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I am emailing to express my concern for the consideration of parking restrictions on Pine Grove, Brookmans Park, Hertfordshire.

You state that "permit zones enable enforcement of stationary vehicles which do not have a permit during restricted hours". This is a major concern for the school as our 6th form students need to park on the road for them to be able to come to school. If parking restrictions are placed on Pine Grove, then our 6th formers will not have anywhere to park.

Many of our students live in surrounding villages and so public transport is not always a suitable option for many families. We have worked hard to promote our 6th form as a thriving place for all students to succeed and we are concerned that if you place restrictions on the road this will impact upon how some of our students are able to access school.

Moreover, at Chancellor's we have visitors coming to see the school and support the school. If there are parking restrictions on the road, how is the school able to have these visitors? There is simply not enough space on the school site to fit all teachers and visitors' cars into a car park.

Pine Grove was made suitable for access to the school as it is a wide road. There is plenty of room for all modes of transport to move up and down the road to access properties or school. The solution should be ensuring that citizens are considerate road users, not placing restrictions upon the road.

The council should be supporting a local state secondary school during what is already a very tough time for many state secondary schools.

In 2023, we should be prioritising children's education and supporting the school. We should not be prioritising the complaints of residents or the council.

I would urge you to reconsider the parking restrictions and I look forward to your response.

Kind regards

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I am a teacher at Chancellor's school and am writing to oppose the parking restrictions on Pine Grove.

Already, for a school, there is insufficient parking for members of staff on the premises and by restricting this space even further by imposing restrictions, will cause huge issues. Traffic will then be pushed onto George's Wood Road which will cause more blockages on the A1000, which already faces long waits at rush hour.

Pine Grove residents have properties with driveways that can park 5-6 cars, there is no valid reason for them to impose parking restrictions.

Currently, some residents are choosing to park on the road, despite these large driveways, just to cause disruption. Most recently, one resident pulled out of their drive and parked across the street when our open evening was taking place. This created a huge backlog of traffic and was a dangerous stunt to pull.

I hope you will take into consideration the following when making your decision. Residents only have to put up with busy traffic during term time, they bought houses knowing a school was at the top of the road, they have huge driveways so do not need on road parking and restricting parking will just move the problem and traffic issues will be created on main roads.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Best Wishes,

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I object to the parking restriction proposal for Pine Grove. Due to the presence of a school in the road there needs to be adequate parking for school staff and the business permits provided to the school will not be sufficient to cover the essential staff needed at the school. It will also prevent parents from being able to stop to collect their children from school. Parents should be allowed to park on the road at times that will allow drop off and pick up from school.

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As a Chancellor's parent, I am writing to inform you of my objection to the proposal to introduce such heavy parking restrictions to the main route access to the school, Pine Grove.

Whilst I agree that the introduction of some parking restrictions during a 2 hour window may be helpful to residents to restrict all day parking, I do not feel the extent of the restrictions proposed (9am-5pm) is proportionate. This would severely inhibit children from being collected from school or for visitors to attend the school. This would negatively impact the school and its students and staff.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Parent of two Chancellors students)

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Dear Mr Sampson

As a previous resident of Pine Grove and a member of staff at Chancellor's school, I cannot see the benefit for residents needing a double yellow lines. It is a lovely wide road which is quiet the majority of the time. If you live in Pine Grove you are aware there is a school and accept that at the beginning and end of the school day for half an hour the road is busy. There are other occasions such as open evening when it is busy but again this is only a few times a year in the evenings. Residents are lucky that they have large front gardens and drive ways so parking is not an issue.

The proposal does not provide adequate parking for school staff (the business permit solution referred to will not provide the school with the number of permits it may need). It also prevents parents from being able to use Pine Grove to stop by and pick up their child. The proposal to restrict parking for the whole day is disproportionate. If parking restrictions are introduced, then it should be for one hour in the middle of the day to prevent all day parking.

I am concerned that the parking problem will only be pushed else where as parents will need to collect their children as many cannot afford the bus fare.

Kind regards

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Subject:	THE BOROUGH OF WELWYN HATFIELD (PINE GROVE, BROOKMANS PARK) (RESTRICTION OF WAITING
	AND PERMIT PARKING ZONES) ORDER 2023
Date:	29 September 2023 10:20:55

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Dear Geoff Sampson,

I am emailing about the proposal for the parking restrictions on Pine Grove.

