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Submission: Objection

Comments: We are writing to object to the proposed parking arrangements for planning application SMD/2021/0501, more specifically the addition of parking spaces in the southerly section of the garden near the head of the cul-de-sac.

Rightfully stated in 2.08 of 'Design & Access Statement' is the following: "Car Parking in Rochford Close not dissimilar to most of the Wallbridge Park Estate a high percentage of car owners either parking on the roadway or driveway...Vehicles reversing onto the highway is a daily occurrence."

This section highlights the existing problem of vehicles being forced onto pavements due to unsuitable sized garages and drives. To date, vehicle over spill from Rochford Close has predominantly been restricted to a single side of the road, that of the proposed development. This ensures that majority of the time there is a single fully passable pavement for pedestrians not impeded by road parking.

We object to the addition of the parking spaces in the southerly section as this is likely to redistribute vehicles across both pavements, making them both impassable more frequently. As we have elderly and disabled neighbours and I myself will be retired in coming years, I expect the council to protect our ability to safely walk down the close without being forced into the street.

Being forced into the street due to street parking is particularly of concern due to the relatively sharp bend at the corner of 3 Rochford Close. The cars parked can obstruct the view of the driver risking pedestrians as they navigate around the vehicles.

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