

Comments:

Wordsworth Infants has a great ethos, is very popular and expansion would be an excellent move. It would also be utilising the best of the surrounding land as there is a big chunk of land there and would enable more community involvement too. However, parking and access to the school must be improved the dairy makes travelling to the back of the school difficult and residences make parking and front access also difficult. This should be taken into considering as it will increase traffic.

Also, my two children with special needs (statemented) went to Wordsworth, because they have a large amount of experience and knowledge with SEN it would be good to have a dedicated unit there for early and primary years.

Hello James, thanks very much for your speedy response.

I guess I'm particularly aware as I had to drive my children to school as we lived out of catchment but because they are disabled they are unable to walk very far. It is a particular problem with Wordsworth but also with Foundry Lane, which is my own local school and where my eldest son and daughter went and within walking distance.

Dear Sirs,
Re: Wordsworth School Proposal

I would like to submit my objection to this proposal simply on the facts that none of the roads that feed this school are unable to take an increase of traffic.

The path in Ridding Close is too narrow for more than 2 people to walk side by side and at school times it is always necessary to walk in the road, with parents rushing to get there in time both on foot and in vehicles. They try to turn in the road and parents and children are trying to cross the road between the cars.

In Stratton Road and Hyde Close the problem is that Stratton Road is a narrow road and is intended only to lead to Hyde Close. Parents then leave their cars in Hyde Close, blocking drives and parking dangerously on the corner outside the school gates.

With the increase of pupil places I feel that this situation will only get worse as this issue is not addressed in the plans and these roads are simply not able to take an increase in traffic

I have to speak up with regards to the proposals for Wordsworth School. I would be against this as currently the infrastructure for traffic is not adequate to accommodate the existing requirements when children are dropped off and collected. When you walk down Ridding Close at these times you get pushed aside by parents, children and pushchairs, you get car doors opened up in your path without regard for pedestrians It is like an obstacle course at school times currently, let alone increasing it. At the top entrance in Stratton Road you get parents cars parked randomly as well as in Hyde Close, often making it difficult to manoeuvre round the corner.

Living in Hyde Close you also get the cars using it as a turning point as it is a dead end. Church Street and Wordsworth Road have cars parked inconsiderately on a daily basis right up to the corners which I believe contravenes Traffic legislation, from parents leaving cars to take their children to Shirley Junior and Middle School. This causes extreme safety issues when you come into or try to get out of Wordsworth Road on to Church Street. The blind spots that are caused are dangerous to children who walk to and from school who cross these roads as well as traffic coming up Church Street.

Considering the above and taking into account the 40' refrigerated container lorries that go to the Dairy in Stratton Road, there is a serious, if not FATAL accident waiting to happen.

The traffic infrastructure cannot cope now....let alone increasing it!! We don't want more the expansion! There are sufficient schools in the area already!

I object to the plans.

3 DAYS NOTIFICATION IS AN INSULT!!

If the above mentioned proposals **were** posted on the 11th January 2011 the coverage must have been **Totally Inadequate!**

We may not have conducted our own scientific poll but **none** of the neighbours we spoke with had heard **anything** about expansion proposals for Wordsworth Infant School!

WHY DID THE SCHOOL GOVERNORS FAIL TO WRITE TO US INDIVIDUALLY?

We all receive plenty of unsolicited, less important, information this way. We, therefore, **strongly** suspect that it was deemed unnecessary to do so because those with a **VESTED INTEREST** in these proposals would be too worried about the inevitable **OUTCRY** that would come about as a result of informing **all** of the residents who would be likely to be most affected. Indeed, you can bet your bottom dollar that the said residents would be in **OPEN REVOLT!!**

Why do we say this? We do so because when we asked a local Petitioner, who was collecting signatures from those of us who would be opposed to these proposals, "**Of the people who were actually at their home(s) when you asked them whether or not they wished to sign, how many of them actually signed?**" His answer was "**ALL OF THEM!**" **WHAT DOES THAT TELL YOU?**

IT, THEREFORE, SEEMED TO US THAT THIS IS A FORGONE CONCLUSION!

Furthermore, what we want to know is: Has anyone taken the trouble to come down to Ridding Close to see:-

- The Traffic chaos?
- The Full-to-overflowing residents' car parks?
- Parking on the pavements and anywhere in the road?
- The frightening number of near-misses when the "School-Run" traffic turns into Ridding Close from Victor Street who, in turn, have to immediately navigate around the often numerous disabled peoples' cars which are frequently parked (understandably) very close to Victor Street Surgery?
- At the end of the School-Run both in the morning and again in the afternoon the traffic builds up from top to bottom of Ridding Close?
- When the older children go to their relevant schools, they do so oftentimes, screaming and shouting and frequently in groups of 3 to 8 persons at a time?
- When returning back from their schools, including Bellemoor Road Secondary School, it gets even worse; with gangs of children numbering 13 to 20 at a time on occasion. This really intimidates the elderly who are unfortunate enough to get caught up in the melee?

