


Project Profile :: Traffic and Transport

St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls

Client: St Philomena's Catholic High School

Scott White and Hookins' Role:

 Traffic and Transport

In recent years, a need for more school places has meant that many existing schools need to expand and provide new classroom accommodation. St Philomena's is a faith school in Surrey, located in a suburban area close to the town centres of Sutton and Carshalton.

SWH produced a Transport Statement in support of their application. The Local Highway Authority also required us to carry out a Parking Stress Survey in the local area to demonstrate that sufficient car parking was available to mitigate the impact of additional pupils being picked up and dropped off on surrounding roads.

The application went to Planning Committee, where local opposition was given significant weight, and the decision was initially deferred. SWH then produced a 300m "Voluntary Exclusion Zone" around the school where parents would be told not to park during the morning and afternoon peaks. This still allowed plentiful opportunities to park in the wider area, within 10 minutes' walking distance of the site.

SWH were successful in gaining Planning Permission for the school expansion at the next Committee meeting.

