

PLANNING REF : 201573
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Arborfield Village Hall
: Eversley Road, Arborfield
: RG2 9PQ
SUBMITTED BY : Arborfield & Newland Parish Council
DATE SUBMITTED : 12/08/2020

COMMENTS:

The Parish Council is supportive of this application and is grateful to the developer for engaging with us throughout the application process. However, we do have one major concern which the developer is aware of: We are very concerned that the road layout from the A327 roundabout to the entrance of Bound Oak Industrial Park already has an unsafe pedestrian road crossing point for the public in general but, more specifically the residents of the Poperinghe estate and children walking to and from the local schools and feel the increased traffic from this development will exacerbate this. The Parish Council has discussed this with the developer and representatives of the local residents and agree with the view the residents have that the foot pathway at the right hand side of Poperinghe Way (as you enter it) needs to be extended to the dropped kerb crossing point from the Byway. This would make for a far safer crossing point and, given that the small amount of land required to create this pathway extension is owned by Highways, we strongly request that this work is undertaken as a part of the redevelopment.

The Parish Council also feels that consideration should be given to squaring up the exit from the roundabout to reduce the speed of traffic exiting the roundabout into the Poperinghe estate, Bound Oak and the traveller site and that better sign posting needs to be provided at the entrance to Poperinghe Way to identify it is a housing estate and a culdesac. The Parish Council also feels that the entrance to Poperinghe Way would benefit from double yellow lines to prevent parking that currently causes access difficulties for service and emergency vehicles.

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