



AGENDA

SCHOOL ORGANISATION ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, 12th June, 2008, at 10.30 am

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Refreshments will be available from 10.15 am outside the Chamber

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

(During these items the meeting is likely to be open to the public)

1. Substitutes
2. Declarations of Interests by Members in items on the Agenda for this meeting.
3. Minutes - 7 May 2008 (Pages 1 - 4)
4. Portal House (Special) School Proposed Relocation - Outcome of Public Consultation (Pages 5 - 34)
5. The Proposed Relocation of Grange Park School, Leybourne, West Malling to the Wrotham School Site (Pages 35 - 46)

EXEMPT ITEMS

(At the time of preparing the agenda there were no exempt items. During any such items which may arise the meeting is likely NOT to be open to the public)

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Please note that any background documents referred to in the accompanying papers maybe inspected by arrangement with the officer responsible for preparing the relevant report.

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KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

SCHOOL ORGANISATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES of a meeting of the School Organisation Advisory Board held in the Darent Room, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Wednesday, 7 May 2008.

PRESENT: Mrs V J Dagger (Chairman), Mr C J Capon, Mr L Christie (Substitute for Mrs C Angell), Mr A D Crowther, Mr M J Northey and Mr A R Poole

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr I Craig (Director Strategy Policy & Performance) and Mr M Doole (Area Education Officer Thanet & Dover)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

1. Declaration of Interests by Members in items on the Agenda for this meeting
(Item. 2)

No interests raised

2. Minutes - (a) 19 March 2008 and (b) 2 April 2008
(Item.)

(a) Subject to the comments made by Mr Crowther the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2008 were agreed as a true record.

(b) That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 April 2008 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

3. Proposed Change of Age Range for Green Park Community Primary School, Dover
(Item. 4)

(1) The Director – Operations circulated an appendix detailing the final analysis of the written responses which had been received in respect of the consultation. This showed that out of 600 consultation documents which had been distributed, 9 responses had been received, all of which expressed support for the proposal.

(2) Mr Doole said that the school's Adjudicator had approved the proposal to close Melbourne Community Primary School and the Powell School with effect from

31 August 2007 to establish a newly amalgamated school from 1 September 2007. At that time, the Adjudicator made a modification to the proposal which required that the new school should operate initially on split site locations. That was done in order to allow for appropriate improvements and adaptations to be made to the Powell site. The original proposal was that both schools should be consolidated onto the Powell site and the school would have an age range of 4-11. The proposal therefore encompassed the closure of the existing Unit at the Melbourne site.

(3) It was agreed by all parties that consolidation into a single site should be deferred until September 2008. However, a further modification to the original published proposal was made determining that the age range of the new school should be 3-11 allowing the Nursery Unit to continue until the Melbourne site was closed. When Green Park Community Primary School consolidate in September 2008 onto the Powell site it would become difficult and impractical for the school to continue to manage the maintained Nursery. Initial discussions have, therefore, taken place with UMBRELLA, the current children's centre provider about the possibility in principle of relocating to the maintained Nursery Unit accommodation. The relocation of the pre-school provision to the Melbourne site would ensure that the excellent facilities afforded by the maintained Unit would continue to be available to the local community. The accommodation would also provide an improved environment for the pre-school children attending UMBRELLA which is currently located in St Nicholas Church hall.

(4) Mr Newman said that in the circumstances he believed this to be a good proposal. The current Nursery Unit was under used and with the safeguards and guarantees that had been given about future provision, he supported the proposal

although on-going monitoring would be important. Mr Newman also said that it was important that local Members were kept informed and advised as proposals are being progressed and in conclusion said that given the local circumstances it was better to have a going concern which would attract parents to use this Nursery.

(5) Mr Cowan said that local Members were given insufficient notice about the commencement of the consultation process. He said the Melbourne site was a fantastic facility and he questioned what would happen to the remainder of the site and would it be used for community purposes. Mr Cowan also said that he had concerns about the future of the existing staff.

