



**Item 5 – Written Public Question**

**Q. Written Question from Steve Laphorn, Vice-Chair Campaign Against Merger**

"Does the Local Committee support the mission and aims of CAM (see below) and what measures are being taken by the committee to achieve the aims and to ensure that Kings International provides a successful choice of school in Surrey Heath".

Ref: CAM Mission and Aims

<http://tomlinscote-kings.blogspot.com/p/cam.html>

Our Mission is to: Stop the merger and retain the separate identity of both schools.

Aims: (deliverables)

1. The retraction of the merger proposal for Tomlinscote and Kings.
2. The retraction of the closure proposal for Kings International.
3. The retraction of the proposal to operate a split site school in Frimley/Camberley.
4. To understand the findings of the Due Diligence exercise and ensure the Governors make an informed decision on behalf of the education of our children.
5. To actively participate in the consultation process with Governors and County.
6. To ensure the provision of high quality education for students during this period of uncertainty.

**Whilst not within the remit of the Local Committee, the Chairman has asked officers to investigate:**

**A. Response from Nicholas Smith, School Commissioning Officer**

Surrey County Council recently consulted on a proposal to (1) close Kings International College for Business and the Arts and (2) expand Tomlinscote School to take in the pupils and site of Kings International. The expanded school would have been spread across the two sites.

In the light of the responses received to the consultation, and the decision of the Governing Body of Tomlinscote School not to proceed with the Council proposal, Surrey County Council has decided to withdraw the school organisation proposal concerning Kings International College and Tomlinscote School.

The County Council remains committed to securing education provision on the Kings International School Site and will support the existing soft federation between Kings International School and Tomlinscote School.

The Council will continue to work with local education providers to ensure a viable and successful long-term offer of education across the area. We intend to discuss the best way forward with many stakeholders, including, but not limited to, the school's IEB, staff and parents, Tomlinscote School, Collingwood College and other interested local parties.

**Supplementary Question – 30.06.11**

Thank you for the response to our question.

What support will our local councillors give to help Kings International become an Academy to enable our children to access high quality education locally. Will local councillors and Surrey County Council work together to agree a strategy, before the end of this term, to recruit students to Kings?

**Response from Bill Chapman, Chairman**

As stated, this issue is not within the remit of the local committee. However, local councillors do take the matter very seriously and have met with officers. Thank you for asking the question, I do encourage you to talk to other borough councillors – this is a very important issue for the local area. We all want to work together on bringing Kings' standards to a level we all would like to see.