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Dear Nora,

**Re: Children Management Plan in relation to application 2019/1447/P**

Further to our recent correspondence, we wanted to set out the Child Management Plan associated with the proposed temporary modular teaching classrooms. Pupil safety is of course of the highest importance to the Hall School management, who do not take this matter lightly.

It is important to note that the Hall School is made up of three separate school sites, which currently operate with a level of inter-dependency between the three sites (two on Crossfield Road and one on Belsize Park). For instance, assemblies for the school take place at the Hall School, Senior School at 23 Crossfield Road, and it is commonplace for pupils from one school site to attend events at another site. As a result, the School is well versed in managing the safe passage of pupils between sites and the school has an exemplary safety record which is committed to continuing. There are currently no planning controls in place related to children management between the sites, and this arrangement has operated safely and successfully for a number of years.

The proposed installation of a small amount of temporary accommodation within an existing operational school site will not result in any additional impact on the local transport system, or raise new child management issues. Accordingly, we do not consider that it is necessary for additional planning controls to be attached to the planning permission for temporary accommodation.

At present the school employs a dedicated Traffic Safety Assistant, who is posted on Crossfield Road throughout the school day. The Assistant's job is to ensure the safe passage of pupils between the School's Junior School and Senior School sites, which are both located on Crossfield Road. The Assistant will continue their role throughout the entire period that the temporary accommodation is in place. In essence, their role will continue to operate as it does at present, and there will no significant operational changes to how the school functions.

The number of pupils on site will not increase as a result of the proposals. Nor will the pupils' preferred modes of transport to the school be altered. The temporary accommodation simply replaces existing teaching spaces which will be unavailable during construction works which are being undertaken under planning permission 2019/1325/P, which involves a redevelopment of the Hall School Senior School.



The school's operational hours will remain unchanged. Typical hours are from 08:00 to 17:15, details. The pupils arrive between 08:00 and 08:15. The school ends at 15:55, followed by a variety of after school activities available between 16:00 and 17:00. These hours are not currently controlled by planning condition and the school will continue to operate the same hours whilst the temporary accommodation is in place. In essence, the school will continue to operate as normal. An area of playground is retained to the rear of the school buildings, ensuring that pupils using the temporary accommodation continue to have ease of access to outdoor amenity space. There will be no new amenity issues associated with the temporary accommodation, which simply replaces existing teach space within an operational school site for a temporary period of time.

Access to the site will continue to be from Crossfield Road, as is the existing situation. Pupil access and egress into the occupied areas will also be separated from the construction contractors access and egress in order to eliminate risks borne from the demolition and construction works. During the enabling works and temporary accommodation phase, the existing escape route around the Wathen Hall will be retained for both pupils and construction workers as an alternative means of escape from the playground. Once demolition of the existing buildings is complete a separate alternative means of escape route for the pupils will be established.

The temporary accommodation will not be installed until the construction works associated with 2019/1325/P (for the redevelopment of the site) are ready to commence on-site. That planning permission is subject to a number of pre-commencement conditions and S106 legal obligations which must be discharged before works commence on site.

A key obligation within the S106 agreement, required before any construction works commence, is the provision of a detailed Construction Management Plan. A key tenet of this Construction Management Plan is the management of the construction process to ensure highways safety for all members of the public, including local residents, businesses and, of course, school pupils. Notwithstanding, that the school will continue to function and operate in the same manner as it currently does, the provision of a detailed Construction Management Plan will provide Officers will additional guarantees that child management will be carefully controlled.

A draft Construction Management Plan was submitted with planning application 2019/1325/P and this identifies that Traffic Marshals, whose role is to ensure the safe passage of pedestrians, cyclists and motor traffic in the street, will be present at all stages throughout the construction process. The applicant is currently preparing a detailed Final Construction Management Plan which is required to discharge the planning obligation. This will provide an even greater level of detail to demonstrate that highway safety for all highways users, including pupils, will be maintained at all times.

Construction traffic will be scheduled to occur in the period between the end of school drop-off and the beginning of school pick-up. No construction traffic will be permitted at the beginning and end of the school day. This is to avoid construction plant traffic and construction staff traffic mixing with school traffic; in particular pupils and parents walking or cycling to school, or pupils being dropped off/picked up by car/taxi.

In conclusion, the temporary accommodation will not increase the number of pupils on the site. There is already a level of inter-dependence between the School's three sites, with pupils often travelling between the sites. To ensure the safety and management of pupils (and all highways users) at all

times, Traffic Marshals will be employed, in addition to the existing Traffic Safety Assistant. Further details will be provided within the detailed Construction Management Plan which is currently being prepared by the applicant.

We trust that you have all the information necessary to recommend approval of the planning application. Should you require anything further please contact me. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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