

PLANNING APPLICATION REF. 19/00843/FULL

**DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT:
SECTION 42 APPLICATION TO REMOVE CONDITION 3 OF
PERMISSION 05/01817/REM WHICH REQUIRES PUBLIC ACCESS TO BE
PROVIDED TO THE CAR PARK AND PICK-UP/DROP-OFF AREAS OF
WHITEHILLS PS AT ALL TIMES DURING SCHOOL HOURS AND FOR
EVENING FUNCTIONS**

AT

WHITEHILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL FYFE STREET FORFAR DD8 3EQ

REPRESENTATIONS

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr David Millar

Address: 4 findlays land forfar dd83eu

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: If public access to the school car park is withdrawn then this will encourage vehicles to park in Findlays Land which is very close to the school and has only a single lane access with a turning hammer head. It has already been noted that parents are using the turning hammer head to park their vehicles while they collect their children. I have been informed by a parent that a member of the school teaching staff told them that they could use Findlays land as a car park. This is totally wrong and the school staff have no authorization to convey this to parents. Findlays Land single lane access and hammer head should be kept clear for the use of residents and important services which could be restricted/affected by parents using Findlays Land as a car park opportunity.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Andrea Mason

Address: 11 St Margarets Park Forfar Angus DD8 3EA

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I fully support this application as this would make the road going to school a lot safer for my daughter to cross as it is always very busy.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Norman Bruce

Address: Glencoe cottage Dundee road Forfar DD8 1XD

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I do the school run in a car and I agree with the proposal. Park & walk it's not hard.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Karri Russell

Address: 15 Chapel Street Forfar Dd82ab

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I fully support the closure of the school car park in the interest of child safety.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Emma Esslemont

Address: 55 easterbank Forfar Dd8 2bn

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Councillor

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This would be detrimental to the safety of the school children, regardless of how many community wardens, police and council officials standing at the school on the days that they AREN'T there it's a free for all people parking and obstructing gates, double yellows thus making it impossible to actually get near the school to park and get your child safely from school when it was imposed it's an accident waiting to happen and that's the harsh reality of it. What about children who have hidden disabilities like autism and have no road sense instead of spending money enforcing such ludicrous rules spend money on educating the youngsters regarding road safety. Stupid idea

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Miss Sarah Findlay

Address: 49 Dunnichen Avenue FORFAR DD8 2UT

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Tammy Laird

Address: 30 queen street Queen Street FORFAR Dd8 3an

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am raising an objection of sorts to this as yes I can see the good that it has achieved on the trial BUT as a disabled person not being able to walk my children to school, and with a child who has behavioral problems within the school, I need access to the disabled parking within the school grounds and for the meetings I have at school regarding my child. So tell me this, if the school gates are to be shut off to the public how do I drop my child off in the morning to make sure he is going into school and not wandering away from school! At least parked in the disabled space or dropping him off in the morning I can see him go into the office and securely into the school. I cant trust him to go in himself as he runs away and I cannot physically chase him. So which is safer? I also get called into the school for him on emergencies when he is kicking off so how am I going to be able to gain access to the school when the janitor cant be found on some occasions.

Just because of the few careless drivers out there with no disregard for the safety of others, I dont think everyone should be penalised for it.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Graham Irving

Address: The Pines 5 Glencoe Brae Forfar DD81XS

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: You will be aware that dangerous and inconsiderate parking of some parents when taking cars to Whitehills Primary has been an issue from the day the school opened and this in retrospect may have been assisted by better traffic planning at the outset.

Having said this I fully support this application to limit access to the car park and drop-off area as it is the only strategy I have seen that has improved the situation. During the recent trial period the efficiency of the facility was greatly improved and dangers reduced with less stress and frayed tempers for everyone.

In recent times the parking and compliance to advisory notices has steadily worsened to a point where they are totally ignored by many and the situation in the car park and drop-off area comes to gridlock frequently due to selfish and antisocial parking with buses unable to access the drop off area to a point where they cannot drop off the children safely. This again causes danger and frustration for everyone.

Personally I park around 200 yards from the school and walk so as not to add to the general congestion. Are we so time poor or belligerent that we cannot walk a short distance for the general wellbeing of all our children? Well done to the school for bring this forward in an attempt at a permanent solution.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Ann Irving

Address: 5 Glencoe Brae Forfar DD8 1XS

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am a car driver who drives my grandchildren to and from school 3 days a week and was delighted when the school gates were closed to traffic for the trial period in September/October.

