

# **AMENDMENT SHEET**

**Planning Committee  
25 June 2015**

## **AMENDMENTS OF CONDITIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED**

### **7.2 150809 – Clay Lane Grove, Colchester**

Additional comments from a local resident who already raised their objection to the proposed development were received. These are as follows:

“I would invite the Planning Committee to make an unannounced visit to St John's Close during term time between the hours of 08.40 - 0915, and 15.10 - 1700 to observe for themselves the traffic chaos due to Parents dropping off and collecting their children from the school and nursery, and once the roads are clear to see for themselves the condition of the road surface. It is a Health and Safety 'nightmare'. I would welcome visibility of the road safety audit and risk assessment undertaken as part of this application, as I consider the risk to life and injury to be 'high'.

The key issues to be considered are:

- Health and safety of the children being dropped off and collected by their parents - the Parents being oblivious to the safety of their children;
- The indiscriminate parking of the parents dropping off and collecting their children,
- The condition of the road surface of St John's Close and Clay Lane Grove, which is an appalling pot holed state, and
- The high pitched noise generated by those young people under that age of 5. Their building is in close proximity to houses, where the main school is quite away from residential dwellings.
- The former caretakers accommodation was occupied by a single person / family, consequently the noise generated was akin to a single dwelling. Occupancy by many under 5s generates an entirely different (high pitched ) noise level.

I would therefore recommend to the committee that this application be refused.

However should the Planning Committee consider granting Approval I would recommend the following conditions are applied and enforced:

- Off street parking is provided for those dropping off and collecting children from the St Johns School site is provided either within the school grounds or in the St Johns Church site, and this be rigorously enforced to assure the safety of the children attending this school / facility,
- St John's Close and Clay Lane Grove be re- constructed to be a main distributor road in accordance with the standards required by Essex County Council. It is currently a 'metaled' country lane, these roads being the primary entrance / egress route to the site. Or create a new principal entrance to the school grounds off Ipswich Road or St John's Road.
- An acoustic fence / screen be erected around the former care takers accommodation to prevent the transference or the high pitched noise created by the under 5s into the adjoining neighbourhood, and
- Current parking restrictions are enforced."

The comments do not contain any planning matters that have not already been addressed within the report. They also request mitigation measures that are outside of the scope of this current application and therefore, no material weight can be given to these.