

As a local resident in Dunstan Grove, I lodge my objection to the proposed Lindfield Learning Village Stages 2 and 3.

Whoever design this loop road for the school, the person never experiences what's the current situation of Dunstan Grove. Currently, there are roughly 350 people live in there and this is ONLY way for us go in and out. Dunstan Grove is narrow and curved road, it is already very tight for cars to pass each other, with limited sight lines. We've already had hundreds car go in and out. I DON'T think it can accommodate further 350 cars and 14 buses in the morning and afternoon during school period. And I'm sure these are conservative estimates from school. This equates to a car every 20 seconds and a bus every 8 minutes. If residents have any emergency service required, I don't think ambulance or fire fighter truck can make their way. This is serious consequence we are going to suffer.

Safety issue is the biggest concern of this loop road proposal. Again, Dunstan Grove is narrow and curved road, the curve part is a bit blind spot, it's very easy to cause car accident. There is no assessment of how buses can fit down the road safely with traffic travelling in the opposite direction. Schools Infrastructure has made NO attempt to demonstrate investigation of alternatives to the proposed Loop Road. School Infrastructure have clearly chosen the cheapest and easiest option for themselves, at the expense of the Dunstan Grove community, who will experience significant road and safety issues and increased congestion. Our Committee has provided 2 alternative proposals that keep the traffic on the eastern side of the site (within the school boundary) which would remove these safety issues. I want these to be further considered.

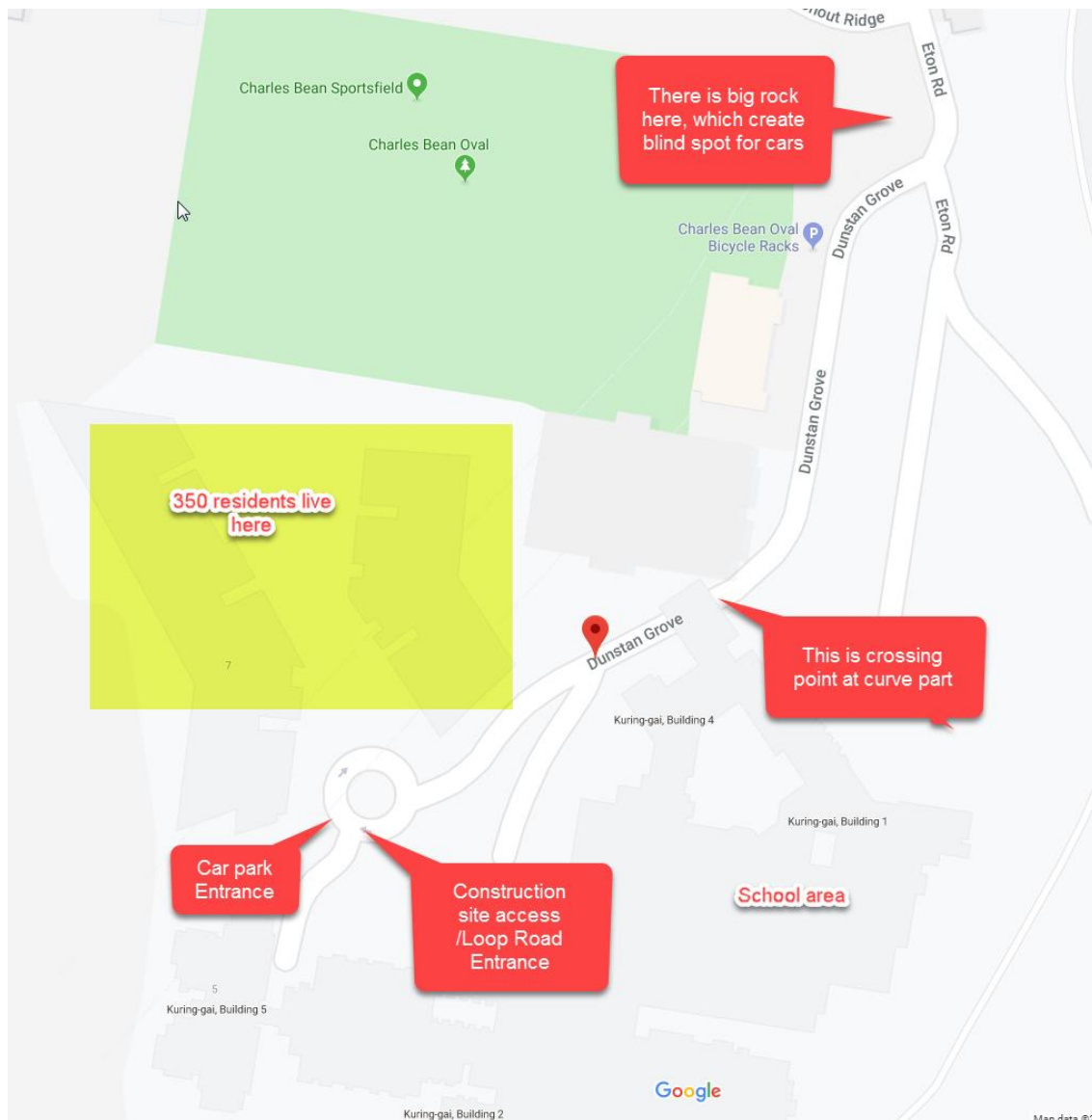
Further is our pedestrian safety, our residents and school children must cross Dunstan Grove to get to school or bus stop. The current unmarked crossing is on a blind corner and is already very dangerous with the current light traffic. This will become extremely dangerous with the proposed increased traffic. There is no consideration in the proposal about how this will be dealt with.

With traffic increase, noise issue comes along with it. The noise report only considers noise impact once the cars and buses are inside the school grounds. It gives no consideration to now bringing all the school traffic within 10 metres of our residential buildings. This will have a huge impact on our residents and has not been addressed at all.

Parking is another serious issue. There will be 300 staff in the school by 2022, but there are only 160 parking spots in the school, the rest of staff going to park off street. Which create a lot congestion along Eton Road, Shout Ridge, Abingdon Road, Winchester Avenue. Currently we've start to experience parent drop their kids randomly along Dunstan Grove, or sometime double parking on Dunstan Grove. When students are getting more, this situation will become worse. The proposal is highly optimistic and indeed unrealistic in not predicting that unacceptable extra congestion of the surrounding road system.

Further to above, Construction Management Plan for Stage 2 and 3 now shows the main site access being directly at our driveway and buildings. We will experience more noise and impact from this site access than in stage 1. There is no reason for it to be there, when they can access the site from the existing roads on the eastern side. I want this plan changed to enforce access from the eastern side of the school. This was also requested by our Owners Committee and ignored. We've experience long delay during stage 1 construction, sometimes I need to wait up to 10 minutes just to get on Eton road, I can't imagine how worse it can be to bring construction site access right next to our driveway.

The map in the proposal is bit misleading, it doesn't show the surrounding apartments near school, which mislead people to believe loop road might work if you are not living there, but the reality is not. I really hope the decision makers should come visit Dunstan Grove once, you might surprise how narrow the road is and doubt the possibility of this loop road. I also include a copy of map point out some issue here.



Dunstan Grove committee has been constantly seeking update from School Infrastructure, but there is zero reply in the past several months. All of sudden, the proposal is released and rush through before Christmas. This has not been given adequate time for proper consultation with local residents. Why rush? What's Integrity of their report?

Overall, this proposal is done badly, it's lack of consideration and assessment. The Department must not rush the planning process and give proper consideration of the community's objections, particularly given the errors, misleading statements and inadequate assessment in the RTS submitted.