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To: planningcomments

Subject: OBJECTION 5/2022/0599

Dear Sirs

I, Lesley Boomfield, object to the new road layout proposed for application 5/2022/0599 for the following reasons:

1) It is disingenuous and misleading to propose a two lane entrance road to the site and then to further propose that parking should be allowed on one of these lanes. How will vehicles safely enter and exit the new roadway at the same time? If a vehicle is exiting where will another vehicle which is trying to enter wait? What if a number of vehicles want to exit at the same time as a number want to enter? The new road way is going to significantly reduce the number of parking spaces which are currently available and to try to get this application passed by pretending that this parallel parking will help to retain a few more spaces is misguided and does not take practicality and safety into consideration.

2) The design of the new pavements which allows for, indeed intends that, cars should regularly and repeatedly drive over them is unsafe in such close proximity to a primary school where parents, children, prams, buggies and the like need to be kept safe. It will be all too easy for pedestrians to assume that they are safe from vehicles whilst on the pavement (as indeed they are throughout the rest of the village). A momentary lapse of concentration on behalf of a parent managing a number of small children and seeing them all "safely" keeping to the pavement could have disastrous consequences.

3) There is also a significant safety issue caused by the proposed parallel parking which separates one of the new pavements from the roadway and the school beyond. Parents and children will potentially have no choice but to cross between the parked cars to get to the school, an action which any parent, indeed any adult, would have had drummed into them as a child is a very dangerous thing to do.

4) As already stated the new roadway will dramatically reduce the number of parking spaces available in the area. This will be further exacerbated by the impact that the design of the new road will have on the entrance to the football club. The gate will have to be moved and more parking spaces will be lost.

5) The grass verge by 106 High Street is to be completely lost under this new road layout. Grass verges are significant wildlife refuges in themselves and enable wildlife to survive and thrive by linking what would otherwise be distinct and separate habitats which can on their own sometimes be too small to be viable. Verges and hedges should not just be obliterated because it suits the agenda of the developer.

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