Consultee Comments for Planning Application DC/20/0614/RM

Application Summary

Application Number: DC/20/0614/RM

Address: Land Nw Of Haverhill Anne Sucklings Lane Little Wratting Suffolk

Proposal: Application for Reserved Matters pursuant to hybrid planning permission SE/09/1283 for Infrastructure comprising of: the internal estate roads, drainage, POS, landscaping, and allotments

for Land at North West Haverhill

Case Officer: Penny Mills

Consultee Details

Name: Mrs Vicky Phillips

Address: Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill, Suffolk CB9 8AR

Email: Not Available

On Behalf Of: Parish Council

Comments

OBJECT:

The change of the of the local centre being the hub of the internal roads is most disconcerting and it is not been understood why this has been changed without full consultation with the public before plans were drawn up. It is a fundamental and major change to the entire development.

As previously mentioned, Councillors are extremely concerned that not having provision for a drop off point at the school would be a disastrous mistake. Omitting a drop off point has the potential to cause traffic chaos at school pick up and drop off times. It was noted by the committee that the Town Councils comments have not been ignored and that the idea submitted by Suffolk Education is to discourage driving to school and that the pedestrian link through to parking at the parade/shopping area was thought to be an adequate and safe option. However, the view of the members is that this would work, given that Haverhill already experiences major problems in the town outside existing schools where vehicles are using grass verges, estate areas and blocking the highway during school drop off and pick up times. The proposed primary school will not be used exclusively for residents of the Persimmon estate and people will travel by car to the site, experience has shown that they will park as close to the school as possible.

Although there is some provision for dropped kerbs on the site, the Town Council request that dropped kerbs are installed at every corner and junction to make the site fully accessible.

Concerns were raised over pedestrians, particular students wishing to go to Samuel Ward, and the hazards they will have face navigating this journey as there is no recognised crossing point for Wratting Road except the one at Chalkstone Way.

The Town Council has requested further technical information from the Planning Officer on how the bus gate at Howe Road works. The Town Council are unable to comment on this until we have received this information.