The proposal does not provide adequate parking for school staff (the business permit solution referred to will not provide the school with the number of permits it may need). It also prevents parents from being able to use Pine Grove to stop by and pick up their child. The proposal to restrict parking for the whole day is disproportionate.

I also believe that the parking of vehicles is not the issue for residents as they all have very large driveways and adequate parking. This will most definitely affect the working teachers at the school and parents attending meetings as these spaces are required to run Chancellors school.

By making this road permit parking, this will not change how busy the roads get at peak times. Infact I feel this will impact traffic due to parents not stopping in a spaced out manner and therefore more parents will be driving all the way up to the entrance of the school - causing further traffic.

Many thanks for reading,

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Dear Mr Sampson,

I am a parent to two children who attend Chancellor's School and I'm very concerned with the parking restriction proposals for Pine Grove, which effectively means our children will not be able to be dropped off and picked up safely near to the school. This is especially concerning given the recent stabbing and murder of a school girl in Croydon, whilst on her journey to school.

Having to drop our children off further from the school will result in them having to walk along busy main roads with narrow pavements, as well as walking through less open and visible areas, which as a parent of a daughter who is of a similar age to the murdered school girl fills me with much concern and trepidation.

I do have some sympathy for the residents of Pine Grove, but I hope you will balance the periodic inconvenience of the local residents with the overall safety and wellbeing of children who should have the opportunity to access their school safely.

Yours Sincerely,

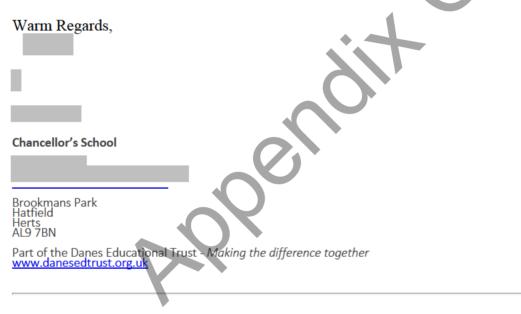
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Good morning,

I am writing to share my objection to the proposed parking restrictions on Pine Grove. The school has made efforts to increase the parking but due to the nature of our school being over subscribed we have more staff then we have spaces for. Additionally, our Sixth form students need to park on the road to gain access to school as there are not parking spaces for them in the car park. Finally, parents need access to attend meetings at school or pick up their child from school and would need to be able to park on Pine Grove in these instances. When I first started at Chancellors I could not drop my child off at nursery until 8am and then by the time I got to school there were no spots left so I had to park on Pine Grove. If this was no longer permitted it could be very challenging for staff.



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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the proposal of introducing parking restrictions on Pine Grove. The proposal will have a detrimental effect on the effective running of Chancellors School.

The proposal in its current form does not provide adequate parking for school staff (the business permit solution referred to will not provide the school with the number of permits it may need). It also prevents parents from being able to use Pine Grove to stop by and pick up their child, for example if the student is taken ill or is injured during the school day. In these circumstances, it is not appropriate to merely stop for a short period and not get out of the car. The parent would need to park and get out of their car to collect their child.

Gates to the car parks are locked during the school day, meaning that part time staff and visitors need to use Pine Grove for parking.

The proposal to restrict parking for the whole day is disproportionate.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Mr Sampson

I am writing to object to the proposal for changes to the parking restrictions in Pine Grove. As a local resident, employee of Chancellors School and parent of a child at the school the current proposals will cause the following issues:

- lack of parking for students (sixth form) and staff. The school has doubled the size of its staff parking in recent years, taking away valuable play area for the students. They have done everything they can to ease the pressure on the road. The business permit solution is not adequate. The school regularly send messages to parents about respectful parking. Also changes were made to the school day to stagger the stud **n** getting the bus and those not

The knock on effect to other roads. Some parents already collect children from surrounding roads which creates dangerous situations and parking issues on those roads already. If parents can n t collect their children in the school road due to restrictions the knock on effect to the other roads will mean complaints from those neighbours and potentially risk of further restrictions. This will create a no-go area which would be ridiculous.
If a parent needs to collect a child during the day, or go to school for a meeting there will be no place for them to park to do this

- If a member of staff needs to leave for a meeting or appointment they may not get a space on their return which will create problems with covering classes and incur additional cost to the school

-Restricting parking for the entire day is disproportionate to any road. Other roads in the area (closer to the train station and primary school) have one hour restrictions in the middle of the day which stops all day parking however will not help staff and parents who need to be in school but can not find a space. If the school created more parking this would mean fewer areas for tudent to have PE and relax at break times

I have been living in the village for 13 y ars and attending the school as a parent and staff member for that entire time.

