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Sent: 21 November 2025 13:53
To: Cooke, Jacob (Senior Planning Officer)
Subject: FW: Highway Response 25 0874 Pillbox Hall, 13A Church Street

From: Jackson, Kevin (Traffic Transport & Development Engineer) <Kevin.Jackson@newport.gov.uk>
Sent: 17 November 2025 10:09
To: Cooke, Jacob (Senior Planning Officer) <Jacob.Cooke@newport.gov.uk>
Cc: Foote, Adam (West Area Development Manager) <Adam.Foote@newport.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Highway Response 25 0874 Pillbox Hall, 13A Church Street

Hi Jacob

I am content to accept these arrangements. The key is not having children in the service yard and having small staggered classes. Parents often use cars unnecessarily (eg when late or in bad weather), but of course many will walk anyway, so the numbers are inevitably small and impact modest if even noticeable.

Regards
Kevin

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Sent: 17 November 2025 09:24
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Good morning,

I see that Jacob is on annual leave at present. In his absence, please see response for the query raised below.

I am issuing this to yourself as we are at a time critical stage with regards to this scheme now.

As reported previously, we have until 01st December to receive feedback from planning or our client (charitable cause) will lose their funding allocation.

Thank you very much for your continued co-operation.

Best wishes



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Jacob,

Thank you for your email below and subsequent attachments.

Please see below the response from our client in this regard.

We thank the Highways Officer for the detailed comments and welcome the opportunity to provide further clarification regarding parking demand, drop-off arrangements and safe access in relation to the proposed change of use.

Scale of Provision and Staffing Requirements

Due to the limited size of the building and the nature of the proposed use, class numbers will be very small. Daytime provision will accommodate a maximum of 10 children, increasing to 15 children at peak times (evenings). This results in very low staff requirements with only two staff members on site at any one time. Consequently, only two dedicated parking spaces are required for staff. No on-site parking is proposed or required for visitors.

Parking Provision and Allocation

The building is owned by the Pill Millennium Trust, who also own the Pill Millennium Centre. All parking associated with the proposed use will utilise the Pill Millennium Centre car park, which is approximately a five-minute walk from the application site. This will operate as the main designated car park for both staff and any visitors who specifically require parking.

This arrangement will be clearly communicated at the point of booking and reinforced within the welcome information provided to all attendees.

In the event that parking at Pill Millennium Centre is busy, there are several public parking options nearby, including:

- Residential on-street parking on Church Street and surrounding streets (limited daytime availability),*
- The public car park at the bottom of Courtybella Terrace*
- The public car park at Mill Parade.*

Drop-Off / Pick-Up Arrangements

As with our main headquarters in Caldicot, the vast majority of users will utilise a drop-off/pick-up model with no need for parents to park. To prevent any build-up of vehicles, session times have been deliberately staggered, ensuring no crossover between classes.

Children arriving by car will be dropped at the front of the building, entering directly via the front entrance and lobby. Drivers will then continue along Church Street / St Michael Street / Clarence Street / Potter Street to re-join the main road network. This forward-flow arrangement removes the need for turning manoeuvres and mitigates the risk of congestion.

Pedestrian Access and Safety within the Yard/Car Park Area

Visitors who park at Pill Millennium Centre and walk to the building will access the reception area via the side of the building. In these cases, children will be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times.

During informal consultation with adjacent businesses, it was confirmed that vehicle movements within the service yard are minimal, further reducing conflict risk.

All departures from the building will take place through the lobby door directly onto the residential pavement, ensuring pedestrians do not need to navigate through the shared service yard.

Sustainable Travel

Current usage data shows that over 35% of our existing service users walk to sessions, and we expect this proportion to increase at the proposed location, given the residential catchment. Sustainable travel will be proactively encouraged through incentivised pricing for those who walk, bike or use public transport.

A dedicated indoor storage area for scooters and bikes will be provided within the reception area to support active travel.

In summary, while we acknowledge the sensitivity of the surrounding roads and shared service yard, the very small class sizes, staggered timings, forward-flow drop-off system, and designated off-site parking at Pill Millennium Centre ensure that the proposals will not adversely impact highway safety or amenity. We trust that the above information provides sufficient clarity and addresses the concerns raised.

We remain committed to working with Highways to ensure safe, manageable and sustainable access to the site and welcome further communication should they have any remaining concerns.

Please could we kindly request you pass our response on to the highways officer.

With best wishes

From: Cooke, Jacob (Senior Planning Officer) <Jacob.Cooke@newport.gov.uk>

Sent: 10 November 2025 06:11

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Dear L Groves,

Regarding the above site, the Highways Officer has requested some further information as attached.

Can you please provide the additional information by the 24th November?

Kind regards,

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Highway comments attached.

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