
Note

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Subject: RME014 South Farnborough Junior School, Cunnington Road

I refer to the above application for a temporary modular building to provide two teaching places which was passed to me for comment.

Supporting information advises that there are currently 16 car parking spaces available on site and 1 accessible space. These spaces are regularly full to capacity, and the increased staff travel demand as a result of this application will add further pressure on on-site parking. Whilst no further parking provision was proposed in the application, I have been advised that the applicant would be willing to include additional parking at this site. On street parking has been observed on site and is assumed to, at least partially, be attributed to the school, although this may be specifically associated with the Children's Centre.

It is noted that there is a Travel Plan in place at the site which should be reviewed to take account of the additional classrooms which will need to be incorporated into the Travel Plan in order to encourage walking and manage the congestion and parking arrangements during peak periods and for staff travel.

Traffic impact

The proposal will include additional trips at drop off and pick up times, including two additional staff. This will exacerbate congestion in the immediate vicinity of Cunnington Road which is experienced at the majority of school sites.

Surveys of the mode split associated with the school have been undertaken as part of the Travel Plan which provide an indication of the additional trips which can be expected as a result of the proposal.

The surveys (of 264 children) indicate that an average (over 3 years) of 70% of trips are undertaken by foot and 19% by car. Assuming that two full classes

of 30 children and 2 staff are accommodated by the proposal, this would equate to approximately 14 additional trips undertaken by the private car. Whilst this is not in itself a large trip generation, the approach and access to the school is already congested at peak times which would be exacerbated by the proposal.

The majority of trips may be undertaken by sustainable modes, as indicated by the surveys, thereby minimising the potential impact.

Accident data

Accident data has been obtained for the past 5 years and has not identified any accident trend attributable to access to the site or school peak periods.

It is noted that the proposal is for the temporary siting of the classrooms. A review of the parking situation will need to be undertaken should the proposals become permanent or be extended.

Recommendation

The expansion of the school will result in increased travel demand to the site, some of which will translate into additional vehicular trips. Whilst this impact may be detrimental to local conditions, it is not considered likely to materially affect local conditions, or be considered 'severe' as discussed within the National Planning Policy Framework, particularly when compared to the existing situation.

The proposal will result in additional staff parking demand. On the basis that 2 further parking spaces are provided,, and subject to the following conditions, I have no objections to the proposal.

Prior to the occupation fo the additional classrooms, 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

Prior to the occupation of the new classrooms, full details of the proposals to provide two additional parking places on site shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. The approved details shall be implemented prior to occupation of the classrooms, and shall be retained on site for the duration of development

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