I have never seen people parked on the verge yet have on multiple occasions in the last year had my car vandalised when parked outside a particular house (I have no proof but two significant scratches and three nails in the same tyre at separa e tim s is n coincidence).

You state that one of the rea ons is to 'relieve or prevent congestion of traffic'. It's a school and has been there for many years so there is always going to be traffic at two times a day for 38 weeks of the year. How will you prevent congestion of traffic by pushing it on to other roads?!

As such this will create further traffic and congestion and will unfortunately probably cause 'danger to persons'.

The issue is more about people having respect for each other and taking time to reflect on what is important in life.

Those living on Pine Grove on the most part have large driveways and do not need the road for parking.

I hope you take these points into account and do not go ahead with the proposals.

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Dear Mr Sampson,

I am writing to express my very strong objections to the intention to Introduce Parking Restrictions in Pine Grove

Whilst we recognise that it is important that the road is safe and that there are adequate passing points for all road users to use including residents, and that there may be a justification for the introduction of some parking restrictions, the proposed extent of the restrictions are unnecessary and disproportionate. There is simply no justification for restrictions to be in place from 9am to 5pm. In many places in the county, parking restrictions are for an hour or two during the day to prevent all day parking, which would be more appropriate in this case.

Further grounds for my objections:

- As the parent of a SEN child on disability benefit who sometimes needs to be taken out of school between 9am to 5pm it is inconceivable to me that a parent will be unable to park on this road to pick up or take their child to medical appointments. As the school has robust safety procedures in place for school visitors and needs to check details at reception this can take up to 15 minutes.
- 2. This serious concern applies to all other emergencies
- 3. Moreover there are many other times of the day when the school carparks are full and parents need to drop off or pick up their kids - first the beginning and end of the school day, but also: rehearsals, concerts, open days and many other school events designed to foster a strong sense of community, picking up and dropping off from sporting events, awards ceremonies, A level results day, academic competitions etc

Why are the school carparks inadequate to meet demand?

- 1. The school has increased its intake in recent years. This is in response to a <u>requirement</u> from the council to meet rising demand for State school places.
- 2. The school has applied to increase the size of its carpark. Only a very small increase has been accepted due to the (understandable) fact that the school is surrounded by green belt land.

What might a more proportionate response look like:

- 1. Restrict all day parking by non residents
- 2. Apply robust fines to anyone parking across driveways or in any other way that is extremely inconvenient to users of this road, whether residents or non-residents

In short, it is a great pity that some local residents do not view having an ofsted-rated good state school in their community as a huge bonus for their area, that is an institution full of people - teachers, students, parents, who are striving to provide/gain an excellent education, personal development and positive citizenship values. There are opportunities for local residents to attend school events and be part of our warm, inspiring, welcoming community rather than create obstructions that will impact on those most in need such as the parents of SEN children.

best wishes,



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** WARNING: This email originated outside the WHBC Network. Please be extra vigilant when opening attachments or clicking links ** Good Morning,

I am a member of staff at Chancellor's School. I object to the proposed parking restrictions on Pine Grove.

The proposal does not provide adequate parking for school staff. The proposal also means parents will not be able to use Pine Grove to stop and pick up their child from school.

In conclusion, I think the planned restrictions are disproportionate.

Regards,

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I am writing with regards to the proposed parking restrictions for Pine Grove. The proposal does not provide adequate parking for school staff (the business permit solution referred to will not provide the school with the number of permits it may need). It also prevents parents from being able to use Pine Grove to stop by and pick up their child. The proposal to restrict parking for the whole day is disproportionate.

Thank you for your time in reading this email, and I hope a reasonable solution can be found for all.

Yours Faithfully,

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Dear Mr Sampson,

I am writing to register my opposition to the proposed 9am-5pm parking restrictions in Pine Grove

Current use of the Pine Grove creates a noticeable but manageable amount of congestion at peak times, during drop-off and pick-up times for Chancellor's School and on rare and irregular occasions for other (usually evening) events at the school. These periods of peak time rarely last more than half an hour. There are certainly no widespread, severe or longduration periods of congestion between 9am and 5pm. Therefore, road safety, user amenity, and adequate passing points for all road users do not require the introduction of blanket parking restrictions from 9am to 5pm.

