



Hampshire
County Council

Pre-planning Consultation – proposal to build a new 315 place primary school on land at Hazelton Farm (Land East of Horndean)

Hampshire County Council proposal to submit a planning application for a new primary school at Land at East of Horndean, Hazelton Farm.

We are running a consultation from **Monday 9 February to Monday 16 March 2026**.

Why do you need a new school?

The need for additional school places arises from the Land East of Horndean development which has created demand for a new primary school to accommodate the expected increase in pupil numbers and to serve the families living on the development.

Predicting school place demand is a complex task. Where children go to school involves a range of different factors such as housing growth, inward and outward population migration as well as parental preference. As a result, planning for school places uses historical trends, immunisation and vaccination data, and some assumptions rather than certainties. While pupil forecasts are derived from sound methodology, external influences mean student forecasts come without a guarantee.

Why is the school being built as a 315 place primary school?

The school is being built with the capacity of 315 places (45 places per age group) in order to accommodate the expected yield from the new housing development at Land East of Horndean, plus the development at Land East of Horndean, Rowlands Castle Road.

What will be the impact on other local primary schools?

The new primary school is expected to open with a single Year R class in September 2029 and will grow incrementally each year. As it will fill from the lowest year group upwards, it will take seven years for the school to reach a full complement of year groups.

It is expected that as there will be enough pupils living within the new development for the new school so the impact on other local primary schools within the planning area will be minimal.

Will the school have a Resourced Provision (RP) for children with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)?

The school will have a Resourced Provision supporting pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and who require additional specialist support. The specific designation of the Resourced Provision has yet to be determined. The Resourced Provision would open in phases and pupils are placed into the provision by the Hampshire County Council Special Educational Needs Service.

What building works will be taking place?

Construction of a new two storey school and associated external and landscaping works. Proposed drawings have been published on the consultation website for you to view.

When will the building works start?

Building works are expected to start in Spring/Summer 2028, subject to planning consent.

How will construction traffic be managed?

A Construction Traffic Management Plan will be developed to ensure safe and considerate movement of vehicles around the site during the construction period. Typically, this would be prepared and submitted to the local planning authority for approval as a pre-commencement planning condition. It will be publicly available to view once submitted and validated by the council, before construction works begin.

What about the impact on traffic due to the new school?

The County Council appreciates that local residents will be concerned about potential traffic implications due to the new school. By planning to create school places on an accessible site, as close as possible to where children live, we create the best chance for those children to travel to school in an active, sustainable way, using means of travel other than the car.

This is supported through the production of a Framework School Travel Plan, to be submitted as part of the planning application. The Framework School Travel Plan will set out a range of tools and measures to enable staff, families, pupils and visitors to make informed decisions about how they travel to and from school. The Hampshire County Council Travel Planning Team will work with the school before and after opening to put these measures in place and help minimise any impact on the environment and local community that the school run may cause.

Once the school is open and operating, a travel plan steering/working group will be established to develop a Full School Travel Plan. This group will include members of staff, pupils, parents/guardians, governors and any other interested partners, and be supported by the Travel Planning Team.

The Full School Travel Plan is a long-term document to look at how children, parents, staff and visitors travel to and from school, and sets out measures to;

1. Encourage and enable pupils, parents/guardians, staff and visitors to walk/wheel, scoot and cycle to school. Where this is not possible, to consider public transport, car sharing or the use of any Park and Stride facilities which may be made available.
2. Encourage and provide educational programmes relating to active, sustainable travel and how this links to the environment, safety and health.
3. Improve safety.

The development and ongoing review of the school travel plan by the steering/working group will involve;

- Surveying pupils, parents and staff to find out how they travel, if they encounter any barriers preventing them from choosing active modes of travel and suggestions as to improvements.
- Consulting with the local community and other key partners to identify any issues relating to school travel that are felt by the wider community.
- Working with the various key stakeholders to develop an action plan which addresses these barriers and issues and seeks ways to increase sustainable, safe travel to school.

Alongside the development of a Full School Travel Plan, the school will be invited and supported to attain Modeshift STARS accreditation – a nationally recognised award for schools that demonstrate excellence in promoting active and sustainable travel.

Hampshire County Council does not provide drop off/ pick up or parking facilities for parents on school sites to deter travel by car. The school site has been designed so that it is permeable from three points to provide every opportunity for dispersing the volume of pedestrian traffic across all entrances.

How is the new school building being funded?

The new school will be funded through Basic Need Grant from the Department for Education (DfE), Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds and Developer Contributions.

How are the new plans addressing future sustainability and climate change agendas?

The scheme supports local and national sustainability and climate-change objectives by adopting a low-embodied-carbon timber structure, delivering a highly airtight building fabric to minimise heat loss. The building will operate on an all-electric system, supported by roof-mounted photovoltaic panels. An air source heat pump will provide efficient, low-carbon heating, significantly reducing operational emissions and ensuring long-term environmental resilience.

There will also be electric charging points installed in the car park to encourage sustainable travel.

Will the Catchment Area be changing?

The building of a new school necessitates a review of catchment areas to ensure:

- that it remains reasonable;
- that extended communities are not fractured by a catchment boundary;
- the forecast size of the child population for the area can be accommodated within the school's capacity;
- that the new school has an established area that it might operate as a catchment area within their admission arrangements.

At the relevant point the County Council will review catchment areas for the local schools to take into account the new housing planned for Land East of Horndean to ensure the new school can determine a local catchment area to support the above principles and contribute to the viability of the new school.

What transition arrangements will be in place?

These will be confirmed at the time any new catchment area is determined.

Will I have the opportunity to discuss the proposal and ask questions?

A drop-in session where you will be able to discuss the proposal with Hampshire County Council officers and view the plans for the school and its site will take place on **Monday 23 February at Horndean Technology College, Barton Hall, between 3:30pm and 6:30pm.**

If you wish to make a comment on the new primary school proposal, please write to Francesca Godden, Strategic Development Officer, Children's Services Department, Elizabeth II Court, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8UG or by email to: strategicplanningunit@hants.gov.uk **by Monday 16 March 2026.**

What happens after this consultation?

Officers will then take into consideration all the consultation responses, prior to the submission of the planning application. You will have a further opportunity to comment on the school proposals should they proceed to the statutory planning stage.