Herons Dale Primary School.

Statement in Support of an Application for Full Planning Permission.

BACKGROUND.

Herons Dale Primary School was originally established in 1982 to cater for children with moderate learning difficulties between the ages of 5 and 16. Since October 2005 the school has become a 'Generic Primary Special School' for pupils with a wider spectrum of special educational needs. Their pupils are aged between 4 and 11. Some of the pupils have specific or severe learning difficulties and/or present with emotional, social or behavioural difficulties. In addition they have Special Support Facilities for pupils diagnosed with Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD) at Key Stages 1 and 2 and a class for pupils with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD).

SCOPE.

Due to the Schools specialist educational services there is a high staff to pupil ratio and as a result of this there are more members of staff travelling by car. As a result of this on a daily basis the demand on the Schools car parking facilities exceeds maximum capacity and results in members of staff parking within the surrounding neighbourhood and the main road serving the School drive. There is an obvious need for additional parking facilities.

Due to the Schools specialist educational services most pupils are transported to the School via W.S.C.C. arrange mini-buses or taxis. The existing 'Mini-Bus' drop off and pick up zone allows for two mini-buses to be parked at any one time. This often results in congestion of the School's one-way system. Currently when more than two mini-buses are parked waiting for collection and delivery of pupils, the one-way system becomes blocked and this can lead to congestion and confusion from the main road, as the entrance of the School building cannot be seen from the main road, due to the bend within the drive. There is an obvious need for an increased drop off and pick up zone.

PROPOSAL.

We request planning permission for alteration works to the School's parking facilities.

We request to provide 10No. additional car parking bays, to be accessed from the School's drive, located within the curtilage of the School's property. The additional parking bays will help ease the overcrowding of the School's current parking facilities, by providing additional bays for members of staff.

Further to this we request to provide an increased drop off and pick up zone to be used by mini-buses and taxis, to ease congestion from the School's one-way system.

Both proposed alterations to the existing parking facilities will reduce congestion and reduce pupil/traffic contact risk within the School's curtilage.

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