(6) In response to the local Member's comments Mr Doole said that officers always tried to keep local Members informed and he was sorry that if in the early stages of this proposals, that had not happened. On the question of staffing Mr Doole confirmed that no body would be made compulsory redundant and staff would be consolidated. Also as yet no decisions had been taken about the future of the Melbourne site. Mr Doole also confirmed that the County Council would be working with UMBRELLA through its Early Years staff and the Nursery would also be subject to OFSTED inspections. As to the maintenance of the building there should not be significant ongoing costs to the County Council.

(7) In answer to Members' questions Mr Doole confirmed that no child would be displaced as a result of these changes and Dr Craig said that whilst there were many instances where maintained nursery units shared a site with a primary school, there was no automatic right to go from that nursery unit into that primary school. Mr Doole also said that it was only intended that the UMBRELLA Group would use the Melbourne site and that ongoing provision for those with physical

disability would be provided at the Whitfield School which already has most of the major facilities to meet these special needs. However, the Powell site would be made more accessible for the disabled.

(8) Following further discussion, Members of the Advisory Board agreed to the proposal to change the age range of Green Park Community Primary School and closure of the maintained Nursery Unit on the former Melbourne site with effect from 19 October 2008 and that a public notice be issued in respect of the change of age range of Green Park Community Primary School.

4. Schools Applying for Foundation/Trust Status
(Item. 5)

(1) Dr Craig presented a report which informed Members of the Advisory Board on the current situation regarding Foundation/Trust proposals.

(2) Following discussions, the content of the report was noted.

By: Director - Operations

To: School Organisation Advisory Board – 12 June 2008

Subject: PORTAL HOUSE (SPECIAL) SCHOOL PROPOSED RELOCATION
– OUTCOME OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report sets out the results of the public consultation on the proposal to relocate Portal House School. It seeks the views of the School Organisation Advisory Board on the issuing of a public notice to relocate the school to purpose built accommodation on the site of the former Newington Infant School in Ramsgate.

Introduction

1. (1) As part of the review and reorganisation of special schools in Kent, Portal House School in Dover was re-designated from a 9-13 residential school catering for 45 children with emotional and behavioural difficulties to an 11-16 school making day provision for 60 pupils with Behaviour, Emotional and Social Developments Needs. The existing site is too small and therefore unsuitable for the new designation.

(2) At its meeting on 10 January 2008 the School Organisation Advisory Board supported the proposal to consult on relocating Portal House to Thanet. This report sets out the results of the public consultation which was undertaken in March, April and May 2008 (attached as Appendix 1).

(3) A consultation document, a copy of which is attached as Appendix 2 was distributed in accordance with County policy. This document contains background information and roll data to inform the consultation process.

Background and Accommodation Issues

2. (1) The school is currently located on a compact site in the village of St Margaret's-at-Cliffe near Dover, very close to St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School. Portal House School has enjoyed a harmonious and constructive relationship with the neighbouring primary school over many years. However, the existing accommodation at Portal House is unsuitable for its secondary age designation and the increase in the overall size of the school from 45 to 60 students.

(2) Funding is available through the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme to provide new purpose built accommodation. However, the existing site is unsuitable for development and a new site must be secured.

(3) A number of alternative sites within the Dover district and one in Thanet were explored as possibilities for relocation but these all proved to be unsuitable for a variety of reasons, including difficulties associated with location, access, geographical issues, acquisition of land and potential planning difficulties.

(4) The site of the former Newington Infant School became vacant when the Infant and Junior schools merged with effect from 1 September 2007 and were consolidated on the former Newington Junior School site from that time.

(5) The former Newington Infant School site provides the potential for development as a suitable site for Portal House. Development would require a major new build on the footprint of the existing school building.

The Proposal

3. (1) The proposal is to relocate Portal House School from its existing site at St Margaret's-at-Cliffe near Dover to the site of the former Newington Infant School, on the Newington Estate in Thanet. A site map showing the proposed new location of Portal House and its potential proximity to Newington Primary School is attached as Appendix 3.

(2) Potentially, staff at Portal House would transfer to the new location. There would be no compulsory redundancies. However, given the distance between the existing site and the proposed new location, some staff may feel unwilling or unable to relocate. In those circumstances, in determining whether an employee is entitled to a redundancy payment, the determining factor would be whether or not an individual has unreasonably refused an offer of suitable employment. Each case would be considered on its merits against agreed criteria established in consultation with the Schools Personnel Service (SPS).