THIS IS NOW!

WHAT WILL IT BE LIKE WHEN YOUR PROPOSALS GET STARTED AND, GOD FORGIVE US, WHEN THEY ARE COMPLETED?

It goes without saying, that on top of all this, it will be an **ABSOLUTE NIGHTMARE** for the residents with:-

- Contractors' vehicles to-ing and fro-ing all day long!
- The Bin Men (who are only doing their job after all) getting caught up in all this traffic!
- Added to which there are a good number of delivery vehicles going about their business too (often with great difficulty to the extent that we don't always receive our goods and parcels)!

What worries us **even more** is that if any of the **EMERGENCY SERVICES** are required, which does happen from time to time; under your new proposals... **HOW DO YOU EXPECT THEM TO GET THROUGH WHEN, BY THEN, THE TRAFFIC AT THAT TIME COULD VERY WELL BE FOURFOLD!**?

DO ANY OF YOU, WHO ARE INVOLVED IN PUSHING ALL THIS THROUGH, KNOW HOW

NARROW RIDDING CLOSE REALLY IS?

Yours faithfully,

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OBJECTION TO PROPOSED WORDSWORTH SCHOOL EXTENSION

WE, the undersigned residents of the immediate surrounding area wish to lodge our objection to the proposed extension to Wordsworth School to increase its size of pupil intake and to become a 4-11 yr school.

There is currently inadequate traffic infrastructure for the current size of the school when parents are dropping off or collecting their children. Both access roads to the entrances (Stratton Road and Ridding Close) are both dead ends and there is random parking from the existing parents. Also when trying to walk down the pavements at home time there is problem with parents with push-chairs and children who have no regard for other pedestrians or disabled scooters that frequent the pavements.

As well as this, the construction traffic which will be inevitable, will add to the traffic chaos that will increase the disruption caused by the 40' refrigerated containers that access the Dairy in Stratton Road for delivery already.

Wordsworth School is anticipating increasing its intake some three-fold plus, with a larger range of children with presumably different starting times which will cause traffic chaos for the two access roads. There are already dangerous areas at the end of Wordsworth Road and Church Street where parents collect from Shirley Infants and Junior School park right up to the corners causing blind spots for traffic trying to emerge or access from Church Street. The same issue is raised by residents of Ridding Close who state the junction of Ridding Close and Victor Street has the same problem exacerbated by the cars that park on the roadside adjacent to the doctors' surgery. There is a high risk of an accident or fatality currently, let alone increasing the traffic situation.

Please take these objections into account when considering the proposal.

Yours sincerely
The undersigned residents

For contact: Mr J Ward. Tel: 07595 946425 or at the above address for correspondence.

P.S. There are many residents that we did not have the opportunity to consult but given more time the majority would feel the same.

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JULIE BECKETT	20 HYDE CLOSE	J Beckett
D Harris.	19 HYDE CLOSE	D Harris
S Coen	8, HYDE CLOSE	S Coen
R Seaman	11 Hyde close	R. Seaman
J A DOWNER	16 Hyde Close	J A Downer
T. M. Webster	18 Hyde close	T. M. Webster
Clonana - Pige Angelina	17 Hyde close	Angelina
G. J. Piggott	17 Hyde close	G. J. Piggott
G. A. Briggs	17 Hyde Close	G. A. Briggs
A. W. H. H. H. H. H.	9 HYDE CLOSE	A. W. H. H. H. H.
W. W. W. W. W.	14 Hyde Close	W. W. W. W. W.
ELAINE SMITH	45 STRATTON ROAD	E. Smith
J. HATCH	6 RIDDING CLOSE	J HATCH
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PAT STICKLEY	12 " "	Mrs P P Stickley
SUSIE WHITE	17 Riddling Close	S White
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D G Cattermole	7. HYDE CLOSE	D G CATTERMOLE
P MAIR	43, STRATTON RD	P Mair
R. MAIRA	" "	REMAAD
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K DOSWELL	5 HYDE CLOSE	K Doswell
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SUSAN DAVIS	24 RIDING CLOSE	S. Davis
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KEITH ANSTIS	10 RIDING CLOSE	K. Anstis
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