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Dear Bradford Council Planning Dept

Planning App 24/04213/MAF Ilkley Grammar School rebuilding-  
Update of information

Ilkley Civic Society is disappointed not to have received a detailed response from CBMC to our open letter of 25<sup>th</sup> August. Only an acknowledgement from CBMC Planning enforcement has been received, this puzzles us as our main comment was a lack of planning conditions leaving the council with nothing to enforce? Our concern is still over the lack of traffic management measures around the school as the works take place over the next **four** years. Car parking on site is currently vastly reduced, but this will improve slightly when the new 43 place car park is shortly completed off Cowpasture Rd added to the 65 spaces now in use at Craiglands Hotel. The remaining IGS parking and growing numbers of B & K contractors' vehicles for operatives are finding places on current uncontrolled streets including the busy section of Cowpasture Rd above the mini roundabout, all in addition to existing users. Parking on Wheatley Rd has increased considerably since work started, on both sides down most of the road and it is disappointing to see, in particular at the top end, much of it is partly on the pavement.

The separate issue of deliveries of materials needs clear signed routes to the site main entrance on Springs Lane as well as the timed booking system already in use. Our suggestions where for temporary TRO's (Traffic Regulation Orders) for traffic management (In italics below), being applied as conditions to the grant of planning but this did not happen. Some issues have already arisen during the recent drainage works (when Springs Lane was closed) and the more recent Northern Powergrid works (not part of B & K works) but disruptive nevertheless) when contractors vehicles were waiting to access the site, parking on footpaths and having to use the footpath to turn into the site. This will hopefully not occur in future according to the contractor (B & K) who ICS met on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sept to discuss the issues below to hopefully influence a positive solution for the benefit of all-

*'-on Cowpasture Rd, including potentially removing the road humps to reduce vibration to premises from so many large construction vehicles.*

*- temporary TROs at the junction of Wheatley Rd / Bolling Rd and Springs Lane need careful consideration to manage site vehicle flow.*

*-a ban on all HGV's using The Grove.*

*- additional temporary residents parking only on some local streets eg Springfield Av and Wharfedale Dr at the very least '*

*We also suggested an offsite holding area for HGV's should be available to avoid queuing of contractors' delivery vehicles near the site.*

Since the 5<sup>th</sup> Sept , on 2 days site cabins arrived via Springs lane just before 08.00hrs and had to wait until after 09.00hrs until school traffic cleared , they waited on the car parking spaces outside the hospital until access onto site was available which was not in accordance with the agreed CEMP. We also note the loss of spaces along the frontage of The Craiglands Hotel, currently with no waiting cones, to allow turning space for large vehicles to access this side of the site which more thought and TRO's would have covered .

The B & K site is still in the process of being set up and as the CEMP document, that includes the designated route to site via Cowpasture Rd, was written in April 2025 by their HQ staff and approved by CBMC may now need some discussion as currently all 'large' delivery vehicles should pass in front of IGS (outside school start and finish times). Clearly this agreed route is not being used all the time and we hope CBMC and B&K can resolve this issue to provide the safest route to site and install appropriate road signing so the all drivers and residents are aware of the correct routes. B&K have confirmed to us that any extra-large deliveries are likely to take place in the early evening. They also plan to issue a second newsletter shortly and cover a wider area for circulation and circulate the local press.

There is still time to introduce measures that will assist all concerned, local residents, school traffic and the contractors as well as reducing the risk of damage to the environment due to congestion and improve safety on the roads. We look forward to a response to the town of Ilkley from Bradford council

Yours sincerely,

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Copies to B&K, IGS, District Clrs, Ilkley Town council, MP (Robbie Moore), WYPolice.

Copies of our full comments to the planning application can be found on our website.  
Copies of the grant of planning decision notice and the CEMP can be found on Bradford council planning website for application no 24/04213/MAF  
Copy of our earlier letter of 25<sup>th</sup> August and this letter will also be placed on our website.