



HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL

An Academy Trust

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Ms Melissa Tyler
Case Officer
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Dear Ms Tyler

Planning Application 25/00718/FP Hitchin Swimming Pool Complex

I write further to your letter dated 15th April 2025 regarding the above-mentioned planning application, as a representative of Hitchin Boys' School whose fence line borders Elmside Walk.

Whilst we support this Application in principle, we would like to share our concerns and comments on the Construction Transport Management Plan (CTMP) and on remediation of the land during and at the end of construction.

Construction Transport Management

Butts Close is described in the Application as parkland but it is at times a very busy thoroughfare - both the Transverse Path and Elmside Walk are used by the children and parents of our school (and two other nearby schools) to cross to and from their homes. These are the only metalled pathways they can use where children are not in very close proximity to fast traffic on an A road. These two pathways are the only way that parents with buggies and children with bikes or scooters can cross north or south on a sufficiently smooth surface. This makes the gated entrance at the north corner of Butts Close, or Elmside Walk, severe pinch points if this is also where deliveries will be made for this project.

We therefore strongly suggest that the following are included in Planning Conditions:

- Deliveries to be restricted to the period 09:30 to 14:30, Monday to Friday, whenever schools are open, to accommodate the influx of children who leave their schools at 15:00 or 15:15.
- A Gateman, in addition to a Traffic Marshall, both appropriately trained, to be on site at all times that deliveries are made.
- A Banksman system is in place.

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- Barriers or tapes to be in place to ensure separation of vehicular traffic and pedestrians and removed at the end of the week and replaced on Mondays. This will minimise opportunities for mischief and allow the Close to revert to its parkland functions at weekends.
- Pedestrians including children to have access to the two metalled pathways to enable them to continue to bring scooters, buggies and the like onto the transverse path.

We note that the contractors are Champions for Construction Logistics and Community Safety (CLOCS). We commend this and anticipate that our concerns, together with our suggestions for addressing them, will be adopted.

Remediation of Butts Close land

The project is scheduled to take 35 weeks. There will likely be some damage both to the metalled pathways and to the grassed land of the Close. We ask that there is a named manager to hold the responsibility for ensuring that remedial work is carried out in a timely manner.

Yours sincerely

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Hitchin Boys' School

