

The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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Appeal Reference: APP/X1925/W/25/3358840

DETAILS OF THE CASE

Appeal Reference	APP/X1925/W/25/3358840
Appeal By	MR BRUCE PARKER
Site Address	Land to the East of Old Hale Way Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0SA Grid Ref Easting: 518530 Grid Ref Northing: 231117

SENDER DETAILS

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ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- ☐ Appellant
- ☐ Agent
- ☒ Interested Party / Person
- ☐ Land Owner
- ☐ Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- ☐ Final Comments
- ☐ Proof of Evidence
- ☐ Statement
- ☐ Statement of Common Ground
- ☒ Interested Party/Person Correspondence
- ☐ Other

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I am an allotment holder at Old Hale Way Allotments opposite the proposed site and observe the surroundings daily. With this daily experience I have no idea why a car park would be needed in this location.

The allotments, three sites, have adequate off street parking areas that I have never seen overflow even while the allotment holders are present in their greatest numbers. All of the houses have drives, with very few vehicles parking on the road except at school drop off time or tradesmen working at a house that day.

School drop off time is chaos further down the road but a car park at the location suggested would not be close enough to the schools to help and would be on the wrong side of the road forcing all children to be dropped off to cross an already over busy road creating an unnecessary risk to life.

I am also worried that a car park at this location which is not overlooked by local properties, no matter how well lit would attract and increase the antisocial behaviour in the area which is already a well documented problem at the allotments negatively affecting our enjoyment of them.

Finally traffic in rush hours uses the road as an alternative to the Bedford road, vehicles moving at pace and in numbers pass the entrance which is not visible until the last moment due to the natural curve of the road, with children walking to three schools, the road being unusually narrow at that point demanding the drivers attention adding more joining and leaving vehicles can only reduce safety.

So while I have no particular preference for the way the land is used in general I feel this particular proposal is poorly thought through and unnecessary, so I would ask that you support the council and highways agency in leaving the application declined.