It was a safer environment for children walking as there was no traffic congestion as people entered and exited from the school.

I park the car in William Street and walk with children every day.

I fully support the schools application as the children's safety should always be the first priority.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr David Yule

Address: 16 Carseview Terrace Forfar DD8 3NS

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This initiative does nothing to enhance / improve the safety of our kids. In fact I would go as far as saying this will fundamentally increase the risk to my children and others, as well as members of the public who live on or around Fyfe Street and Service Road.

The only safe school drop off location is the drop off in the school car park and its safe use relieves congestion and risk on the surrounding roads which are heavily used by school children. I in no way wish to excuse or justify inconsiderate driving and negligence on the roads, particularly around the school but during the gate closure trial there was a tangible increase in frustration and erratic manoeuvres from drivers trying to navigate the increase in cars stopped on the roadside, junctions and even blocking driveways, so I fail to see how adding to the chaos on the road and dropping my kids further away to walk and potentially cross roads, which fundamentally lack the infrastructure to manage interrupted traffic flow during drop off & pick up times, enhances their safety in any way.

The only benefit I can see in the removal of access is reducing the school or councils liability in the event of an incident on school property whilst increasing risk to our children off school property. This does not feel like action in my childrens best interests.

Surely a more sensible approach can be found if the safety of our children is the goal. - car park layout, partitioning, one way system on fyfe / service road.

If the aim is to encourage the use of alternative transport this isn't the solution either, without the local infrastructure to support it this will only increase congestion and risk on our roads.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Emma Hampton

Address: 7 Queen Margaret's Gait FORFAR DD8 1BS

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This will only cause more problems as was seen during the trial. Parents using the car park is an inconvenience to school buses etc. rather than a danger. This could be easily rectified by janitorial staff monitoring this area and ensuring people are using it correctly. The real danger is in the streets around the schools. This is where an accident is going to happen. This could have been easily resolved at the planning stage of the new build. More land was available which could have provided extra parking/pick-up points but was rejected. Parents on the whole do not drive children to school because they are lazy but because they have no choice - needing to get to work on time, drop other children at other education providers etc. The field area to the left of the car park could easily be converted to solve this problem. Unfortunately we are stuck in a situation where councils think that by providing no car parking we will not use our cars. I would love to be in a position to walk my child to school and back each day, and do this when my job allows, but unfortunately on the days I am working, there is a very short window between the time it is safe to allow my child to be (relatively unsupervised considering the number of pupils) in the playground as well as dropping my other child off at another childcare establishment whilst still being able to keep my job! I also personally object to the fact that I sometimes have disabled relatives collecting my child, who would be unable to access the disabled parking and therefore be unable to collect my child from a pre-arranged place which they have to do at present - this is a discriminatory decision. I also feel that decisions such as this do nothing to promote a good relationship between parents and school. Some parents are behaving selfishly and dangerously, deal with those parents 1 at a time (either through the law or through banning them from using the car park) and improve the situation for everyone.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Miss Rebecca Ross

Address: 18 restenneth place Lunanhead Forfar Dd8 3nf

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:I have two young children both under age of 4 and with the car park being closed I then have to walk my two children along a busy road with lots of cars on it. Once getting into the school gates of the car park for the nursery, I find empty car parking spaces. I think that it should be looked into buying or renting the bit of land next to school to ensure the safety of the children and parents who go to the school. Closure of the school car park is wrong.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr William Flight

Address: ! Manor Croft Forfar DD8 1BH

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I collect my granddaughter from school every day and come early enough to find myself a parking space within the allotted parking bays as do some other parents.

The area for parking out with the school grounds at Whitehills is virtually zero and taking away the possibility of collecting children from the school carpark just makes it even more chaotic.

As far as safety is concerned there is more possibility of a child being involved in an accident crossing the adjoining roads to reach their parents vehicles. There isn't even a crossing point for the children at the entrance to the school carpark where cars, taxis and buses are entering and leaving.

If those concerned at the planning stage of such a project as the construction of a new school took cognizance of the necessity for vehicular access and parking we would not be in this situation.

There was adequate grounds within the existing boundaries to allow for this with a little bit of common sense.

