

Dear Team

As a local resident I am concerned at the proposal of doubling Redhill Primary School's capacity.

The roads in and around this area are already overloaded with vehicles especially during the school term (including school double decker buses and coaches trying to squeeze through small residential roads to gain access to other schools in the area in addition to city buses on their usual routes.)

Parking is at a premium and traffic during peak school run times and rush hour is gridlocked. There are no cycle ways for pupils to reach the many schools in this area safely, they often ride at speed on the pavements or are forced onto the road among heavy areas of traffic. Many areas in and around Redhill do not have suitable pavement access by foot (or for smaller children on scooters or in buggy's.) They are either too narrow or missing entirely, neither are the roads and pavements correctly maintained but usually "patched up". This is before any construction work has started at the enormous site of St Mary's.

The current infrastructure just cannot cope.

Have any plans been made to address the fundamental issues of vehicle, cycling and pedestrian access and parking?

How will additional buses access the area?

Will the access to Red Hill C of E Primary School be changed via London Road?

How will increased footfall in this area affect pedestrian/ pupil safety?

What plans are there for additional much needed crossings for school children and how will this affect traffic flow?

The current speed limit in this area is 20mph, the signs and road markings are not well maintained therefore not easily visible and the speed limit is never enforced, what traffic calming measures are proposed to prevent pedestrian bike and vehicle collisions?

How will the arrival of construction traffic, contractor's vehicles and heavy plant for Redhill School and St Mary's affect the vehicle, cycle and pedestrian access not just to Redhill but to other schools in the area?

We recently endured the closure of Battenhall Road, Athelston Road and Timberdine Avenue this summer due to "essential works" (some of which are still ongoing) the resulting traffic chaos that ensued was "Dante-esque"

With the proposed arrival of an additional 210 pupils how will "essential road works" be managed both during the proposed extension of the school site, the modification of the St Mary's site and inevitable future works once expansion/ construction is completed?

Has any road usage\traffic\footfall census been done recently in this area?

These are genuine concerns and common sense questions.

I fully recognise that there is a very real need for expansion of schools in Worcester.

However not before the infrastructure in and around those schools is properly assessed and plans set in place for expansion, modification and provision for all pedestrians, drivers, cyclists and residents alike, before any works begin.

I look forward to your response.