It ought to be very clear to you that some (by no means all) residents of the street object to having such a fine, well-respected school in their neighbourhood and want to cause as much inconvenience and disruption to the school community as they can. This is illustrated by reports I have heard of one local resident deliberately parking his car illegally in the street so as to obstruct and deter traffic to the school during a recent Open Evening. These Open Evenings are an opportunity for the school to promote itself as a cutting-edge centre of secondary-level learning, community engagement, and support for children and as part of the rich life of the village, the county, and the nation. My understanding is that this person's actions did indeed deter a significant number of potential students and their families from attending the Open Evening. It is in this context that you should consider the proposals from a minority of disaffected and vindictive residents for the disproportionate and unnecessary parking restrictions.

I hope you will reject these proposals on the grounds that they will do little to alleviate the congestion on Pine Grove, which in any case occurs only for short periods of time before 9am and after 3pm plus on rare and irregular occasions. If a majority of users and classes of users of the road (which, of course is a public road) are really concerned about congestion and safety, then they should be advocating for parking restrictions that are limited in time to peak congestion hours, and which would (crucially) pertain to all vehicles, regardless of whether they belong to residents or non-residents.

When you get a proposal for strictly time-limited restrictions that apply to residents as well as non-residents, that's when you know you are dealing with people acting in good faith

with the interests of all the road users at heart. The current proposals under consideration do not meet those criteria and should be rejected.

Naturally I am more than happy to discuss this letter and related issues, at your convenience.

Best wishes,

St Albans Rd East, AL10 0 EJ

From:	
To:	ParkingServices
Subject:	Objections to parking restrictions on Pine Grove
Date:	29 September 2023 12:06:43

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As a teacher I will not be able to park near the school if I am later in to school as there is not enough parking on site. Also there are parents of vulnerable students that need to come for meetings that will not be able to park anywhere near the school. This is potentially a very serious issue as they may not then come and this could have a damaging effect on that child.

This whole parking issue has only arisen as a few residents do not like cars on the road but the school has been there for 70 years, far longer than any of them living on the road so they all knew there was a school on the road when they bought their house.

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THE BOROUGH OF WELWYN HATFIELD (PINE GROVE, BROOKMANS PARK) (RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND PERMIT PARKING ZONES) ORDER 2023

THE BOROUGH OF WELWYN HATFIELD (PINE GROVE, BROOKMANS PARK) (PROHIBITION OF STOPPING AND WAITING ON VERGE OR FOOTWAY) ORDER 2023

To whom this may concern,

I am writing with regards to the above proposals.

I would like to reject the offered proposals for parking restrictions on Pine Grove, as a teacher of maths at Chancellor's School. The parking on site is not enough for all the members of staff, there are easily about 20-30 cars that the car parks do not accommodate. I find myself regularly parking on the side of the road on Pine Grove. If these proposals go ahead it would greatly hinder my ability to work at this school as there is no parking available on the near roads either, and would be a great difficulty to many other members of staff who work at this school. Many of us travel from far and taking other modes of transport is not a possibility. Those that do park on the road are considerate drivers and ensure that our cars are not an obstruction to any other vehicles or traffic. The proposed permits provided are also not enough to accomodate all drivers. There must be another way to solve this issue. I look forward to hearing adjustments for this proposal.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely

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To Geoff Sampson Assistant Director (Regeneration and Economic Development),

I am writing to submit my objections to the proposed parking restrictions in Pine Grove Brookmans Park.

I have been a teacher at the school for more than 30 years and whilst I acknowledge there is an increase in traffic on the road due to the PAN at school being higher, the school has taken steps to increase parking within its grounds which greatly reduced the parked cars on the sides of the road in recent years. In supporting and accepting the need for a higher PAN admission at Chancellor's the council need to be aware that the staff will need to increase in accordance to cope with daily school life as teachers and support staff. In short the business permit solution in terms of numbers offered is not fit for purpose in an educational setting that is oversubscribed and one which the council are fully endorsing on that capacity.

Should any parking restrictions be brought in, a proportionate timed one hour in the middle of the day would assist in any issues there in terms of all day parking of those without a permit. The danger of pushing parking down to George's Wood road nearer the main A100 should also be considered.

Finally, there is a need for parents to be able to quickly drop off and collect students as we have a vast catchment area not always provided with bus services. This needs to also be taken into consideration.

I will say in conclusion that fewer events take place now in the evenings with online parents evenings occurring and as a school we have historically tried to maintain a positive relationship with residents. Disproportionate restrictions will possibly create further issues in my opinion.

