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6 September 2020

Dear Miss King

I attach a copy of the letter I sent to Mr Nathan Slater in respect of the Pre-application Consultation for St Nicholas Church-in-Wales on 14 July 2020.

I would like the issues raised to be considered as part of the planning submission to the Local Planning Authority. In my view insufficient attention has been given to the safety of children walking to and from school especially those unaccompanied and the gridlock that currently results from the excessive number of vehicles that enter the narrow and dangerous lanes leading to and from the school.

It is not too late for serious consideration to be given to the development of the new school proposed on the alternative site off the A48 on the outskirts of the village. This would provide a satisfactory solution to the many problems that exist with the proposed development on the present site that will remain for many years to come.

Yours sincerely

Dr Paul and Mrs Susan Knoyle

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Dear Mr Slater

I refer to the above pre-planning application and wish to make the following comments. My main objection centres around the extra traffic that will result from the 87% of pupils attending the school residing outside the catchment area. This will increase the number of vehicles currently 51 for 128 pupils to 119 an increase of 68.

The Traffic Assessment has failed to take into account the existing problems with access and egress from the old part of the village. Access to the school from the three narrow roads off the A48 is unsuitable for existing traffic and will be made considerably worse if the proposed application goes ahead. There are no pavements lining any of the roads approaching the school. Children living in St Nicholas who walk to the school individually or accompanied by a parent will have to confront an increase in the number of passing vehicles. This is an obvious danger. Cars start arriving as early as 2.30pm to secure a parking space and by 3.00pm residents experience great difficulty in accessing the A48. The area surrounding the church has residents' cars and service vehicles parked for most of the day. It is significant that coaches taking pupils outside the area are unable to use the approach roads to the school and have to park in the bus stop bay on the main road. Cars parked in Ger y Llan awaiting child collection make access to the A48 difficult. It is not uncommon for cars to park on the grass verges at the entrance to Ger y Llan which are damaged during wet periods. The problems detailed here also arise in the morning during rush hour with traffic slowing vehicles in both directions on the A48. This will cause tailbacks if the application is successful.

The Traffic Assessment has failed to identify these problems and should be repeated when the school reopens in September. To approve this application before this study has been conducted would be based on a false premise.

The application shows scant regard for the concern of residents whose homes are close to the school, both in the short term during construction but more importantly in the long term. The layout of the old part of the village cannot be altered to overcome these problems. In view of this further consideration should be given to the alternative site off the A48 which has been offered by the landowner and approved in principle. It would satisfy all the requirements of a modern school of 250 pupils and staff and comply with existing legislation. The proposed development on the present site does neither and the application should not be approved. I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this email.

Yours sincerely

Dr Paul Knoyle

Sent from my iPad