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Dear Sir or Madam

Proposed Relocation and Expansion of Wouldham All Saints C of E Primary School - Pre-Planning Public Consultation

You may be aware that in October 2015, the Governing Body of Wouldham All Saints C of E Primary School with Kent County Council (KCC) and the Diocese of Rochester consulted on the proposal to relocate and expand the existing school to a larger site located approximately 0.65 miles south.

It is proposed that the school would be rebuilt on this new site as a two form entry primary school expanding incrementally from one to two forms of entry. The infrastructure will also be provided for three forms of entry should there be a local need for this in the future. If the proposal goes ahead, it would be anticipated that the school would permanently admit up to 60 children into Year R from September 2017 and subsequent years.

The proposed expansion would enable the primary age pupils from the new Peters Village community to benefit from the outstanding teaching and school ethos provided by Wouldham All Saints without placing a demand on the new school which could not be met. It is also proposed that the new facilities would provide a satellite provision for Ridge View School, for children with moderate to severe learning difficulties.

The education consultation document issued by KCC in October was sent to a broad range of stakeholders, including residents of Wouldham, the local Parish Council, staff and parents from both Wouldham and Ridge View schools. Approximately 50 responses have been received which are being reviewed by Kent County Council. Some of the key themes received related to the siting and external layout and are broadly captured in the following list of points:-

1. Adequate parking required for parents;
2. Consideration to parent pick up and drop off;
3. Improved walkways from Wouldham to the new school site; a new pedestrian crossing may be required
4. Traffic needs to be carefully managed/ concern about additional traffic and road safety

Traffic survey data has been used to support a transport assessment that responds to a number of the items above. These matters have been further considered in the production of the site layout plan that accompanies this letter.

KCC Highways have confirmed that it is currently the intention that Hall Road/ the Greenway will be controlled by traffic signals with priority to be given to southbound traffic. This will have a further positive effect upon traffic flow from the village to the school, particularly during the morning drop off period.

Other key points are annotated on the drawing proposals and elevation drawings. You will note our intention that, through the careful selection of materials and adoption of a single-storey construction, the new school development will respond sensitively to the local landscape context and instill a sense of place.

Please find enclosed the following proposed drawings/ plans for your review and comment:

- a) Proposed site layout plan;
- b) Proposed building floor plan;
- c) Artists Impression of external elevations

It is intended that the school is operational in its new buildings from September 2017. It is anticipated that a planning application will be submitted at the end of January 2016.

The pre-planning application consultation phase will proceed as follows:-

17 th December 2015	Pre-planning consultation commences. Letter and drawings/ site proposals circulated
17 th December 2015 to 20 th January 2016	Review period. Opportunity for comments to be submitted on forms provided overleaf by noon on 20 th January 2016.
19 th January 2016	Parents drop-in information session at Wouldham All Saints CEP School from 4.30 – 5.30pm General public drop-in information session at Wouldham All Saints CEP School from 5.30 – 7.00pm
20 th January 2016	All issues raised are noted, reviewed and considered by KCC prior to submission of the planning application.
End of January 2016	Submit planning application

Members of the school, Kent County Council and the Design team will be present at the drop in session on the 19th January 2016 and will be available to answer any questions that you may have.

It should be noted that all stakeholders will have an opportunity to formally respond to the development proposals during the statutory planning determination period.

Yours sincerely



Gary Meeds
Project Manager, Kent County Council

**WOULDHAM ALL SAINTS CEP SCHOOL
PRE-PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM**

Design of relocated and expanded Wouldham All Saints C of E Primary School

Which of the following best describes you? *(please tick)*

Parent / Carer of pupil(s)
currently attending Wouldham
All Saints CEP School

Parent/ carer of pupils at another
school

Member of staff at Wouldham
All Saints CEP School

Member of staff at another local
school

A Governor at Wouldham All
Saints CEP School

Local resident

A Governor at another local school

Other (please specify).....

Name

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Address

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Your comments on the design proposals

Please continue overleaf, if necessary

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WOULDHAM ALL SAINTS CEP SCHOOL

Your comments...

Please return no later than midday on 20 January 2016 to:

- Gary Meeds, Capital Programme Delivery, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ.
- hand it in at Wouldham All Saints CEPS office or at Ridge View School; or
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