

**Item 3 - Land to the rear of 62 - 67 Church Street, Micheldever**  
**Case No 06/00861/FUL**

Planning Considerations - additional Highways information

There were initial concerns relating to this application, as the highway engineer had previously raised objections to a previous scheme on land to the rear Bryony Cottage. Since then discussions have taken place between the applicant and Hampshire County Council as highway authority over possible improvement measures. A scheme for extending the existing build-outs at the Rook Lane / Church Street junction was dismissed by the highway authority. Whilst this would have improved visibility at the junction, it was felt that it would push parked cars closer to the primary school.

Observations taken from a number of site visits revealed that pedestrians travelling to and from the school from Dever Close do not cut through and use Rook Lane. The section of Church Street between Rook Lane and Dever Close does not have a continuous footway, and cars are often parked in this section of carriageway forcing pedestrians into the road. Hampshire County Council have investigated the possibility of providing a footpath link between these two roads, which would improve visibility at the Rook Lane junction, remove the parked cars and provide a safe means of access for pedestrians between Dever Close and the school.

These works would form part of a larger scheme which would be undertaken in consultation with local stakeholders i.e. the School, the Parish Council and local Members. The securing of a developer contribution would also trigger additional funding from the Safer Routes to Schools Initiative, and the Safer Routes to Schools Officer at HCC has been involved.

The development is likely to generate an additional 2 to 3 car trips in the morning peak period. Hampshire County Council feel the implementation of the suggested improvement scheme negates any additional impact which the development might bring, and are raising no objections.