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RESPONSE TO: "Proposed Car Park and one-way system. Relocate pedestrian Access. Existing surfaces, Grass, and Asphalt." Endon High School – A53 Endon.

To Whom it may concern,

I wish to objection to the location of the proposed new pedestrian entrance and proposed location of the barriers close to my property – 175 Leek Road, A53.

I will set out the reasons for this below:

The plans and information provided **do not clearly show the impact** the proposed changes will have on the community and the **safety** of children getting to school (all Endon schools, not solely Endon High School) One photo has been included within the application that does not show the impact to anyone else.

The plans do not consider my hedge boundary, a short hedge directly next to the school's hedge. In fact, plan document 360413 includes the word 'pavement' over my hedge location. The pedestrian barriers seem to encroach close/onto my drive/property's access, and will make it **extremely difficult to access my own property**.

The planning application redline area on the SMDC Planning map does not include the proposed guard rails, and if it did, it would show the planning area **encroaching onto my own boundary and access**.

The plans do not show the fact the properties along Leek Road, toward Leek, ie: 175, 177 etc have front gardens and drives that end beyond that of the high school, this means the curb is narrower in front of the residences than the high school. It is already difficult to use the kerb at school times due to the volume of children and how narrow the kerb is.

The proposed pedestrian access and associated guard rails mean that children will be syphoned into a bottleneck on the pavement used by the community. Previous experience over 30 years of living next door to the high school have shown that children often congregate outside school waiting for the gates to open in a morning. (whether given the option to attend a breakfast club or not) When Children congregate outside the proposed new entrance, corralled by the rails they will cause a **serious obstruction that will be dangerous for themselves and others**. Similar can be witnessed when St Lukes Primary open there gates late in a morning.

In addition, over the last few years, we have had **antisocial behaviour** from pupils sitting on our hedge and ruining it before and after school, whilst waiting to go into school and waiting for friends to leave. Corraling children in this location will surely exacerbate this.

It **STILL** remains unclear where pupils will be crossed over the main A53 according to plans. The guard rails will prevent children being crossed in front of the proposed new pedestrian entrance. If the crossing warden is to stay in the current location opposite the current pedestrian gate, pupils of all local schools and members of the public crossed by the warden will **STILL have to cross the in/out entrance** which will be much busier due to the one way cars leaving. If children were crossed in front of my drive it would be dangerous to those passing on the pavement and **would disrupt access to my property**.

I also voiced my concerns regarding these points on 24 April 2024, on the application SMD/2024/0171.

In conclusion, I object to the new pedestrian access location and associated guard rails. It is too close to my boundary, that has not been made clear on the plans, and will put **pupils and members of the public in danger**. It needs to be located on the wider part of the kerb and plans should be altered to provide for this.

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Please see above photo of my hedge – direct centre of image and also left of image. This will be a dangerous bottle neck and restrict access to my property.



Please see above image, note how narrow the pavement is here, in comparison with how wide the pavement is along side the current pedestrian entrance and warden crossing point.



The above has not been mentioned on plans, this is an accident waiting to happen.