

To: Key stakeholders in the locality of Lancing, including parents, pupils, staff and governors

From: Peter Proudley, Principal Manager, Capital Planning and Projects

Date: 11th September 2012

Re: **Public Consultation -** Proposed Expansion of Seaside Primary School

Response Deadline - 9th October 2012

The County Council has been closely monitoring the number of children in schools in the Lancing locality to make sure the schools can meet the demand for places. We have evidence that the number of children who will need a primary school place in the Lancing area is increasing. As a result we wish to expand Seaside Primary School and would like to collect your views to ensure that this is the best way forward to serve the needs of the community.

Pupil Numbers

In January 2012 the County Council received new information from the Child Health Bureau about the number of pre-school children who are living in the catchment.

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Pre-school children in the catchment eligible for a school place per year	90	91	95	103	118

School Buildings and Capacity

Seaside Primary School is a two form entry school with a Published Admission Number (PAN) and intake of 60. Our proposal is to expand the school to become a three form entry school with a PAN and intake of 90. The school building will need to be extended with the construction of additional classbases and ancillary accommodation, to allow for the increase from 60 to 90 pupils per year, therefore offering 630 places in total across the school. The Headteacher and Governors support the proposed increase which they feel will provide opportunities for more children to attend a school which is closer to their home. It is the intention for the building project to commence in the summer 2013 and be completed by summer 2014.

Statutory Notices

A full statutory public consultation is required where the increase is more than 30 places and more than 25% of the school capacity. It is a two stage process, initially a public consultation takes place over four weeks term time and then the Cabinet Member for Education and Schools will decide whether to publish statutory notices in local newspapers and objections can be raised over a further

four weeks. This letter initiates the first phase of consultation. We expect the final decision by the Cabinet Member for Education and Schools, Peter Griffiths, to be taken in October 2012.

Planning concerns

Site restrictions are carefully considered as part of the design of any new build at a school. West Sussex County Council has a large amount of experience of construction projects and the health and safety of the children is paramount when any build takes place. However concerns about planning and transport can be raised as part of the planning process which is subject to a separate consultation.

To find out more and make your views known, return the form below to

- The office of Seaside Primary School ; or
- To Tracey Dunn, School Organisation and Development Officer, Capital and Asset Management Unit, West Sussex County Council, The Tannery, Westgate, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 3RJ; or
- Email your comments to tracey.dunn@westsussex.gov.uk

The first consultation will run for four weeks. The consultation will end on 9th October 2012

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Response Form Seaside Primary School (Please attach additional sheets if required).

1. Are you:

Parent/guardian School staff Governor Student
other (please provide further information) _____

2. If you are a parent/ guardian, how old are your children?

Pre School (ages 0 to 4) Primary (ages 4 to 11) Secondary (ages 11 to 18+)

3. I support the change to increase the PAN to 90

Yes No

4. The potential advantages of the proposed change outweigh the disadvantages

Agree Disagree Don't Know

5. Please state your views on the proposals below. We would be grateful for comments on any aspect of them:

If you need this information in another format, for example, on audio CD or in a different language, please call the Contact Centre on 01243 642555.

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