



Brighton & Hove

CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

PROPOSAL TO PERMANENTLY EXPAND WEST HOVE JUNIOR SCHOOL, HOVE

- inviting you to have your say -

Why are we consulting you?

The Council is proposing that West Hove Junior School permanently expands by three forms of entry from September 2014, and four forms of entry from September 2015, the additional places to be provided at the old police station building in Holland Road, Hove. This document explains the arrangements for consultation. At the end you will find a reply slip for you to let us know what you think. There is also some information about what happens after consultation.

Some background facts

West Hove Infant School expanded in September 2011 by three forms of entry which are located at the school's Connaught Road site. At that time this added three additional forms of entry for infant age children that were very much needed in this part of the city. It was always known that this would then result in a need for an additional three forms of entry for junior age pupils from September 2014.

In January 2012 the Children and Young People Cabinet Member Meeting of Brighton and Hove City Council agreed that the preferred location for these three additional forms of entry was the Hove police station site in Holland Road. In July of the same year the Council's Policy and Resources Committee agreed to the purchase of the police station. Since then the Council has been working with Sussex Police to secure the sale, which was completed on 22nd May 2013. At the same time the Council has been considering the possible arrangements for managing this additional junior provision.

The proposal now being put forward is that the new junior provision should be managed by West Hove Junior School. This would be

achieved by expanding West Hove Junior School, enlarging the premises by including the Hove police station site as part of West Hove Junior School. The proposal is that West Hove Junior School would expand by three forms of entry from September 2014 and then by four forms of entry from September 2015 onwards. This would provide a comparable number of places to the year groups which would be moving up from West Hove Infant School Connaught site.

We propose that this new provision will be formally 'linked' to the West Hove Infant School Connaught site for school admissions purposes. The published admissions criteria would be applied as in the case of all existing designated linked schools. These give highest priority to children in the care of the local authority, those who have compelling medical or other exceptional reasons, siblings, followed by children transferring between linked infant and junior schools.

The governing body of West Hove Junior School has agreed in principle with this proposal, but will make a final decision following the conclusion of this consultation.

There is a very clear rationale for developing this new provision in partnership with West Hove Junior School, which already has a close working relationship with West Hove Infant School, the 'parent' of the Connaught site. The model of schools working together to ensure the best possible opportunities for all children is well established and increasingly strong in Brighton & Hove, and we believe that building on an existing strong partnership between the two West Hove Schools is the best way of ensuring that the new junior school places in Holland Road match the high standards that children, parents and carers have now at West Hove Infant School Connaught site.

Consultation arrangements

We have arranged a public meeting to give parents, carers and other local people the opportunity to hear more about the proposal and to ask questions. This meeting will be held at West Hove Infant School Connaught site on **Monday 17 June 2013 at 7:00 p.m.** and anyone with an interest in the proposal is welcome to attend.

If, having read this document, you would like to comment on the proposals, there are several ways you may do so:

- You can complete and return (either to West Hove Infant or Junior School or Kings House) the reply slip included in this document.

- You can send a letter to Michael Nix, Head of Education Planning and Contracts, Grand Avenue, Hove BN23 2LS. *Please mark your letter for the attention of Michael Nix*
- You can complete a form online on the consultation portal of the Council's website at <http://consult.brighton-hove.gov.uk/portal>
- You can email your response: please address your email to Emma Jones at emma.jones@brighton-hove.gov.uk

In the interests of economy, letters and emails will not be acknowledged or responded to.

Replies must be received by Wednesday, 10 July

The next stage

All the views put forward during the consultation stage will be considered and reported to the Chair of the Children and Young People Committee and the Director of Children's Services. This will allow an informed decision to be made regarding progression to the next stage in the process. If it is agreed to proceed, the next stage would be the issuing of a Statutory Notice detailing the proposal, in September. The notice would be in force for a period of four 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	Wednesday, 5 June 2013
Last date for responses	Wednesday 10 July 2013
Issue Public Notice	Early September 2013
End of Public Notice period	Late September/early October 2013
Decision by the Children and Young People Committee	14 October 2013

The Councillors for the area are:

Goldsmid

Ruth Buckley, Alex Philips and Rob Jarrett

Westbourne
Central Hove
Brunswick and Adelaide

Denise Cobb and Graham Cox
Christopher Hawtree and Andrew Wealls
Phelim MacCafferty and Ollie Sykes

RESPONSE FORM

**Please return no later than
Wednesday, 10 July 2013**

To: Michael Nix
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Kings House
Grand Avenue
Hove
BN3 2LS

Tel: (01273) 290732

Arrangements for the management of the new junior school places in Hove

Name and Address	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I support the proposal for the new junior places in Hove to be managed by West Hove Junior School
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not support the proposal for the new junior places in Hove to be managed by West Hove Junior School
<p><i>Please add any comments here and on the reverse of this slip if needed:</i></p>	

Signature and date: