



Hampshire
County Council

Pre-planning Consultation – Proposal to build a new 2 form entry primary school (420 places) on land at Wellesley, Aldershot.

Hampshire County Council proposal to submit a planning application for a new primary school on a new housing development at Wellesley, Aldershot.

We are running a consultation from 17 March 2023 to 14 April 2023.

Why do you need a new school?

The demand for additional places arises as a result of the development of 3,850 dwellings at Wellesley, Aldershot. There was a need for two new primary schools to meet the expected demand from the development, the first of which was The Cambridge Primary School which opened in September 2018 as a 2fe (420 place) school. The second primary school will also be a 2fe (420 place) school, intended to open in September 2025.

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 at Wellesley, Aldershot. 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 Travel Planning Team at Hampshire County Council 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.

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 4 points to provide every opportunity for dispersing the volume of pedestrian traffic across all entrances.

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.

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

Yes, a drop-in session where you will be able to discuss the proposal with County Council Officers will take place on **Thursday 30 March 2023 at Grainger Trust Smith Dorrien House, Queen's Ave, Aldershot GU11 2BT between 3.00pm and 6.00pm.**

If you wish to make a comment on the new primary school proposal, please write to Gemma Bowry, Strategic Development Officer, Children's Services Department, Elizabeth II Court, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8UG or by email to: strategicplanningunit@hants.gov.uk by **14 April 2023.**

What happens after this consultation?

This consultation will run until **14 April 2023.** Officers will then take into consideration all the consultation responses, prior to the submission of the planning application which is anticipated in **April 2023.**