

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	6 December 2012
Title:	Enlargement of Tavistock Infant School and All Saints Church of England (Aided) Junior School, Fleet
Reference:	4372
Report From:	The Director of Children's Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report seeks approval to the enlargement of Tavistock Infant School and All Saints CE (Aided) Junior School to reflect demand for pupil places from within the schools' catchment area.
- 1.2. This paper details the consultation exercise undertaken in respect of the proposal and responses received to the statutory Public Notices setting out the County Council's intention to enlarge the schools.

2. Tavistock Infant School

- 2.1. Tavistock Infant School has a capacity of 192 with a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 64. Pressure for school places has increased due a rise in the number of births and new housing situated within the school's catchment area at Edenbrook, which will yield 500 new dwellings on completion. This has necessitated the school offering 90 places in Year R in 2011 and 2012 with temporary classrooms being provided. The school number on roll in October 2012 and forecast summary for the next four years is given below;

Year	October 2012	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Number on roll	258	264	268	270	270

2.2. The number on roll reflects recent increases in pupil numbers with demand for places forecast to continue. It is proposed that the school be enlarged to provide 270 places and continue to offer 90 places in Year R in future years.

3. All Saints CE (A) Junior School

3.1. All Saints CE (A) Junior School has a capacity of 360 places with a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 105 as the school organise into classes of 35. The School takes pupils from Tavistock Infant School, which shares a site with All Saints CE (A) Junior School, and the wider Fleet area. Due to a rise in pupil numbers at Tavistock Infant School additional junior school places are required to meet demand.

3.2. The school number on roll in October 2012 and forecast summary for the next four years is given below;

Year	October 2012	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Number on roll	402	444	512	535	573

3.3. The forecast number on roll shows a continued rise in numbers due to increases in the number of births and new housing development within the school's catchment area. Tavistock Infant School has increased its Year R intake to 90 with effect from September 2011 to reflect the demand for places at Year R. It is proposed that All Saints CE (A) Junior School is expanded to provide a total of 480 places and admit 140 pupils in 2014 and in future years to reflect demand for school places from the school's catchment area. The overall pupil capacity at the school will be 560 places to reflect the school's organisation into classes of 35 pupils.

4. Consultation

4.1. In line with statutory procedures formal consultation on the enlargement of the schools has been undertaken. The consultation on the enlargement of both schools took place between 1 June and 13 July 2012 via a letter to consultees and drop-in sessions at Tavistock Infant School on 11 June and All Saints CE(A) Junior School on 18 June. A summary of the outcome of the consultations together with a copy of the consultation letters and documents are attached as Appendix 1.

4.2. Following consideration of the responses received to the formal consultation statutory Public Notices were published in the local paper and displayed at the schools and within the community on 14 September 2012. A copy of the Public Notice and complete proposal is attached at Appendix 2.

5. Representations received to the Public Notice

- 5.1. Two representations were received on the enlargement of All Saints CE(A) Junior School and are available to view in full in the Members room and a copy given to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services. The key issue raised related to the impact of the enlargement on traffic congestion locally and the risk to the safety of children attending the school.
- 5.2. As part of any proposed expansion of a school consideration is given to the impact on traffic movements. Consultation is currently taking place with parents, local residents and local elected members as part of the pre-planning application consultation process. The County Council will work with All Saints and Tavistock Schools to review their School Travel Plan to understand how travel to and from the school affects the surrounding area. Work will take place with the school community on ways to reduce the reliance on the car in order to minimise the impact on traffic movements locally.
- 5.3. Health and safety is of paramount importance and is fully considered as part of the development of the expansion project, both in relation to children and staff during the construction period and those who are visiting the schools. This not only applies during the construction period but is considered as part of the development of the School Travel Plans.
- 5.4. Additional parking places are to be provided for staff as part of the expansion proposal to reflect the requirement for additional teaching staff.
- 5.5. The demand for additional school places has arisen due to the new housing development at Edenbrook in Hitches Lane, Fleet which is situated within the school's catchment area and well within the distance which would allow children to walk to school.

6. Capital Funding

- 6.1. The proposal requires capital resources for its implementation. In keeping with statutory guidance which states that "funding for the proposals should be in place when the proposals are decided", the capital resources required for the enlargement of Tavistock and All Saints Schools was identified in the Children's Services Capital Programme 2012/13 which was approved by the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services on 23 March 2012.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1. There is significant pressure for school places at Tavistock Infant and All Saints CE(A) Junior Schools resulting in Tavistock Infant School admitting pupils over their PAN in 2011 and 2012. This demand is expected to continue in the future and the schools need to be expanded to meet the pressure for places within their catchment area.

