

Appendix 2

A summary of the comments received from neighbours and the general public in support of the proposed development.

- This would be an essential and much needed facility for the school, which needs the extra space the proposed building would provide, as it is currently oversubscribed.
- The school provides a fantastic education with Ofsted rating of 'Outstanding' and the proposal would enhance the provision, to the benefit of the school and the children/ students and can only be an additional asset to the town of Hitchin
- The school needs to expand to provided pupil numbers /spaces and it is good to see investment in this provision.
- The current music facilities at the school are inadequate and this proposal would be a great benefit/ facility for the school
- Whilst I sympathise with the residents of Archers Court, this is something you should anticipate when buying next to a school.
- The overwhelming gains by far out way the change of a view for a few.
- Any concerns regarding noise & nuisance during construction is a simple management issue & will only be short term.
- No one owns the view out of their window, one could argue why would you build a residential home in the middle of a busy town centre where risk of future development is high. Archers Court should not rely nor assume they can own the right to maintain the view across the land of the school.
- Loss of privacy can be avoided by any widow on the facing elevation being opaque.
- Any potential noise disturbance can be addressed using modern methods of construction noise pollution from within the building can be controlled.
- In terms of overshadowing/ loss of light, Archers Court faces north towards their boundary with the School so loss of direct sunlight would be minimal.
- This scheme leaves much of the land at HBS available for the wide and varied sporting activities offered at the school - another of its strengths.
- The school have been through a very lengthy process with a number of professionals and the Governing Body is convinced that this is the only viable location where we can achieve the school objectives.
- If the proposal does obscure their view of the students during PE lessons then I believe from a child protection point of view this is even more paramount. The safety, wellbeing and future of young learners should be paramount and not be based on the desires of people who wish to watch students during their lessons.

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