

TRAFFIC

The Traffic Assessment filed on behalf of Denmead/Hampton School fails to capture the traffic situation in Gloucester Road, where the school's pedestrian and vehicle access is located. It is clear to anyone who lives in the area that there is a traffic problem at Denmead drop off and pick up times. Our neighbours' survey shows a severe problem with frequent road blockages and parking across residents' driveways. Residents find the current problems close to intolerable.

There are also traffic problems in Carlisle Road and Scotts Drive, and further problems in Wensleydale Gardens and Road (these two are also affected by the school's main site in Wensleydale Road).

The applicant's proposed Travel Plan is based on inadequate data, and the predicted changes in modal split and especially reductions in car traffic are not justified either by the school's experience with its existing travel plan, or any reasonable comparison data.

The plan to bring more pupils across Carlisle Park is uncertain and likely to raise access and parking problems.

The unavoidable conclusion is that any increase in pupil numbers would make the traffic situation even worse. The proposed development conflicts with planning policy in respect of the traffic impact.