What we now have are cars parked all around the surrounding roads, much I am sure to the annoyance of the local residents and other road users trying to travel along such roads as Market Street. It also seems to necessitate the allocation of traffic wardens to police the area on a regular basis at extra cost. including checking that cars do not park in an area at the entrance to an adjoining field which never seems to be used for any agricultural purpose.

All that is required is to allow cars particularly those dropping off and collecting nursery children to use the allocated pickup bay and to make sure that anyone parking out with this area is made aware that this is not allowed and moved on.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Victoria Robb

Address: 8 lily wynd forfar DD82XE

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: While I fully support restricted access to the school car park at peak times, I wish to object to the 'at all times' part of the proposal.

There are occasions where I might need to pick up a sick child. Or drop off my child after an appointment. As a mother with a young child below school age it can be very difficult to juggle a wiggly toddler or baby car seat and make sure the school age child gets into the school building. Normally I would use the drop off zone for this purpose. Although not very often for individuals, I would imagine a large busy primary school would have many parents potentially in this position. Being able to drop off and pick up car seats for a school trip is another occasion when I would use the car park.

The other objection I have is to putting this ban in place without a safe alternative on offer. For example a parking area further from the school with a safe walking route or walking-bus. The only parking available is on-street and this makes the journey to school even more hazardous. There is no crossing patroller on the Montrose road which is very busy and difficult for primary aged pupils to negotiate and endless roadworks are making it even worse.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Diann Baxter

Address: 6 Lilybank Crescent Forfar DD8 2HZ

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am a Childminder with arthritis in my knee. I pick up from Langlands and Whitehills and if the gates are locked, it means I have to park as close to the school as I can (usually on a main road) and take all the other children out of the car to pick up children from the school/office. Sometimes I pick up from Langlands first and get parked nowhere near Whitehills and if I pick up from Whitehills first I then need to go there and wait in the car for a long time just so I can park near the school as people park up from around 2.15pm.

I don't see what difference it will make if the gates are closed in the car park.

Lack of parking should have been thought about when the school was being built. There is so much land around the school that a bigger car park could have been made, I'm sure.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr M R

Address: 23 Chapel Forfar DD82ab

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:I think it has made a safer environment around the school for the children with the gates shut and I support this

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Lisa Gilfillan

Address: 24 Turfbeg Drive Forfar DD8 3LH

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: My experience of the trial period was that it led to children being at greater risk of injury by shifting difficulties outside of school where the security of at least knowing the direction of travel of vehicles is lost and children sometimes leaving the safety of school grounds to find parents, not knowing where parents will actually get parked. It also adversely and unnecessarily impacted neighbouring residents and people with disabilities.

The unrealistic frequency of attendance by Road Traffic Staff/Police will likely also have resulted in a bias affecting results.

I believe that other more suitable alternatives have yet to be explored; (1) Introduction of short term parking within the car park freeing up spaces and enabling parents to collect children.

(2) Increasing the drop off area to the entire outer circle of the car park and priority for Car Share Spaces for majority of remaining spaces.

(3) Introduction of Car Parking charges (beyond 15 minutes).

In addition to any of the above options, changes to legislation that would enforce one-way systems around all schools would greatly improve the flow of traffic, minimise delays, and generally improve safety for all pedestrians.

I would hope that all of the above suggestions be given due consideration and possibly afforded a similar 'trial period'.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Jenny Murphy

Address: 37 Arbroath Road Forfar DD8 2JJ

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:I fully support the closure of the car park and saw first hand the reduction in dangerous driver behaviour around the school during the trial (and unfortunately how this was immediate resumed once the trial period stopped-double parking/reversing around the car park/excessive speed near the kids/parking in drop offs/on double yellows at the gates).

My only reservation is that it can only be part of the solution as the voluntary one-way system (Fyfe st, Service road and out to North st) helps but isn't followed by everyone, and the increase in kids walking means there are potential issues elsewhere, notably Montrose road, where there is a known issue with speeding traffic.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Yvonne Melnyk

Address: 4 Queen Margaret's Gait Forfar DD81BS

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Closing the school gates means that I will no longer be able to 'drop off' my children at school. As there is no drop off zone outside the school gates I would be forced to park up and drop off further away from the school gates, leaving my children to negotiate a very busy road of moving and parked vehicles, which is not safe. closing the school gates will increase the risk of an accident happening