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**From:** Bob Hinder (Cllr)  
**Sent:** 28 January 2019 10:27  
**To:** Richard Timms  
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Dear Richard

As Boxley Ward Members both Wendy and I would like to formally lodge objections, summarised below,, to this application and we wish this to be called to the Planning Committee.

1 There is no apparent demonstration for the need for these schools in this area. All current schools are coping with the intake and the schools are not situated in an area that demands need. This will facilitate many extra journeys on the road infrastructure which is already at a critical state.

2 The proposed SEND school will be taking students from a very wide catchment area - we are informed by the applicant that this could be as far away as Ashford therefore this school could be built in a different more convenient location which would not add to the traffic in the KIMS area.

3 Highway Safety - I refer to the recent meetings and there is a very apparent proposed situation whereby the safety of students attempting to travel to these schools on foot being placed at real peril from this very busy road. If they were travelling from the Bearsted direction, because the footpath crosses over to the other side of the road on more than one occasion there would be the real risk of an accident with resultant injuries.

4 There is clear indications that the Travel predictions are flawed. The figures quoted for foot travel are grossly over stated because these students will be coming from a much wider catchment area with a resulting larger percentage travelling by car. Furthermore I find the quoted figures for students travelling in taxis to the SEND schools also to be exaggerated - these students are noted to be difficult to manage when in groups and are more usually transported more on a one to one basis. This therefore indicates that the drop down areas proposed are inadequate.

5 Due to reasons given above I find the overall parking and drop down facilities proposed to be very inadequate.

6 we are very conscious of the need to not put students at increased risk of suffering ill health due to pollution levels. Because the proposed site will necessitate students walking quite long

distances beside a busy road at their height they are at risk from the pollution emitted from vehicles and must not be put in that situation.

7 By proposing to put the schools on this site it will necessitate removal of a very important wild life corridor which will have a huge impact on the remaining areas, in particular stopping wild life migrating toward Vinters Valley Nature Reserve putting that at real risk.

We have recently heard at a meeting with the MP Helen Whately that they are bringing forward a new amendment for the access to be through the KMC , however we feel this will fully address the parents parking along the Bearsted Road. There will still be a pedestrian access which will still encourage parents to stop and off their children causing traffic jams.

We held a recent meeting with local residents with a resulting large turnout and it was a resounding vote from them to object to this proposal. We are therefore taking into account the views of local residents who are all too aware of local infrastructure problems.

We thank you for your time in considering our responses.

Kind regards

Cllr,s Bob and Wendy Hinder

Councillor **Bob Hinder**

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