

I would like to raise another transport/travel related issue – specifically regarding the ‘Drop Off and Pick Up’ Plan.

When speaking after the Hustings at St Faiths’ Church with Cllrs Munday and Harris – I asked them how they could **enforce** taxis (passenger transports) to use the McCormack site only for drop off and pick ups – and prevent them from “opting out of the proposed crazy queueing system” – by heading into Town Hall Road – and onto Grove Road / or private road Lower Grove Road (No Turning, No Parking) – and queueing on the double yellow lines in Grove Road (outside the Garrods) or mounting the pavements of Lower Grove Road to sit and wait (not permitted and residents pay for maintenance of both the pavements and the road)? – since it is a very obvious ‘opt out’ for students to be dropped off / picked up on foot – using the rear exit of the site onto the pathway leading to Grove and Lower Grove Road (and the Billy Line trail including The Shipwrights’ Way).

When I put this to Cllr Munday he stated that it would be enforced “because taxis will not be allowed to do that”. I again asked him to confirm HOW that would be enforced in reality? He stated that taxi’s would have their license removed/revoked. I have subsequently looked into this statement – and am advised that in fact neither the school, nor HBC – would be able to revoke the taxi drivers’ licences – because they are managed instead by the LA from where they are registered – and, given that students would be coming from far and wide – it is highly likely that most – or many – of the taxis will not be registered with /licensed by HBC – and therefore are not accountable to HBC for their licensing requirements/arrangements. It would seem then that Cllr Munday was either completely unaware of the constraints of HBC in being, in reality – entirely unable to enforce that taxis use only the designated site for Drop Off and Pick Up, or was trying to close down my enquiry. It would seem that in truth, the factual answer is ‘we cannot enforce that the taxis only drop off/pick up at the designated site’. This is entirely unacceptable. We require proper enforcement of this. Our lead concerns remain the points that The Garrod raised in their letter. However, these concerns are in addition to those and do also relate to the plan for Transport/Travel and the impact and safety issues.

The areas of Grove Road, Orchard Road, and our private road (Lower Grove Road) – are already experiencing unsafe and unacceptable levels of traffic – attempting to park and turn in an already constrained area. Residents of Orchard Road have separately started a petition to ask HBC to consider introducing a Resident Parking Permit such is the level of anguish around this issue playing out every day.

The junction of Town Hall Road and East Street with Beechworth Road – is already extremely dangerous (as referenced by [REDACTED] question at The Hustings at St Faith’s Church “does somebody need to die first?!” (before common sense is applied). Only yesterday I was sitting in my car waiting to turn Right into Town Hall Road (crossing oncoming traffic) – with a double decker bus in front of me and another pulled in to the bus stop on East Street immediately outside of the shared entrance to the site – such that a vehicle attempting to exit Town Hall Road onto East Street (to turn Right) – had to move forward out onto East Street in order to see whether it was clear – only to then have to reverse! The constrained shared proposed entrance/exit (shared with The Spring Arts Centre) site is not suitable whatsoever for such use – add in pedestrians (many elderly who use The Spring at the school drop off/pick up times), cyclists, dog walkers, runners including Havant Athletics/Running Groups – and it really is a serious accident (or fatality) waiting to happen.

Councillor Lloyd – at our invitation – has kindly spent time walking the site – to see first hand the issues and concerns. We would invite all decision makers in this case to consider doing the same – we would be happy to host such a walkabout to illustrate the grave concerns many of us have. We

would ask all decision makers in this case to examine our concerns properly and fully – as per the request of my friends and neighbours [REDACTED] in their letter to you dated 27.04.24 (now seen on the portal).

With Regards, [REDACTED]