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Hi Jez  
Hope you had a nice weekend.  
Please see below for your CPO case.  
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Good morning

Before I comment, I would like to start by saying I am no NIMBY. My father was a senior planning officer in Northern Ireland, and regularly imposed CPOs on (typically) unwilling farmers! So I do have empathy with your challenge. However, as I am sure you know: "The 2013 Stage 1 Road Safety Audit that was prepared for the planning submission is now **over five years old**, and has **expired**. Current guidance for Road Safety Audits places significant weight on:

- the needs of specific road users (e.g. **children** and those with reduced mobility),
- specific traffic conditions such as outside **schools**,
- conflict with parked cars.

Therefore, I remain significantly concerned with the current traffic situation at the school, which has continued to worsen over the years since I have been the HT at Birdham CE Primary School. Further to the previous concerns I have raised, two particularly pertinent questions remain:

1. **Despite requests, CDC has failed to provide any evidence** to Birdham CE Primary School that
  - a. no adverse effect on the safe use of adjacent land will occur as a result of the proposed access road;
  - b. the design accommodates the specific road users associated with the school; and
  - c. traffic using the access road will not be in conflict with parked cars?
2. **Any Stage 1 and Stage 2 Road Safety Audits** to ensure safety measures are properly thought through should have been completed in consultation with key stakeholders, including the school, before deciding whether to proceed with the CPO?

I would further reiterate that as a previous West Sussex Education Adviser I have visited in excess of 100 primary schools. **Not one** has a residential access road immediately opposite school gates – and for clear and obvious reasons!!

I am happy to be involved in any consultations should you require any assistance.

Kind regards



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