The Consultation

4. (1) The consultation document was distributed to staff, governors and parents at the schools, County Councillors, Member of Parliament, the Parish Council, the Diocesan Authorities, local libraries, the District Councils and others in accordance with the agreed County policy. The document was also posted on the KCC website.

(2) Approximately 700 copies of the document were circulated, which included a form for written responses.

(3) A public meeting was held at Portal House School on 31 March 2008. Mr John Simmonds, elected Member of KCC, chaired the meeting. In attendance were Dr Ian Craig, Director – Operations, Martyn Doole, Area Education Officer and other KCC officers. 19 people attended. A second public meeting was held at Newington Primary School on 3 April 2008. Mr Michael Northey, member of SOAB, chaired the meeting. In attendance were Dr Ian Craig, Director – Operations, Martyn Doole, Area Education Officer and other KCC officers. 52 people attended.

Responses to the Public Consultation

Written Responses

5. (1) A summary of written responses is attached as Appendix 4.

Public Meeting Responses

(2) Summaries of points, questions and comments made at the public consultation meeting are attached as Appendix 5.

Views of the Local Members

6. (1) The local members are Mr A Poole and Mrs E Green. Mr Poole commented as follows:

“There are still some local concerns regarding the relocation of Portal House Special School to the former Newington Infant School site in Ramsgate. The Newington area has many problems associated with social deprivation and is currently receiving extra support to assist with the regeneration of the area. My main concern with the Newington location is that the school is designated to cover Canterbury, Dover and Thanet; a more central location should have been chosen to reduce travelling times for the children. I am also concerned that King Ethelbert’s in Westgate was the first proposed location and this was blocked by Thanet District Council as unsuitable.”

(2) Mrs Green attended both public meetings and expressed her concern about the prospect of children being bussed to Newington from far away. It is her view that the school should be relocated to a central position such as Canterbury. She has concerns that Goldwyn Special School may not have the capacity to take those children living in Ashford and Shepway who previously would have attended Portal House.

Views of the Local Member of Parliament

7. Dr Steven Ladyman attended one of the public meetings and stated his opposition to the proposal on the basis that Newington is a community in transition, and that bringing in children from outside would potentially impede local regeneration.

Views of Thanet and Dover District Councils

8. The Leader of Thanet District Council and other Thanet councillors attended one of the public meetings and stated their opposition to the proposal. It is their view that the placement of a Special school in an area such as Newington which already has many problems would be a retrograde step. Perception is negative and Newington does not need this now. Thanet as a District already has the highest number of pupils from outside Kent. Implementation of the proposal would add to the problems of the locality.

Views of the Governing Body

9. The Chairman of the governing body spoke at the public meeting stating that governors were “right behind the proposal”.

Views of the Thanet 2 Cluster Board

10. Members of the Thanet 2 Cluster Board unanimously support the proposal stating that the school would be a valuable asset to Thanet.

Views of the Area Education Officer

11. (1) There have been very few written responses to the consultation, the majority of these being in favour of the proposal.

(2) The change in designation for Portal House means that its present accommodation is no longer suitable and cannot meet the changing needs of the pupils. Rebuilding on the present site is not a practical proposition. The school therefore needs new purpose-built facilities at an alternative location. The site of the former Newington Infant School is available, and through BSF, there is an opportunity to provide excellent accommodation to meet the needs of the pupils.

(3) The Thanet District remains the preferred relocation area taking account of the residential profile of the pupils and the opportunity to access BSF funding.

(4) To date it has not been possible to find a suitable alternative location which is available and fit for purpose. It is essential that there is no significant delay in the projected timescale for relocation, in order to avoid detriment to the education of pupils at Portal house and to enable funding to be secured through BSF to finance the new buildings.

Transport Admissions and Community Impact

12. (1) The future pupil population will be made up of students coming from Dover, Thanet and Canterbury rather than the wider area which is reflected in the current pupil profile. The needs of secondary age children with Behaviour, Emotional and Social Development (BESD) living in Ashford, Shepway, Maidstone or Swale will be met by Goldwyn School in Ashford. Of the three districts which will be covered by Portal House (Dover, Thanet and Canterbury), Thanet has historically contributed the largest group of students. Relocation to Thanet is therefore compatible with the desire and intention to reduce travelling times and make provision available as close as possible to students homes.