Kind Regards,

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Dear Whom this may concern,

I object to the proposal of implementing parking permits to Pine Grove. The proposal does not provide adequate parking for the school staff as the proposal referred to will not provide parking permits for staff at the school. It also prevents parents from collecting students from the school as they will not be able to access pine grove. The proposal to restrict parking for the whole day is disproportionate and I believe that this should not be introduced.

I hope you consider my objection.
Many thanks,
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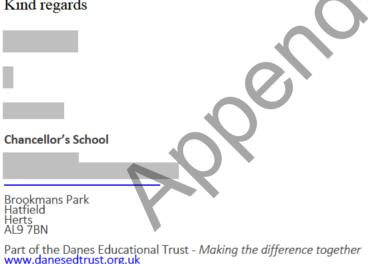
I am writing this email to strongly object to the plans for restricted parking on Pine Grove.

What has been proposed will severely disrupt the running of the school and have a detrimental impact to students, parents and staff.

The school has been here for years and I'm sure predates most, if not all, residents - I must assume that these locals knew of the school that was situated on the same road as their property. All houses down the road have considerably large driveways that can accommodate their multiple vehicles.

The proposal from the residents strikes me as nothing more than privileged entitlement.

Kind regards



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The proposal does not provide adequate parking for school staff (the business permit solution referred to will not provide the school with the number of permits it may need). The proposal to restrict parking for the whole day is disproportionate. If parking restrictions are introduced, then it should be for one hour in the middle of the day to prevent all day parking.

In accordance with local council requests the school have provided more places for the local community which in turn has meant more students and more staff required. The current provision of parking has been adjusted however more spaces are required to support and maintain the education of the community.

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I am a member of staff at Chancellor's Secondary school and commute via car to work everyday. The parking restrictions are going to make life incredibly difficult when getting to work. Staff at Chancellors are very conscious of parking and always park sensibly on Pine Grove for work, as we need to be parked all day. It is very rare that a member of staff is asked to move their car, as we are always thinking of the residents on Pine Grove.

want to OBJECT the parking restrictions.
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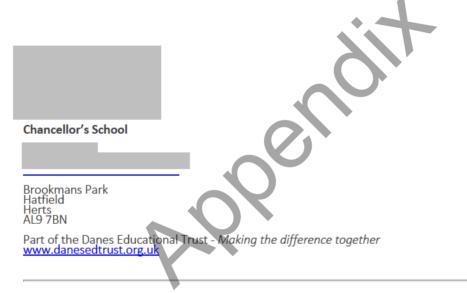
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It also prevents parents from being able to use Pine Grove to stop by and pick up their child.

The proposal to restrict parking for the whole day is disproportionate.

If parking restrictions are introduced, then it should be for one hour in the middle of the day to prevent all day parking.

The houses on Pine Grove have ample parking space. Any proposed solutions should be to ensure access to their driveways/ drop curb only.



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I am writing to express my objections to the proposal of Pine Grove parking restrictions. I do believe that the proposal does not provide adequate parking for school staff (the business permit solution referred to will not provide the school with the number of permits it may need). It also prevents parents from being able to use Pine Grove to stop by and pick up their child. The proposal to restrict parking for the whole day is disproportionate. If parking restrictions are introduced, then it should be for one hour in the middle of the day to prevent all day parking.

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I object to the proposal because it does not provide adequate parking for school staff (the business permit solution referred to will not provide the school with the number of permits it may need). It also prevents parents from being able to use Pine Grove to stop by and pick up their child. The proposal to restrict parking for the whole day is disproportionate. If parking restrictions are introduced, then a compromise would be for one hour in the middle of the day to prevent all day parking.

With reference to parked cars on Pine Grove. From my own observations a number of the cars parked on the road, which cause congestion, are owned by the residents of Pine Grove that have chosen to park on the roadside rather than their own drives, which are more than adequate to accommodate many cars.

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I want to object to the parking proposal on pine grove, Brookmans' park because the proposal does not provide adequate parking for Chancellors school staff (the business permit solution referred to will not provide the school with the number of permits it may need). It also prevents parents from being able to use Pine Grove to stop by and pick up their child. The proposal to restrict parking for the whole day is disproportionate. If parking restrictions are introduced, then it should be for one hour in the middle of the day to prevent all day parking.

Thank you

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Dear Mr Sampson,

I object to the proposal of any parking restrictions on Pine Grove because, does not provide adequate parking for school staff (the business permit solution referred to will not provide the school with the number of permits it may need).

This proposal will prevent parents from being able to use Pine Grove to stop by and pick up their children.

