comments below regarding parking.

It is also noted that there is a community use at the school site in the form of a Surestart centre, therefore further details are required to understand how this use operates in conjunction with the school use.

Parking

As a result of the proposed development there is not to be an increase in parking spaces at the school site. Currently there are 25 parking spaces on site plus one disabled bay, which exceeds Hampshire County Council's Parking Standards of 1.5 spaces per 2 classrooms. Upon visiting the site it was evident that there is available capacity within the existing parking arrangements to adequately accommodate the additional parking demand generated by the proposed development.

Construction Traffic

Within the applicants Transport Assessment details of the construction period have been included. It is anticipated that construction will last approximately 24 weeks, starting in April 2013. It is proposed that construction traffic will be prohibited from entering and leaving the site during school start and finish times, and this will need to be secured as part of a condition for a Construction Traffic Management Plan. Access to the construction site will be provided via the existing school access on Victoria Road.

The TA also identifies that during the summer holidays construction vehicles will use the empty School car park for turning, however, no details are provided regarding turning during the School Summer Term. It should be demonstrated that all vehicles can enter and leave the site in forward gear. In addition to this details regarding the proposed number of construction parking spaces and the likely number of daily construction vehicle movements should be provided.

It is noted that the applicant proposes to provide a full construction traffic management plan post-approval, however, the above details will need to be agreed prior to a decision upon the application.

Transport Improvements

The TA identifies a number of transport improvements which relate to the proposed development. However, it is not made clear whether it is proposed that these will be provided as part of development and as such further

information will need to be submitted regarding the applicants intentions for these schemes.

Travel Plan

As part of the application a Travel Plan has been provided, this is currently being reviewed by our School Travel Plan team and I will endeavour to provide comments at the earliest opportunity.

Recommendation

As set out above, there remains a number of matters outstanding relating to the proposals which need to be addressed;

- Further information regarding the trip generation for the increased number of pupils
- Details regarding the Surestart use at the site
- Information regarding the construction traffic
- Details regarding the recommended transport improvements

It is anticipated that the above details can be resolved with the provision of further information. However, should you be minded to recommend refusal prior to receipt of the above details, I would request that you contact me to provide an appropriate reason for refusal.

I trust that the above is clear, however, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 01962 846832.