

**12 July 2019**

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Dear Miss Evans

### **St Nicholas School Expansion**

My attention has been drawn to the proposal by St Nicholas Church in Wales Primary School ("the School") to build a new school for 210 pupils on the current site to replace the existing school which accommodates 126 pupils ("the Proposal").

I was not aware of the Proposal until yesterday. I have subsequently viewed the documents published on the School website. I note that the Consultation Document was published on 18 March 2019. There was a long list of consultees but no reference to local residents. I find this incredible. All the residents of St Nicholas, particularly those residing in the "old village" to the North of the A48, would be seriously impacted by an expansion of the School to the extent proposed. I wish to express my objection to the failure by the School to draw the Proposal to the attention of local residents at the time of publication of the Consultation Document on 18 March 2019.

The Consultation Document consisted of 32 pages. The impact on local residents from the inevitable increase in traffic and parking in the narrow roads in the village was brushed aside in just over two lines on page 22 for future consideration at planning stage. Again, I find this incredible. This is a critical issue and should have been examined and considered in detail at the stage of preparation of the Proposal. I note that, on page 7 of the Consultation Report published on 18 June 2019, the consideration of increased traffic was again deferred until the planning stage.

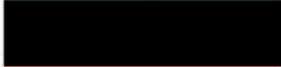
The narrow roads near the School to the North of the A48 are unsuitable for the existing volume of traffic generated by the School in the period from 3.00 to 3.45 pm each school day. The road to the North of the church is particularly difficult and dangerous for pedestrians (including pupils of the School). Cars are parked in Ger-y-Llan (sometimes all day, presumably by staff of the School) causing difficulty for residents of Ger-y-Llan. Residents of properties to the North of the A48 have difficulty in exiting the A48 into School Lane in the period after school closure due to the volume of parents' vehicles travelling South on School Lane to enter the A48. This causes delays to through traffic on the A48.

In summary, the narrow roads to the North of the A48 are already unsuitable for the volume of traffic generated by the existing School. An increase of 67% in the volume of traffic cannot possibly be accommodated by the existing roads.

I have referred above to the current situation and to the impact on local residents following completion of the proposed expansion. It appears that no consideration has been given by the School to the impact of additional traffic and heavy vehicles during the construction period.

Please treat this letter as a formal objection to the Proposal and to the failure of the School to consult local residents.

Yours sincerely

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**Tim Knowles**