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To: Michael Briginshaw – Planning Officer
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Re: FORMER NORTHWOOD POLICE STATION, 2 MURRAY ROAD, NORTHWOOD:

The Application references are:
46639/APP/2022/60 - change of use
46639/APP/2022/56 – alterations

We write further to our earlier comments regarding the above two planning applications.

We note that there is now a Transport Scoping Note on the portal and the NRA has the following comments:

The police station has not been used for many years. Traffic around Northwood has increased significantly over recent years and is already at saturation point at many times of the week, including Friday afternoons and every day when it is the drop-off or collection times of the schools.

Using a single photograph from 2015 is unlikely to be representative.

There has also been a significant increase in Parking Management Schemes which has reduced on-street parking.

Concern continues over the stated aim by Iron Aid to attract their community from outside Northwood. They have already explained how the majority live in Pinner, and that they will be actively seeking to attract additional attendees from Eastcote and Ruislip. Therefore only a minority of their members will be based and live in Northwood whereas the adverse impact caused by additional traffic on those living in Northwood will be unfair to the Northwood residents.

We know Iron Aid are saying alternatives are available but we question whether “encouraging” their use is likely to alter the method of transport used by those coming from outside Northwood other than by car.

The Transport Scoping Note states some already parked in Green Lane when using the Church in Hallowell Road. That is acknowledging that they are choosing not to use public transport up to now, so why should they, or others, in the future? It shows the actual preferred method being used. Equally, it shows that the car is the chosen method of travel even though they could have come by bus or tube because the station and the bus stops are much closer to Hallowell Road.



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Given that the adverse impact of traffic is a major reason for objections, are you going to advise all of those who have submitted objections that this Report has been added to the portal?

Will you really be relying on answers given in a survey by those who will be travelling to Northwood, or making your own assessments on the likelihood given experience elsewhere?

In the same vein, I hope that Iron Aid insisting you agree the method of assessment they are proposing, will not bind you into accepting the answers alone. It can only be once the survey is submitted that it can be judged in the round.

The survey results should be put on the portal.

Is the intention now to delay the application going to Committee until a meaningful survey has been provided? We note the decision by date has been put back to 4th November 2022.

We will appreciate hearing from you

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