
TECHNICAL NOTE

Project Title: St. Stephens Fields, Horsted Keynes

Report Reference: JNY10084 - 05

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Application Ref: DM/20/4692- Land South of St. Stephens Church, Hamsland

Introduction

- 1.1 This Technical Note has been prepared to address comments provided by Dr. H.M Griffiths in respect to the above planning application. The points raised by Dr.H.M Griffiths are related to the parking survey that was carried out as part of the Transport Assessment work submitted in support of the above application.
- 1.2 The key findings by Dr. Griffiths are;
 - *Inaccurate Survey Sheets*
 - *Inappropriate methods of surveying the availability of parking spaces*
 - *Inaccurate measuring methods.*
- 1.3 Dr Griffiths makes reference to the Highway Code and that vehicles should not park with 10m of a junction and hence this area should be excluded from the area of potential parking. Whilst the highway code may advise this, there are no double yellow lines to enforce this and restrict parking as such vehicles do currently park close to junctions as demonstrated in the photos supplied by Dr. Griffiths and also those taken from Google Maps below.

Photo 01-View looking eastward along Hamsland at the junction with Challoners (West)



Extract from google maps

Photo 2 – View looking westward along Hamsland at junction with Challoners (East)



Extract from google Maps

- 1.4 Dr.Griffiths also suggests that driveways should also be excluded from the extent of area that vehicles can park, however this is a residential road and is considered only likely to be parked along by residents that live along this road or visitors to residents therefore parking across driveways will occur as demonstrated in Dr.Griffiths own photos (see below).



- 1.5 It is considered that it would not be correct to exclude parking at the junctions or in front of driveways as this does currently occur.
- 1.6 The parking survey was conducted in 2019 between the hours of 6am to 9pm on a weekday and on a weekend, this is considered to represent a worse case in terms of vehicle activity and vehicles parked. The survey conducted by Dr Griffiths was undertaken during the current Pandemic and as such there may have been more vehicles parked than would be considered a 'normal' situation but this would also have resulted in turn fewer vehicles travelling along Hamsland.
- 1.7 The purpose of the parking review was to identify if the existing parking that occurred along Hamsland impedes the flow of traffic, the survey company that carried out the survey stated that vehicles were able to manoeuvre easily without any issues, and the level of parking that was observed did not suggest that there were any existing issues.
- 1.8 The proposed development will have sufficient parking provided within the site to facilitate both resident vehicles and visitors according with West Sussex County Council parking guidance and therefore the existing capacity of on street parking along Hamsland would not be affected by the proposed development.
- 1.9 Overall it is considered that the survey carried out was representative of normal conditions and concluded that the movement of vehicles is not inhibited by parked vehicles and therefore even with an increase of traffic movements associated with the proposed development (1 vehicle every 2-3 mins in the peak periods) the flow of traffic movements along Hamsland would not be affected.