

We therefore object to this application for the following reasons:

Change of use

The title of the application is misleading. This is not an area of existing parking nor a car access to the field. Before the building of the all weather pitch, this was a grass area. Creating a car parking area is therefore a departure. Your reasons for refusing the first application still apply.

Increase in traffic

Creating permanent new parking for 19 cars, on top of that facilitated by the new lay-out of the school's other car park off Latham Road, will increase the number of cars using the road and cause dangerous conflicts with other users of the road and the access lane and at the junction. Latham Road has a very narrow blind exit across the Trumpington cycle route and onto Trumpington Road. The road and this access route are used by large number of primary school aged children walking to the field as well as cyclists taking a short cut towards Newham. St Faith's has a green travel plan and has been committed to reducing traffic to the school. There is parking on Trumpington Road and no reason has been given for needing an increase in parking as the all weather pitch has a planning condition limiting its use to the school. City council's policy is to reduce car traffic.

Loss of amenity for No 7

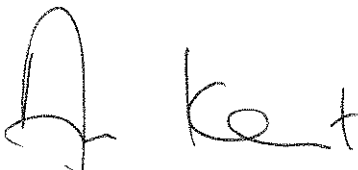
The planned parking area is along the boundary with No 7 adjacent to their sitting room and outside seating area (see photo 1). They have had many months' experience of parking here and know it to be a problem. Cars come and go frequently and rev their engines before they leave. Gravel is a very noisy surface. The application justifies the gravel as normal in Latham Road by using a picture of our drive. However, the use is not comparable. Our drives have very few car movements and these are not concentrated at weekends or beside our sitting areas and they are bordered by lawns and flowerbeds which buffer the sound.

Inappropriate development in the Southacre Conservation Area

The access lane is within the Southacre conservation area and the importance of maintaining its rural nature was reinforced by the decision of the planning inspector when he refused the appeal in connection with the Perse School Playing Fields in Latham Close. A gravel car park with beech hedged 'bays' filled with cars will create an urban vista compared to the rest of the road, it will disrupt the views towards the field and it break up a biodiversity corridor running into the greenbelt. Our conservation area is home to muncjac as well as many birds and small animals and the rough grass and quiet hedgerow of the access was a nesting area and a protected route to the field and thus to Grantchester Meadows. This has been lost and it is important that it is reinstated.

We hope that you will refuse this application and that the area will be reinstated as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



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photos sent electronically.