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For attention of Ms Miszewska

Dear Sirs

**Re: APP/25/00610 At Cowplain School, Hart Plain Avenue, Waterlooville,
PO8 8RY**

Erection of a school theatre building and changing rooms to serve adjacent sports facilities, with associated landscaping, planting, and ancillary works.

In regard to application APP/25/00610, having reviewed the information contained within the application pack, there would be no objection to the proposals from a highway perspective. This recommendation would however be subject to the condition(s) outlined below being applied.

Development Proposals:

It is understood that the proposals are for the betterment of existing facilities, rather than to specifically increase usage of the site. The school theatre is to replace use of the existing school hall for such activities, which have to cease during certain times such as exam periods; and the changing rooms are being provided to serve participants of the school / community sports facilities, which again are already in use.

Access:

No changes to access in and out of the site for pedestrian and vehicle users are proposed and this is acceptable.

Parking:

Whilst the quantum of parking is essentially for the Case Officer to review, ensuring that the Havant Borough Council (HBC) Parking Standards are adhered to, an initial review has been undertaken.

Currently there are a total of 128 formal car parking spaces located on the site, with a further 80 parking spaces available in an overflow parking area. As such, there are 208 on-site spaces.

As outlined above, with essentially no additional use of the site anticipated as a direct result of the development proposals, this existing quantum of parking would appear reasonable.

If the theatre itself were to become a standalone facility, then assuming that the use of this would be outside of school hours for Safeguarding reasons, again the existing 208 vehicle parking spaces would be anticipated to be sufficient for an evening showing (for example). However, the Case Officer may wish to assess this against HBC Parking Standards.

In terms of layout, no changes to the parking layout are proposed and this is acceptable.

Additionally, cycle parking is also available on site in order to assist the promotion of sustainable transport to and from the site, with 56 covered cycle parking spaces available, along with an additionally 97 uncovered spaces—153 in total at present. It is also outlined that an additional 5 spaces will be provided as part of the application.

Whilst all cycle parking spaces should be covered in order to fully promote cycling to the site, the quantum of parking would appear adequate.

An updated Travel Plan (TP) has also been provided as part of the application pack, and this is welcomed, and should be actioned upon. For the purposes of this planning application, the TP is acceptable, but the school should ensure that they liaise with HCC STP team to ensure it is worked on for targets to be met. Details of the HCC School Travel Plan team can be found via the following web address:

<https://hampshireservicesforschools.hants.gov.uk/Page/38961>

CONDITIONS:**CONSTRUCTION SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN REQUIRED**

No development shall start on site until a construction site management plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority, which shall include:

- (a) A programme of and phasing of demolition (if any) and construction work;
- (b) The provision of long term facilities for contractor parking;

- (c) The arrangements for deliveries associated with all construction works, taking into account school start and finish times;
- (d) Access and egress for plant and machinery;
- (e) Protection of pedestrian routes during construction;
- (f) Location of temporary site buildings, compounds, construction material, and plant storage areas;
- (g) Details of the methodology for ensuring dirt is not transferred onto the highway from the site (i.e. wheel washers), and onwards mitigation should this fail, such as the employment of mechanical road sweepers, and the subsequent refresh of street lining (as and when required) should this be damaged during the process.

Demolition and construction work shall only take place in accordance with the approved method statement.

Reason - In order that the Planning Authority can properly consider the effect of the works on the amenity of the locality.

Yours faithfully,

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