

CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

Petitions

(i) Details of decision

That the response attached as an Appendix be agreed.

(ii) Reasons for decision

To respond to the petition.

(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

None.

(iv) Details of any consultation and representations received not included in the published report

None.

Conflicts of Interest and any Dispensations Granted

(Any conflict of interest declared by any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision to be recorded and any dispensations granted by the Audit and Governance Committee)

Mr Stephen Craig attended the meeting to present the petition.

Decision taken by:

(i) Name: Linda Kemeny

(ii) Portfolio: Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning

Date of Decision: 12 June 2014

Date of Publication of Record of Decision: 12 June 2014

Date decision effective (i.e. 5 working days after date of publication of record of decision unless subject to call-in by the Children & Education Select Committee):
20 June 2014

CABINET MEMBER RESPONSE TO PETITION

'We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to stop the demolition and expansion of Lyne and Long Cross School'

Presented by Stephen Craig

Further Details of petition:

I'm sure you are aware of the planned expansion to Lyne and Longcross School from 90 pupils to 210, which includes the demolition of the existing school house. The main reason for our disapproval is the traffic mayhem that will happen should this take place.

With morning and afternoon school runs, comes traffic chaos which we are all very used to (with only 90 pupils at the school). Cars park along Lyne Lane from the Fangrove Park entrance to the school, making it very difficult for passing traffic. We are now told that the school is to increase by 120 pupils and 8 more staff (???), with no car traffic management scheme in place, and car parking on the school grounds reduced to 4 spaces.

The existing character school building is to be replaced by an uncharacteristic and unsympathetic building closer to Lyne Lane with no character for this part of Lyne village which sit next to the grade II listed Holy Trinity Church.

This is a very important local matter which has not been thought though and your support could make Surrey County Council think before they make a big mistake.

RESPONSE

The School appreciates the current parking problems during the pick-up and drop-off periods albeit this is often an issue associated with school sites. There is also concern that, if appropriate measures are not put in place, these problems could be exacerbated with the proposed expansion of the School. This is why the School will be implementing a School Travel Plan with a comprehensive and robust set of measures aimed at reducing car use and encouraging walking and cycling where possible.

Measures for pupils who are able to walk or cycle will include 'Walk to School Week', Surrey County Council's 'Golden Boot Challenge', Road Safety and pedestrian training activities and 'Bikeability' training for the older pupils. New cycle stands and scooter pods will also be provided as part of construction.

For those who are unable to walk or cycle due to the distance they live away from the School (and it is accepted that the schools location is not widely accessible given its rural location), Surrey County Council's 'Park Smart' scheme will be implemented to bring greater awareness of safe and considerate parking by parents. Parents will also be encouraged to car share with their friends whenever possible and assistance will be provided if they would like to car share but don't know any parents on their route to School. The School is also proposing to use the Village Hall car park as a drop-off / pick-up point for a Walking Bus and Park 'n' Stride scheme, which all parents will be encouraged to use and which should help ease any future problems as the school grows.

The School Travel Plan sets targets for reducing travel by car over the next 4 years. If the School is not achieving its targets, a review will be carried out into the reasons why existing measures may not be working effectively and recovery measures may be implemented, such as staggered drop-off and pick-up times.

It is important to bear in mind that when a School expands from Infant to primary, it increases the proportion of siblings attending the School. We estimate that at least 30 additional trips could be saved as a result of the increase in siblings and the reduction in the numbers of parents picking up and dropping off at infant/junior provision.

With regard to staff parking, whilst the School car park will officially have 4 designated spaces, it is expected that a further two staff could be accommodated within the car park. Staff will also be asked to park considerately and off-street, such as the Church car park or Village Hall car park, where possible. As part of the School Travel Plan, measures will also be introduced to reduce travel by car by members of staff, including the setting up of a car sharing database and priority spaces for those staff who car share. A travel survey of staff was recently carried out and the response to car sharing was very positive, with 44% of staff saying that they would like to car share. A variety of other measures are also proposed to encourage those members of staff who could walk or cycle if combined with or without public transport to do so.

Other school sites were considered when considering how to provide much needed additional junior places in the area but for a number of reasons these were not possible. Surrey County Council has a policy of creating primary provision from infant and junior provision where there is a basic need case that provides the opportunity, and throughout the consultation phase this proposal was very popular with parents and local schools.

Mrs Linda Kemeny
Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning
12 June 2014

CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

Sayes Court Primary School: Expansion

(i) Details of decision

The Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning determined to implement the proposal to expand Sayes Court Primary School from one to two forms of entry by September 2015 subject to planning permission and timescales required for the successful delivery of the building work.

(ii) Reasons for decision

There have been no formal representations since the publication of the notices and in effect there is no new information for the Cabinet Member to consider. The Local Authority has a statutory duty to ensure that there are sufficient school places in Surrey. Demand for school places has increased significantly in Runnymede in recent years. Expansions have been commissioned at a number of primary schools in Runnymede including Darley Dene Infant School, Trumps Green Infant School, St Ann's Heath Junior School, Lyne and Longcross Church of England Infant School and Thorpe Church of England Infant School. Even with these additional places, most primary schools in Runnymede are expected to be full and to continue to be full in the future and more schools places are needed.

(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

None.

(iv) Details of any consultation and representations received not included in the published report

None.

Conflicts of Interest and any Dispensations Granted

(Any conflict of interest declared by any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision to be recorded and any dispensations granted by the Audit and Governance Committee)

None.

Decision taken by:

- (i) Name:** Linda Kemeny
- (ii) Portfolio:** Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning Decisions

Date of Decision: 12 June 2014

Date of Publication of Record of Decision: 12 June 2014

Date decision effective (i.e. 5 working days after date of publication of record of decision unless subject to call-in by the Children & Education Select Committee):
20 June 2014

CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

Stanwell Fields CofE VC Primary School: a proposal from the Governing Body

(i) Details of decision

The Cabinet Member gave due consideration of all the issues and determined Stanwell Fields VC Primary School should change category to Voluntary Aided.

(ii) Reasons for decision

The school has put forward this proposal for a number of reasons; its overall premise being that it believes it will benefit from greater independence as a Voluntary Aided School. A key perceived benefit is that the Diocese of London has undertaken to commit to a programme of capital maintenance using its Local Education Authority Voluntary Aided Programme (LCVAP) budget to improve the building stock and facilities at the school.

(iii) Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

None.

(iv) Details of any consultation and representations received not included in the published report

None.

Conflicts of Interest and any Dispensations Granted

(Any conflict of interest declared by any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision to be recorded and any dispensations granted by the Audit and Governance Committee)

None.

Decision taken by:

(i) Name: Linda Kemeny

(ii) Portfolio: Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning Decisions

Date of Decision: 12 June 2014

Date of Publication of Record of Decision: 12 June 2014

Date decision effective (i.e. 5 working days after date of publication of record of decision unless subject to call-in by the Children & Education Select Committee):
20 June 2014