



Brighton & Hove

CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE AGE RANGE OF PORTSLADE INFANT SCHOOL INTO A TWO FORM ENTRY, ALL THROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM SEPTEMBER 2013

- inviting you to have your say -

Why are we consulting you?

This document is published by Brighton and Hove City Council and is intended as a basis for consultation with governors, staff, pupils, parents and other interested groups about a proposal to extend the age range of Portslade Infant school to make it a two form entry all-through Primary School.

Some background facts

The proposal is to extend the age range of Portslade Infant School so that it becomes a two form entry Primary School with a yearly intake of 60.

At present Portslade Infant School is a four form entry infant school which admits pupils into school year R, then at age seven children transfer to junior schools, generally in the locality. This proposal has arisen as a result of an earlier change in age range of Benfield School which has resulted in there being more infant school places in Portslade than there are junior places. The proposal now being put forward for Portslade Infant School will assist in addressing this deficit when linked with similar proposals to extend the age ranges of St. Nicolas C of E Junior School and St Peter's Community infant School making them in to all through primary schools too.

This proposal will result in the need to provide an extension at the school to accommodate the increased number of pupils.

Consultation arrangements

If, having read this document, you would like to comment on the proposals, there are several opportunities for doing so:

- You should complete and return (either to the school or Kings House) the reply slip included in this document.
- You can send a letter to the Strategic Commissioner, Planning and Contracts, Learning and Development, Kings House, Grand Avenue, Hove BN23 2SR. *Please mark your letter for the attention of Gil Sweetenham*
- In the interests of economy, letters will not be acknowledged or responded to.

Replies must be received by 2nd May 2012

The next stage

All of the views put forward during the consultation stage will be reported to the Cabinet Member. This will allow an informed decision to be made regarding progression to the next stage in the process. The next stage is the issuing of a Statutory Notice detailing the proposal. The notice will be in force for a period of six weeks during which time objections to and comments on the proposal may be made by any person or group. Details of how to make an objection or comment will be incorporated within the Statutory Notice.

The following timetable is proposed:

Publication of Consultation Document	7 th March 2012
Last date for responses	2 nd May 2012
Issue Public Notice	11 th May 2012
End of public notice period	22 nd June 2012
Decision by the Director of Children's Services	29 th June 2012

The Councillors for the South Portslade area are Les Hamilton and Alan Robins

The Councillors for in the adjacent ward of North Portslade are Bob Carden and Penny Gilbey.

RESPONSE FORM

<i>Please return no later than</i> 2nd May 2012
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To: Gil Sweetenham
Strategic commissioner Contracts
and Planning, Learning and partnership

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Kings House, BN3 2SU

Proposed expansion of Portslade Infant school into a two form entry, all through primary school September 2013

Name and Address

I support the proposal

I do not support the proposal

Signature:

