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Subject: Planned P5 Car Park & 250m Footpath to school

Dear Coordinator
Sorry for this late email.

The planned Car Park and footpath would affect us all adversely:-

1. Car Park P5

Whilst it sounds a good idea it would not deter parents to park 250 metres from the school, even further than they do now, especially in inclement weather.

They do not bother walking presently & will be less inclined to in future.

Why should parents on the other east side of the village drive past the school (when it takes 10 seconds to drop them off) to park at the western extremity at P5 and then walk back where they have just come from towards the school and then back to car at P5 (a total of 500 metres). Also when collecting from school, they would not like either themselves nor their child walking 250 metres on their own. See also Doc Martin's comments on white elephant footpaths constructed 30 yrs ago for similar aims.

2. The New Footpath behind nearly all Dairy Farm houses

Residents may have to erect a higher fence for security & privacy from this footpath and consider losing their rural idyll views to the back / north.

In recent months neighbours have been alerted to potential burglars using Taylors Field to look at Dairy Farm houses viewed from the back during daylight hours. One house was burgled many years ago by intrusion from the back. The lack of any access here keeps crime down.

Generally:-

A car park at P5 would have to have an overhead gantry to prevent vans & lorries due to overhead cables and underground water mains to Swindon. This would be an eye sore.

The green field would be lost forever and is a haven for wildlife and birds e.g. rare adders and rare Bull-Finches to name but two.

It would create a precedent for the adjacent Taylors Field plan once again in the future.

Because P5 would be unsupervised potential for unwelcome crime is there e.g. drug exchanges on this rat-run road between major urban areas etc