

To whom it may concern,

Please see below my response to the 'further information' relating to planning application APP/23/00996.

I note that on the Emsworth Road, just before the old railway bridge which goes over the Shipwrights Way / Billy Trail, flowing into East Street, there is a sign which says 'NO U TURN'. I assume this sign is to prevent accidents, or has been installed due to accidents in the past, at this location. It is therefore a warning and a safety sign which must be obeyed.

Recently, a friend told me that he was exiting the entrance/exit to the Council car by The Spring, after visiting the bottle bank. He wanted to turn right (east), towards Emsworth. The traffic was quite light for that time of day. He recalled that "it was a nightmare trying to turn right. Cars came speeding, well over the speed limit on the bridge". Trying to judge whether another car is going to appear from over the old railway bridge, checking cars exiting Beechworth Road and also, Town Hall Road, whilst looking for cars coming along East Street, is not a straight forward manoeuvre.

Does this mean that if the school is allowed to go ahead, traffic will be very heavy at the beginning of the school day and at the end of the day, that the Highways Department will erect a one-way sign? This sign would direct all cars exiting the site to turn left into East Street and into the town, and would not be able to turn right. This, would be a problem for the town centre, those drivers wanting to access the A27 bypass, or accessing the local roads to the east along Emsworth Road. Maybe there will be an increase in 'U TURNS'? Drivers might decide to make up their own minds as to which direction they exit The Spring Arts Centre. If there is no one-way sign, the possible school taxis and other users of the council car park will be unsure of the safest route to take; an accident waiting to happen!

My friend also mentioned that when en route to visit the bottle bank, driving on the slope he met another driver in his car. There was not enough room for both vehicles to pass and he felt obliged to reverse and allow the other vehicle to drive on through. This will be greatly exaggerated if the new school is allowed on this site with many possible cars having to reverse along this narrow stretch.

A few days ago, I observed a car about to exit the car park by The Spring Arts Centre. It was waiting in the middle section of the exit road for an opportunity to join the main road. This is quite normal practice, drivers entering and exiting tend to aim for the middle of the entrance due to a brick wall and metal bollards located either side of the exit. I think this has been quite manageable and I imagine drivers have individually sorted themselves out amicably. If the traffic increases at am and pm every school day of the year, there will not be the opportunity to politely wait as a driver blocking the entrance/exit repositions their vehicle. Another unforeseen problem or accident?

Another point, which I have made previously, is that on the McCormack House plans the red lines appear to mark their ownership of land. The red lines do not enclose the hard surface running north to south between the car parking spaces also known as The Shipwrights Way. This area is available for all to use and it will potentially be blocked am and pm at arrival and

departure times, every day of the school year, by the taxis delivering and collecting students. Is this what Havant wants for this special, heritage route located close to the town centre? The Shipwrights Way is an alternative transport link for cyclists and walkers, both adults and children. It has become a special area where people can park their car, meet as a group and explore the route down to Langstone village and Chichester harbour.

Yours faithfully,

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