8. Recommendation

It is recommended that, in accordance with Section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006;

- 8.1. Tavistock Infant School be enlarged to provide a capacity of 270 places with effect from 1 September 2014, and**
- 8.2. All Saints CE(A) Junior School be enlarged to provide a capacity of 480 pupils with effect from 1 September 2014**

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u> Children's Services Capital programme 2012/13 to 2014/15	<u>Reference</u> 3653	<u>Date</u> 23 March 2012
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u> None	<u>Date</u>	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.1. Equalities have been considered and no adverse impact is identified.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. The proposals have no impact.

3. Climate Change:

a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

In new buildings and in the majority of refurbishment type investments, the latest technologies and materials are specified in order to maximise the impact on reducing carbon consumption.

b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

No specific measures have been identified.

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Dear Consultee

Enlargement of All Saints CE (A) Junior School, Fleet – Consultation

I am writing to you to invite your views in respect of Hampshire County Council's proposal to permanently enlarge the premises of All Saints Junior School in Fleet.

Hampshire County Council are proposing to increase the physical capacity of the school site to allow the school to offer 140 places in Year 3 (age 7+) from 2014 and in future years. This expansion will allow All Saints Junior School to cater for a total of 560 pupils, 140 per year group.

It is proposed that building works to accommodate this increase in pupil numbers will begin in the summer of 2013 and complete ready for September 2014.

Reason for proposal

Hampshire County Council has a statutory duty to provide school places. Owing to an increase in the number of children in the school's catchment area, resulting from new housing, there is a need for additional school places in the area. The expansion of All Saints Junior School is proposed to meet the need for additional junior places, with the expansion of Tavistock Infant school to provide infant places.

Where a Local Authority proposes to permanently enlarge a school's capacity above a certain threshold, it must follow a set procedure. Further information on the background to the proposal and the process is contained in the consultation document attached to this letter.

The Consultation

The consultation period will run from the 1st June to the 13th of July. In this time Hampshire County Council are inviting any views you have on the proposed enlargement of the school premises at All Saints Junior School.

Deputy Chief Executive & Director of Children's
Services
John Coughlan, CBE

You can make your views known by writing to Glenn Parkinson, Children's Services Department, The Castle, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8UG or by e-mail at glenn.parkinson@hants.gov.uk

At the end of the consultation period, the Local Authority will consider all of the views received, before deciding whether to proceed to the formal publication of the proposal. If the publication of the proposal goes ahead, there will be a further period of 4 weeks in which representations can be made.

Further Information

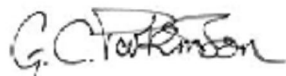
A drop in session will take place on the 18th June 2012 at the School from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.. This will be an informal setting where you will be able to view the plans and ask questions about the development.

The current proposed building plans can also be viewed on the school's website,

www.allsaintsfleet.co.uk

The document attached includes some 'Frequently Asked Questions' that I hope address any questions you have.

Yours sincerely



Glenn Parkinson - School Organisation Officer



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Consultation on the proposal to enlarge All Saints CE (A) Junior School, Fleet

Hampshire County Council would like to hear your views about the proposal to enlarge All Saints Junior School, Fleet.

We are running a consultation from the 1st June to the 13th of July 2012.

Why do you need to enlarge the school?

Throughout Hampshire the birth rate has risen in recent years which, together with significant levels of new housing, has created a pressure on pupil places. Hampshire County Council anticipate that this pressure will continue, so is proposing to enlarge All Saints Junior School to meet this need.

The proposed enlargement will allow All Saints Junior School to offer 140 places in Year 3 (age 7+) in 2014 and in future years thus providing a total capacity of 560 places.

At the same time it is proposed to enlarge Tavistock Infant School to reflect the demand for infant school places.

What building works will be taking place?

The proposed building works will consist of both an extension to the current school buildings, as well as internal alterations. These works will provide the additional classrooms needed to meet the increase in pupil numbers.

Work is progressing with the headteacher and governors on the building plans so at this stage they are indicative of what's likely to be provided.

To view the current proposed plans for the building works please go to the schools website at;

www.allsaintsfleet.co.uk

When will the building works start and how will you ensure the health and safety of pupils attending the school whilst the works are taking place?

It is planned that the building works will commence in the summer of 2013 and complete ready for September 2014. We will provide the school with further details as the design work for the project progresses so the school can keep you informed of progress and inform you of key dates.

Health and safety of children, staff and visitors is paramount. The County Council works with our construction partners who have significant experience of working on school sites. A detailed health and safety plan will be drawn up with the school

to include items such as restricting delivery times for materials to avoid the beginning and end of the school day, maintaining safe access routes for pupils, staff and visitors etc.

What will be the impact on pupils within the school?

The school will continue to operate as normal during the building works. Everything will be done to minimise the impact on pupils teaching and learning but we do acknowledge there may be some disruption. The County Council is liaising fully with the headteacher and governors on the project to ensure that the planning for the building works runs as smoothly as possible.

What about the impact on traffic due to the school taking more pupils?

The County Council appreciates that local residents will be concerned about potential traffic implications around the expansion of the school. By planning to create school places as close as possible to where children live we create the best chance for those children will make their way to school other than by car.