(2) Portal House is an excellent school which would make a valuable contribution to the local learning community working in constructive partnership with other school and agencies to meet student's needs.

(3) The admissions criteria for entry to the school would be unaltered.

Resource Implications

13. Capital

(1) Major investment of c. £7.7m is planned to provide state of the art facilities through the BSF programme. The site is already owned by KCC and there would be no costs in relation to site acquisition.

Human

(2) The human resource implications are referred to in 3 (2). In addition, staff who did transfer to the new site would be eligible for assistance with travelling expenses through the Appendix E scheme of allowances.

Equality Issues

14. The existing site and accommodation inhibits delivery of an appropriate curriculum offer over the long term. The new site would allow for all students to have access to their full educational entitlement in purpose-built facilities.

School Improvement Implications

15. Relocation would provide the opportunity to develop superb facilities within a vibrant educational community combined with a reduction in travelling distances for many students, the move would have a beneficial impact on standards by allowing students to be educated and supported in a first class learning environment with strong community connections.

Proposed Timetable

16. If it is decided that a public notice should be issued in respect of the proposal, the following timetable could apply:

Issue public notice	June 2008
End of representation period	July 2008
Decision by Kent County Council	July 2008
Adjudication (if required)	September 2008
Building work would commence following final approval	
Implementation	February 2010

Recommendation

17. The views of the School Organisation Advisory Board are sought on:
- (a) issuing a public notice to relocate Portal House from its existing site to the proposed site at Newington.
 - (b) subject to approval of the proposal following the end of the objection period, the resources necessary to implement the scheme being provided on the basis identified in this report.

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The Local Members are Mr A Poole and Mrs E Green

Background Documents:

None

Previous Committee Reports:

Report to School Organisation Advisory Board 10 January 2008

PROPOSED CHANGE OF PORTAL HOUSE SCHOOL TO AN ALL-THROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Summary of written responses

Consultation documents distributed: 700

Responses received: 17

	Support	Against	Undecided	Total
Parents/Carers of pupils at Portal House School	3	0	0	3
Members of staff at Portal House School	0	2	0	2
Governors of Portal House	2	0	0	0
Members of staff at other schools	0	0	0	0
Interested party	8	2	0	8
Total	13	4	0	17

In support of the proposal

- Use of the former Newington Infant School as another school would be preferable to either building further houses in the estate or leaving the site as it currently exists.
- Special Needs children have the right to a good education as other children in mainstream schools.
- A school located in Newington would be able to help more local children.
- With many of those pupils who now attend Portal House coming from Thanet, it makes sense to locate the school in Thanet.
- The proposed new school looks great and will have excellent facilities for the children.
- Portal House has taken in many children with problems and helped them.
- The construction of a new school on the site will cause minimum disruption to the surrounding neighbourhood. A well designed and pleasant new building will improve the site. Traffic will be less than with the previous infant school.
- This is a wonderful opportunity for Thanet.

Against the proposal

- The placing of the school in the Newington estate sends out the wrong message.
- There are enough children with difficulties on the estate. The proposal will add to the problems already in Newington.
- Concerned that families in the Dover area might be disadvantaged if the proposal is implemented.
- The proximity of pupils to the proposed new location will encourage truancy.
- Staff who live in St Margaret's will not wish to travel to Newington.

