

Thank you Chairman.

I come here today to ask for a refusal.

At the last Plans 4 meeting Cllr Lymer asked for a deferral for data to be collected for a parking stress survey to be undertaken for when one class at Studio 74 ends and another one starts.

The previous parking stress surveys undertaken were done mid class, not taking into account the change over periods, which takes place many times, every single day.

The report you have been given this evening says on the third page: "the previous report is repeated below". The previous report obviously gives no reference to the most recent parking survey, so should be completely discounted.

The new parking survey which is hardly mentioned in the report demonstrates completely what residents have to put up with.

The new parking survey say that at the time of 17:15 on a Fri note, the parking stress was 120%. This is not an anomaly.

The parking stress test says that this is the busiest time of the week but this is incorrect. As you can see from the print out of the lessons schedule in front of you, there were numerous times of day that Cllr Lymer could have chosen.

Studio 74 directly opposite the site has 5 studios. Every week there are over 100 classes. On top of this they have parties, holiday courses and workshops and a website hiring out the studios when there are no classes. Additionally, Southborough Library is immediately adjacent to the Studio, and a new supermarket is proposed at the corner of Salisbury Road and Crown Lane as well.

The additional negative impact of that clearly cannot be objectively assessed and included in the parking survey as it hasn't happened yet.

The crux of the matter is that residents simply have no let up, and for the report to state that the loss of one parking space is immaterial, it demonstrates a complete misunderstanding as to the intensity of the parking spikes which St Augustine's Avenue continues to suffer from.

The parking survey itself instructs us that there is not enough parking, and its impact is continually replicated on a routine basis.

We also know as local Councillors that an addition of 4 houses doesn't mean that there are only 4 cars needed as well.

I suspect that a fair number of Cllrs and Officers sitting at this table this evening, as well as visiting Members of the Public, live in households with more than one car themselves.

Add to that, that the photographs you have been sent and which sit before you this evening, evidence that there is simply not enough parking as things stand today.

It is for that reason that I respectfully ask that the committee refuse this application on the grounds of overdevelopment and insufficient parking.