



13 January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

You may recall that before Christmas we shared with you a response written by the Governing Body to the consultation on the Pre Submission Local Plan.

It has come to our attention that immediately prior to Christmas Taylor Wimpey submitted an application for outline planning permission for 742 houses to the south of Berkhamsted on Green Belt land adjacent to the Hall Park Gate area, the traffic for which will exit onto the Chesham Road via Ashlyns Grove.

Whilst we would not normally write to you about specific planning applications we are concerned about the impact of this development upon the town but particularly upon the traffic around Shootersway which may impact some of you – amongst other things the proposals seem to indicate that there will be no right turn at the main traffic lights in the centre of town to the A41 etc from the west of town (Northchurch end) with the result that traffic attempting to access that route is likely to be pushed up Darrs Lane/Durrants Lane/Cross Oak Road and along Shootersway.

If you wish to respond to the application, you will need to do so **by Tuesday 21 January 2025** and take the following steps:

Visit <https://planning.dacorum.gov.uk/publicaccess>

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Go to online/web comments tab

Register to upload comments or login if you have already taken this step.

Alternatively write to the planning officer at DBC who we believe to be Briony Curtin, DBC, Development Management, The Forum, Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1DN

As at today's date, 146 comments have been lodged in objection with none in support. It is important that responses are made per person and not per household - numbers count.

There is a meeting of the Berkhamsted Town Council Planning Committee this evening at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre at 7.30pm. If you wish to make your views known it is open to all.

Kind regards

Katharine Ellwood and Elizabeth O'Reilly

