

To whom it may concern,

With reference to the most recent proposal for access to McCormack House, please see my comments below.

I was horrified to read that the original travel plan, proposed for the entrance to McCormack House, had been re-considered and a new equally ridiculous and unsafe proposal made. Relocating the problems of traffic/pedestrians/taxis/delivery vehicles etc from East Street to a quiet residential backwater, to make use of the double gates, which open on to a blind bend at the junction of Grove Rd and Lower Grove Rd, sounds like a desperate move, showing no logic whatsoever. There are currently double yellow lines on both sides of this section of Grove Rd for a very good reason!

There is also a dropped kerb, providing vehicular access to the residential property, directly opposite the said gates in Grove Rd adding to the potentially dangerous situation.

I am very concerned that should there be an emergency in Lower Grove Rd, Grove Rd, The Spring, or in McCormack House itself, it could present a serious problem. If the emergency services needed to access any of these areas. I would have thought fire appliances, in particular, would essentially have to use the rear gates if called to the new school or they could possibly be a route for evacuation. Obstructing those gates, with taxis arriving, queuing, turning, dropping off students etc for significant periods of time would be unsafe and unacceptable. Frequent, heavy traffic at the top of Lower Grove Rd would also be hazardous and cause a great deal of inconvenience to road and path users, including residents...and on a blind bend in the road.

Lower Grove Rd is not only private, it is a cul-de-sac and so residents have no other way out of the road. We face becoming embroiled in the traffic confusion, which will almost certainly lead to delays and possibly accidents, twice daily on every school day of the year.

Where is the logic in this idea? Perhaps someone could explain to us, how this is a justifiable change of direction, and urgently? Having lived in this quiet and very lovely road for 42 years, in addition to increased stress levels, I also fear that the value of my property will drop significantly. It seems that us residents are invisible and don't matter.

I look forward to your reply,