
Note

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Subject: **WRE011 – HCC 2012/0129 – All Saints Church of England Primary School, St Catherine’s Road, Winchester**

Thank you for your consultation on the current planning application at the above site. The application is to supply, deliver and erect one double modular temporary classroom to provide two extra general teaching spaces. The proposal responds to an increase in local pupil demand, and is required to be in place prior to the start of the 2012 academic year.

All Saints Church of England Primary School is an existing school that currently provides primary education to around 140 pupils. The majority of pupils that attend the school live in the Highcliffe area, under half a mile from the school. The school Travel Plan identified that around 75% of pupils walk to school, with the remainder being driven to school. It is likely therefore that a significant proportion of the additional pupils that access the school will travel to school on foot. The school is located within a residential area with good opportunities to access the school on foot. Some pupils that will be located at the school as a result of the proposed development will however be driven to school and will add to peak period congestion on local roads, as noted in the Travel Plan.

Accident statistics for the latest 5 year period have been obtained for both Petersfield Road and St Catherine’s Road. No accidents occurred on St Catherine’s Road in the vicinity of the school gates, whilst only one accident occurred on Petersfield Road. This accident was a result of a car hitting a pedestrian on East Hill. The assessment of accident statistics does not identify any prevalent accident issues or trends that are likely to be exacerbated by the proposals.

There are currently 11 full-time employees at the school site, and 7 part-time employees. The proposed development will increase the level of staff at the

school by 2 further full-time employees. Based upon existing travel patterns, it is likely that both of these staff members will drive to school.

The proposal to deliver a new temporary modular classroom does not propose any increase in the number of car parking spaces provided on-site. There is currently no parking provision on the site itself. The school does however make use of the local church car park, principally for staff car parking. This parking facility has around 19 car parking spaces, which is considered sufficient for staff provision. At the time of visiting the site, the Church car park was not full, and there were some 6 space parking spaces available. The additional demand that is likely to be generated by the increased staff visiting the site can be contained to the existing arrangements without detriment to road safety.

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

No information has been supplied with the application to set out how the classrooms will be constructed or at what time of the year. If the classrooms are not to be constructed during a school holiday period then adequate measures should be put in place to ensure that safety of the site during the construction period, and any vehicle movements and deliveries restricted to times outside of school pick-up and drop-off. This should be conditioned.

Recommendation

I raise **no objections** to the current planning application from a highways and transportation perspective subject to the following condition.

Within three months of occupation of the development a review of the School Travel Plan should 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 in writing by the Local Planning Authority and once approved shall be thereafter implemented.

Reason: To minimise congestion and parking on the highway

Should you wish to discuss this matter, please contact me.