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**Subject:** Planning Application for replacement school at St Nicholas

It has recently been brought to our attention that the above planning application will be considered by the Planning Committee on Thursday 21st January. Part of the application relates to an Active Travel Plan. Within that plan is a proposal to provide a drop off point for parents at Cae Newydd in order to establish a walking bus to the school. There has been no consultation with residents at Cae Newydd .

Have the police been consulted on the proposals ?

In the most recent statistics released by GoSafe the percentage of cars exceeding the speed limit in their baseline was 86.27 per cent .

Has the authority carried out any Traffic Assessment in terms of volume and speed at the junction as part of the application ?

The councils last traffic survey was I believe in 2017 before the developments at Campbell Court and Cae Newydd ( Tinkinswood Green ) were completed. The completion of Five Mile Lane has lead to an increase in traffic through St Nicholas as the traffic is now directed through the village from the Culver roundabout .There is a marked increase in heavy goods vehicles passing through the village. Speed is a on going problem which the Council leaves to the police to deal with by use of the mobile speed camera. The paths along the A48 towards the school are far too narrow bringing residents too close to speeding traffic and from a health perspective dangerously close to toxic fumes emanating from all traffic but especially heavy goods vehicles. If the Council propose to walk children along this road to school I suggest members read the coroners report on the North London school girl who cause of death was contributed to by toxic traffic fumes. I am sure the Health Board would have an opinion on children being exposed to toxic fumes twice a day going to and from school. Have they been consulted ? Members should also look at the recently announced Bristol City Council proposals.

We would make the following points bearing in mind the total lack of consultation .

- The entrance to the estate from the A48 is already difficult both leaving and entering due to volume of traffic..
- The right hand turn into the estate sits on a fast road and will only accommodate at maximum 3 cars at any one time.
- Cars leaving the estate heading west already wait a considerable time at rush hour due to traffic volumes
- The drop off and pick up times will at least partly coincide with rush hour placing unrealistic pressure on the junction.
- The entrance road on the estate narrows quickly leading to a 90 degree bend with no road markings or stop lines. Parents coming into the estate would need to drive up this road to turn to drop off and leave. There is

no turning circle so parents would be carrying out three point turns with volumes of traffic coming in and leaving the estate at the same time. No Highways engineer would plan that junction.

We are aware the Council propose a path from Cae Newydd through Ger y Lan to the school. Residents who purchased houses on the estate were told this would be built by Redrow but it was dropped due to opposition from residents at Ger y Lan. To my knowledge the residents at Ger y Lan are still totally opposed to the construction of a path way.

The proposed building of the new larger school in such a confined site appears to be unwise and unrealistic leading to the detriment of the village.

I would appreciate acknowledgment of our concerns.

Regards

Tony Harris

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Tinkinswood Green Steering Group.