A School Travel Plan is a document produced by the whole school community and any other interested parties. It looks at how children, staff and visitors travel to and from school, and sets out measures to;

1. Encourage and enable pupils, parents, guardians and staff to walk and cycle to school.
2. Encourage and provide educational programmes relating to child travel and how this links to the environment, safety and health.
3. Improve safety.

The School Travel Plan will be reviewed as part of the process associated with the enlargement of the school.

Will the school receive additional funding due to the numbers increasing?

The funding of schools is based around the number of pupils on roll, so as numbers increase so will the funding..

What happens after this consultation?

This consultation will run until 13 July 2012. Officers will then take into consideration all the consultation responses before deciding whether the proposal should continue to the formal publication stage.

If so, statutory Public Notices will be published, setting out Hampshire County Council's intent to enlarge the school. It is anticipated that these will be published in September 2012.

After the date of publication there will be a four week period in which any representations can be made. After the conclusion of this period the County Council will decide whether or not to proceed with the proposal. It is anticipated that a decision will be made in December 2012 at the latest.

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

Yes. A drop-in session where you will be able to view the plans and discuss the proposal with County Council officers, headteacher and governors is planned for **18 June 2012 from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.**

If you are unable to attend this session and wish to make a comment then please write to Glenn Parkinson at Children's Services Department, The Castle, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8UG or e-mail glenn.parkinson@hants.gov.uk by **13 July 2012**

How can my views be heard?

We will listen to views at the drop-in session.

We will also consider all responses received via e-mail or letter.

The closing date for responses is 13 July 2012.

Tavistock Infant and All Saints CE (Aided) Junior Schools, Fleet - proposed enlargement

Outcome of formal consultation and recommendation regarding publication of statutory proposals

Background

Throughout Hampshire the birth rate has risen in recent years which, together with significant levels of new housing in the schools' catchment area, has created a pressure on pupil places. It is anticipated this pressure for places will continue and it is proposed that both schools are enlarged to meet this need.

It is proposed to;

- enlarge the Tavistock Infant School to provide 270 places with a published admission number (PAN) of 90 with effect from September 2014.
- enlarge All Saints CE (A) Junior School to provide 480 places with a published admission number (PAN) of 140 with effect from September 2014. The school organises in classes of 35 so will accommodate a total of 560 pupils when full.

The project to expand the schools was included in the Children's Services Capital Programme approved on 23 March 2012.

Consultation

Formal consultation took place between 1 June and 13 July 2012. A letter was sent to consultees as detailed below and drop-in sessions were held on 11 June and 18 June at Tavistock and All Saints schools respectively.. A copy of the consultation letters and documents are attached.

Formal consultation, via letter, commenced on 28 March 2012 concluding on 9 May. Letters were sent to;

- Parents of children at the schools (via the schools)
- Headteachers and staff
- Headteachers of all Fleet schools
- Chair of Governors
- Hart District Council – Chief Executive, Geoff Bonner
- Fleet Town Council
- Crookham CE (A) Infant school parents as linked school to All Saints
- Guildford Diocese
- Staff union representatives
- MP – James Arbuthnot
- HCC Elected member – Sharyn Wheale
- Councillors Collett and Radley
- Early Years Development and Childcare – Tracey Sanders

- Manager of Tavistock Pre-school located on the Tavistock Infant school site

In addition a meeting was held with the pupil school council of both schools on 10 July 2012. The proposal was also included on the County Council's consultation website.

Responses received to consultation

A total of 10 responses were received and can be summarised as follows;

- Two local District Councillors requested details of the consultation strategy relating to local District members as they were not directly made aware of the proposals. One District councillor raised concerns regarding the impact on local highways with additional traffic.
- The Chair of Governors of Tavistock Infant school wrote in full support of the enlargement of the school.
- Hart District Council raised concerns that the enlargement proposal did not form part of a wider strategy to meet the demand for primary school places, there was no expansion of the school's core infrastructure and there would be an impact on local roads due to additional traffic movements.
- Other respondents questioned whether core facilities within the schools, such as halls would be expanded due to provision of additional classrooms the enlargement of the schools and there could be a detrimental impact on local residents due to increased traffic .

Recommendation

The responses received to the proposal to enlarge the schools have been considered alongside the significant pressure on primary school places locally. Whilst a number of responses were received to the consultation the comments made related to specific aspects of the proposed projects which do not detract from the requirement to respond to the demand for additional school places in the locality of the schools.

It is therefore recommended that statutory proposals be published to;

- enlarge the Tavistock Infant School to provide 270 places with a published admission number (PAN) of 90 with effect from September 2014.
- enlarge All Saints CE (A) Junior School to provide 480 places with a published admission number (PAN) of 140 with effect from September 2014.

Statutory Public Notices will be published on 14 September 2012.

Signed

Chris Holt
Head of School Organisation
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Hampshire County Council

Dated – 19 July 2012