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Location: St Cecillas RC High School Chapel Hill Longridge PR3 2XA
Proposal: Proposed enlargement of Car Park B to create 15 additional designated parking bays; Remove planting bed adjacent to existing disabled parking bay to provide two side-by-side disabled parking bays; Provision of three new cycle shelters, providing space for 18 bicycles along the main school entrance walkway.
Grid Ref: 360264 436679

Dear Maya Cullen

With regard to your consultation letter dated 4 February 2025, I have the following comments to make based on all the information provided by the applicant to date.

Summary

No objection subject to conditions

Lancashire County Council acting as the Local Highway Authority does not raise an objection regarding the proposed development and are of the opinion that the proposed development will not have a significant impact on highway safety, capacity or amenity in the immediate vicinity of the site subject to the following conditions being stated on any approval.

Advice to Local Planning Authority

Introduction

The Local Highway Authority (LHA) are in receipt of an application for the proposed enlargement of Car Park B to create 15 additional designated parking bays; Remove planting bed adjacent to the existing disabled parking bay to provide two side-by-side disabled parking bays; Provision of three new cycle shelters, providing space for 18 bicycles along the main school entrance walkway at St Cecillas RC High School, Chapel Hill, Longridge.

The LHA are aware of the recent planning history of the site which is detailed below:

3/2024/0507 - Approval of details reserved by conditions 5 (basketball and netball courts) and 6 (community use agreement) of planning permission 3/2022/1182.

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3/2022/1182 - Single storey extension to detached teaching block and relocation of hard surface play area.

The LHA was approached by the applicant and has provided pre-application advice regarding the proposed development.

Site Access

The LHA understands that the site has two access from Chapel Hill, the B6243, which is a classified road subject to a 30MPH speed limit. The proposed development will be accessed from the access situated to the West along the front of the site. The access is approximately 4.5m wide.

While the existing access does not fully comply with the LHAs guidance which requires a school access to be a minimum distance of 6m wide, the LHA will accept the shortfall for the existing access in this case. This is because the access has served the school for a number of years without incident.

Highway Safety

There have been one recorded Personal Injury Collisions within 500m of the application site in the last five years. Notwithstanding this, the LHA do not have any concerns that the proposal would exacerbate the existing highway safety situation as the proposal will not intensify the use of the site.

Internal Layout

The proposal will add to the existing staff and visitor car parking facilities which currently consist of 5 marked parking bays and 1 disabled bay within Car Park A and 20 marked parking bays within Car Park B.

The proposal will result in the expand car parking B to create 15 additional designated parking bays, resulting in a total of 20 parking bays alongside one new Disabled Parking Bay next to the existing Disabled Parking Bay. The development will result in a total off street parking provision of 40 standard parking bays and 2 Disabled Parking Bays.

Cycle Storage

The proposal will increase cycle storage within the site which is welcomed. However, the suggested 3 new cycle shelters, as noted from the submitted documentation Typical 6 bay cycle shelter, 4974/P07, are not appropriate for long-term use such as at schools or places of employment. Whilst the shelter is secure and does provide some cover it is likely that during the winter months, bicycles will not be well protected from the weather and therefore are less likely to be utilised. Therefore, the LHA would look for an improved cycle storage facility to encourage sustainable transport and year-round use of the cycle storage.

Public Footpath

Please note that Public Rights of Way FP0302117 runs along the western boundary of the site adjacent to the proposed car park works. The granting of planning permission does not constitute the diversion of a Definitive Right of Way. The applicant should be advised to contact Lancashire County Council's Public Rights of Way section by email on PROW@lancashire.gov.uk, quoting the location, district and planning application number, to discuss their proposal before any development works begin.

Sustainability

The Site is within a sustainable location with good access to public transport and local amenities. There is a bus stop outside the site which serves a number of school bus services. There is also a bus stop on Preston Road which serves bus service No. 1 with regular services between Longridge and Preston.

Travel Plan

A Travel Plan comprising immediate, continuing and long-term measures to promote and encourage alternatives to single-occupancy car use shall be submitted to support sustainable transport objectives including a reduction in single occupancy car journeys and the increased use of public transport, walking & cycling.

Conditions

If the Planning Authority is minded to approve this application Lancashire County Council Highways requests the following conditions are appended to the decision notice:

1. The car parking and turning areas shown on the approved plan shall be provided in full and are available for use. The car parking and turning areas shall thereafter be kept available for the parking and manoeuvring of vehicles at all times.
Reason: To improve the provision of adequate car parking on site and in the interests of highway safety.
2. Secure cycle storage shall be provided within the development.
Reason: To promote sustainable transport as a travel option, encourage healthy communities and reduce carbon emissions.
3. The surface water from the approved car park should be collected within the site and drained to a suitable internal outfall. Prior to commencement of the development details of the drainage strategy shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details.
Reason: In the interest of highway safety to prevent water from discharging onto the public highway.
4. Within 6 months of commencement a Travel Plan comprising immediate, continuing and long-term measures to promote and encourage alternatives to single-occupancy car use has been prepared, submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved Travel Plan shall be implemented,

monitored, and reviewed in accordance with the agreed Travel Plan Targets to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In order to deliver sustainable transport objectives including a reduction in single occupancy car journeys and the increased use of public transport, walking & cycling.

Informative note:

- The grant of planning permission does not entitle a developer to obstruct a right of way and any proposed stopping-up or diversion of a right of way should be the subject of an Order under the appropriate Act. The applicant should be advised to contact Lancashire County Council's Public Rights of Way section by email on PROW@lancashire.gov.uk, quoting the location, district and planning application number, to discuss their proposal before any development works begin.

Yours sincerely

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