Objection 2

Sent: 04 February 2018 21:06

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a resident on Lingfield Approach I do not think a doubling of the current pupils by 210 is a viable proposal.

Unfortunately the parking and traffic situation is extremely congested by cars, owned by both parents and residents parking on both sides of the road during the peak times of drop off and pick up. This has made it impossible to drive through both Lingfield Approach and the parallel road Lingfield View.

I do believe the possible addition of another 200 or so cars at these peak times will increase the congestion on, Lingfield Approach and Lingfield View and also spread that further out. When I return from work at the peak time of school pick up it is impossible to get through and cars often have to reverse to let oncoming traffic through... Buses have also had to reverse... This with children and parents crossing the road and doors open to get children in their cars is an accident waiting to happen.

Another issue is current parents do not observe the permit parking restrictions in force on either side of the road on approach of the school entrance and this will also get worse. This is particularly hazardous as children frequently run across this particular part of the road without looking and an increase in vehicles in this area is extremely dangerous.

I do not believe that the surrounding roads can support another 200+ cars without posing an increased risk to safety. Parents reluctance to park farther from the school is already evident. Restriction of parking through double yellow lines is possible but it is unlikely to stop parents from parking there..parents do not observe the permit parking in force mainly due to the fact there is no one who patrols the area regularly to enforce it, so parents do not take it seriously.

While it is a great achievement for the school to want to expand/double it's intake... It might be possible if there were a few different entrances as some other schools have... i.e., nursery, reception, Yr 1,Yr 2 and another entrance for Yr 3&4 and a final entrance for Yr 5 & 6. This would spread out the traffic congestion. This however is unlikely to happen as providing different entrances would be expensive.

As the school stands with one entrance I do believe the proposal is not viable on the grounds if safety. I hope Leeds City Council thinks seriously about the safety issue and plan accordingly either way.

I also hope that the Leeds City Council will look at the current parking situation at these peak times. The current situation is at breaking point and desparately requires some attention and planning.

Thank you.