

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2021/2841/P	Slaney Devlin	29/10/2021 23:20:39	SUPC	<p>Somers Town Neighbourhood Forum strongly supports Euston Foodbank having a new home, where all food and other items can be properly stored in one location and where food bank users can be treated with dignity. We are painfully aware that the existing premises at Lancing Street are cramped and that food bank users have to queue in the rain on the street in what is often a hostile environment.</p> <p>We are also aware that Euston Foodbank has provided a vital service to the community during the pandemic, when demand for their services spiralled as local people found their zero hour contracts terminated without notice and many families struggled with food poverty. We expect demand on the food bank to continue following recent cuts to Universal Credit and as inflation adds pressure to struggling family budgets.</p> <p>The old St Aloysius Infants School at 28 Phoenix Road is currently unused and seems a good location, being close to the existing site, with excellent public transport links. An outdoor cover means food bank users could, if necessary, queue to enter the premises without getting wet.</p> <p>We are concerned about the access arrangements for vehicles to what was the school playground. Access through what was the pupil entrance on Phoenix Road is behind roadside railings with a gap for crossing the road. Though possible, it is less than ideal for vehicles to cross an extended pavement area. Particular care would need to be taken during school start and end, as the pupil entrance for Maria Fidelis School is close by and the pavement is full of schoolchildren at these times. The Forum would like to see restrictions on deliveries by motorised vehicles at these times. Ideally, as part of the Phoenix Road Greening Project, the roadside railings would be removed and a proper entrance to 28 Phoenix Road would be created.</p> <p>We understand that 30 Phoenix Road would not change use as part of this application and remains a site for educational use.</p>

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