

REPORT OF THE
Executive Member for Education
PART II

259. ALDERSHOT URBAN EXTENSION PRIMARY SCHOOL (WEST)

1. At his Decision Day on 11 November 2016 the Executive Member for Education gave approval to the project proposals for a new 420 place primary school at the Western School Site within the Aldershot Urban Extension, at an estimated total cost of £10,600,000.

2. This project is required to meet the need for new school places in response to the creation of 3,850 homes in the Aldershot Urban Extension (AUE) residential development. A new Two Form Entry (2FE) Primary School for a maximum of 420 pupils aged 4 to 11 years will be built, which will be part of the AUE development, designated in the masterplan as the 'Western School' site.

3. The new school will be located on the junction of Queens Avenue and Alison's Road in Aldershot. The new school is to be an Academy in accordance with government policy and an Academy sponsor will be sought. The works have been procured through the South East and London (SEaL) Construction Framework for Major Project's tender process.

260. AMALGAMATION OF THE CONNAUGHT SECONDARY SCHOOL, NEWPORT JUNIOR SCHOOL AND BELLE VUE INFANT SCHOOL

4. On 11 November, a further decision was taken to publish Public Notices in accordance with Sections 15 and 19 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 to discontinue The Connaught Secondary School and Newport Junior School with effect from 9 April 2017. Furthermore, to establish a community all-through 4 – 16 school by enlarging Belle Vue Infant School through the utilisation of Newport Junior School and The Connaught Secondary School sites and buildings and, extension of Belle Vue Infant School age range from 4 – 7 to 4 – 16, with effect from 10 April 2017.

5. This decision was taken following the public consultation on the future of The Connaught School driven by the need for a step change in attainment and performance. The preferred option of the County Council was to merge The Connaught Secondary School, Newport Junior School and Belle Vue Infant School to form an all-through school.

6. Public consultation, including public drop-in meetings was carried out between 4 July and 30 September 2016 and resulted in a total of 577 online and written responses. The responses, the public meetings and liaison with governing bodies as well as discussion with Rushmoor Borough Council indicated a range of views but overall support for the proposed merger.

Further details on this item can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm by typing in the relevant reference number:

- Aldershot Urban Extension Primary School (West) (3703)
- Amalgamation of The Connaught Secondary School, Newport Junior School and Belle Vue Infant School (7540)

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