

Statement on behalf of the Itchen Residents Association

We are pleased that the Highways Officer has highlighted the safety issues surrounding the site with mention of the accidents that have occurred in the recent past. Improvements to strengthen safety are welcomed and a cap on student numbers to obviate further issues is also welcomed.

We trust the panel have had a chance to read our comments in response to the car parking stress survey undertaken by Stantec and placed on the portal recently. In case not we would like to briefly reiterate some of the inaccuracies of that report here.

The periods documented do not correspond with the times of most parking and traffic stress, so the report bears little relevance to the actual situation.

Lunchtime is 12.15 until 1pm not 1pm until 2pm as surveyed. 10am until 1pm and 2pm until 3pm have not been documented at all. Coincidentally these happen to be some of the busiest times of day for college traffic. A minimum of 5 buses, 3 times a day, park for considerable periods often causing an obstruction in the road. There is no mention of buses or indeed any buses shown in the photographs taken for the survey.

So to summarise, we hope that a further survey will be conducted on a normal college day over a continuous 12 hour period to accurately reflect traffic and parking stress so that mitigation measures are comprehensive and appropriate.