Kind regards

Chancellor's School

Brookmans Park Hatfield Herts AL9 7BN

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Dear Geoff

The proposal does not provide adequate parking for school staff (the business permit solution referred to will not provide the school with the number of permits it may need). It also prevents parents from being able to use Pine Grove to stop by and pick up their child. The proposal to restrict parking for the whole day is disproportionate. If parking restrictions are introduced, then it should be for one hour in the middle of the day to prevent all day parking.



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To whom it may concern,

I object to the parking restriction proposal for Pine Grove, Brookmans Park. The reason for this is because it will not provide adequate parking for myself and other school staff. Also, from a parental point of view this will prevent them from using Pine Grove to stop and pick-up their child.

Personally, I believe a whole day restriction is unreasonable and if parking restrictions were to be introduced then it should be for a reduced time during the day to prevent all day parking.

Thanks,

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I am writing to raise a formal objection to the suggested parking restrictions on Pine Grove in Brookmans Park.

In the morning and afternoon I don't drive up the road, I am aware that with that number of students at the school you cannot have them all getting dropped off.

But blanket restrictions mean parents can't park and drop kids off on in Pine Grove at all or wait to pick them up at any time.

So when children are late, in an emergency or have clubs or appointments this is dangerous. I don't want my child walking around the streets alone at that time.

If the car park is full (eg with teachers cars) and there is a rehearsal, doctors appointment, club or emergency, kids need to be picked up or dropped.

There are also days that are busier because of awards ceremony, A level results day but these are exceptional.

I agree that it may be helpful to have fines for inconsiderate parking (e.g. across driveways) but not a total ban.

The council asked Chancellors School to expand to meet the rising number of families in the area, and they have been refused permission to build a much bigger car park because (understandably) they are on green belt.

As such the council should support them in finding a more suitable solution to a problem the council themselves created by not planning ahead effectively. Looking at whether a similar issue could occur in other areas would also be advised.

Could the school be split across multiple sites to allow for a decent sized car park to be built, for example? Or planning of a multi storey carpark for staff?

Please include my concerns in the consultation.

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Be there for others, but never leave yourself behind. - Dodinsky

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** WARNING: This email originated outside the WHBC Network. Please be extra vigilant when opening attachments or clicking links ** Dear Mr Sampson,

I am writing to object to the proposed parking restrictions on Pine Grove, Brookmans Park.

Pine Grove is a residential road which, by virtue of the size of its properties, has substantial roadside parking available in addition to the ample off-road parking for residents. It provides the only access to Chancellors School, which has a car park that is inadequate for a full complement of staff. There is no opportunity to enlarge the parking facility within school grounds. The catchment of the school is large, far greater than could be accommodated by children arriving as pedestrians or on bikes. Although my children are able to access the school using council transport, I know many children are not able to use council or public transport to get to the school, and will be delivered or collected by their parents.

Therefore, one way or another there will be significant traffic at the beginning and end of the school day. Although the suggested parking restrictions would make little difference during the morning school run, during the afternoon school run these parents would be likely either to wait on Pine Grove without parking which will not mitigate any existing problems in Pine Grove, or park on George's Wood Road which merely diverts any parking from a road largely able to handle it to one very much less so. When professional vehicles occasionally park at the eastern part of Georges Wood Road during building work on the houses, there is even now inevitable congestion which regularly backs up onto the A1000 and blocks a major route to the entirety of Brookmans Park. If the proposed parking restrictions are introduced, you can expect the A1000 to be blocked frequently.

I am both a parent and member of staff. As a parent I have attended many meetings/displays during the day, some in order to support my children when in difficulty; the school car parks are already over capacity, and so the only parking available has been on Pine Grove. As a member of staff I am obviously concerned that school staff will be badly affected.

To the extent that parents park at a distance there will additionally be risks to the children making their way from and to wherever parents choose to park. For example, you may be unaware that there is a cut-through to the school from the A1000 to an access point near the school, and already a few parents use the "Dutch" complex on the A1000 as a drop-off/pickup point, necessitating their children to cross the (50 mph restricted) road, with "near misses" of children being reported and the practice discouraged by the school. Clearly if parking near the school is made impossible then the number taking that option is likely to increase.

The minor inconvenience currently experienced on occasion by residents of Pine Grove is as nothing compared with the harm that will be caused to the school, its parents, its staff, and the community of Brookmans Park generally when parking is diverted to available other roads, especially Georges Wood Road.