PROPOSED RELOCATION OF PORTAL HOUSE SCHOOL TO THANET

Summary of the Public Meeting held on 31st March 2008 at Portal House School

Questions	Response
<p><u>Member of Staff</u> Why can't the Newington site be sold to produce money to buy a more central site to enable staff to stay?</p>	<p>If BSF funding is used, 50% of any capital receipt from the sale of a KCC site would have to be given back to BSF. Can only rebuild a new school on the footprint of an old school.</p>
<p><u>Member of Staff</u> Currently the majority of pupils attending Portal House live in Thanet, but what will happen if that changes?</p>	<p>The new school would be serving three districts in the future – Thanet, Dover and Canterbury. Historically the majority of the intake comes from the Thanet area. There is no evidence to suggest that this will change.</p>
Comments	Response
<p><u>Headteacher</u> Relocation to Thanet was not our first choice but it is seen as a good opportunity</p>	
<p><u>Member of Staff</u> If the school moves out of the district it will lose up to 75% of the staff. This would be a shame because the school is outstanding because of the staff.</p>	<p>The Local Authority does not disagree about the quality of staff. There will be a separate staff meeting and advice and guidance will be available. There will not be compulsory redundancy and staff will be supported to meet their aspirations.</p>
<p><u>Chair of Governors</u> I support the move and although it is unfortunate that the site is 20 miles away from this school the pupils will suffer if we do not move.</p>	<p>It would not be possible to rebuild the school on this site. Newington is the most appropriate site and the area where most of the pupils live.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The site is already owned by KCC. - Will fit in with the BSF programme for Thanet.
<p><u>Governor</u> At one time Aylesham was the popular option for the new school.</p>	<p>The physical feasibility survey showed problems with the soil that would have escalated the cost making it not a viable option.</p>

Summary of the Public Meeting held on 3rd April 2008 at Newington Community Primary School and Nursery

Site and property issues	
Question	Response
<p><u>Thanet District Councillor</u> How many sites were considered and why were they not taken up? Are any other sites currently under consideration?</p> <p><u>Local Residents</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My property borders the site. The site plan shows trees, how tall will the trees be? • Will there be 24 hour security with floodlighting? • How likely is it that our properties will devalue if a Special School is located here? • Will the current fencing be replaced? <p><u>Thanet District Councillor</u> How will the new school be used by the community? We already have a community centre in Newington.</p> <p><u>Local Resident</u> Why have you not looked in Canterbury for a site?</p>	<p>Other sites were considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aylesham – there was a geological problem. • Current site – no additional land available so unable to meet the specifications for the new school. • Whitfield area – no site available. • King Ethelbert – Advised by leader of Thanet District Council that planning permission would not be granted. • Newington became available and was considered by KCC to be the best option. • Architects include trees on the plans but they will not necessarily be there. • It is normal for schools to have burglar alarms and cctv security cameras. • Unable to comment on property values although some can be higher when located next to a school because in operates between 9-4 and not during the school holidays. • The existing fencing would remain unless broken. <p>We would welcome the local community into the new school to use the sports facilities, etc. We would not want to compete with the current community centre amenities.</p> <p>This site became available and as the majority of the pupils come from Thanet it was considered to be the best option. Canterbury is very congested and we are not aware of any available sites. The majority of the children will come from Thanet and relocation to Newington would therefore reduce travelling.</p>
<p><u>Local Resident</u> Will you be taking some of the playing field next to the site?</p> <p><u>Local Member</u> Was the meeting about Portal House that took place at this school last month part of the planning process? Has this already gone to the planning committee and is therefore a foregone conclusion?</p>	<p>Although it was initially thought that some of the playing field would need to be used, this has not proved to be necessary.</p> <p>The other meeting was part of the BSF process for planning the new school. A planning application has been submitted, subject to the outcome of this consultation.</p>
Comments	Response
<u>Leader of Thanet District Council</u>	

<p>Newington is currently being redeveloped and is becoming a good area. A Special School, through perception, is not what Newington needs.</p> <p>Thanet District Council will negotiate with Kent County Council to prevent Portal House being relocated to Newington.</p> <p><u>Local MP</u> This site has been chosen because KCC owns the site and Thanet is in the first phase of BSF.</p> <p><u>Local Resident</u> The roads will not be able to cope with the additional traffic.</p>	<p>There will be a large car park on the site for staff and visitors. The children will come in taxis that will come onto the site to drop the children off. There will only be 60 pupils.</p>
Pupil issues	
Questions	Response
<p><u>Thanet District Councillor</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school currently has 30 pupils but it is proposed that if the school is rebuilt here it will have 60 pupils. Where will these pupils come from? If numbers fell would you bring in pupils from other areas? • Are you proposing to close Westwood? <p><u>Local Resident</u> If Portal House relocates to Newington what is the likelihood of it having accommodation for residential pupils?</p> <p><u>Leader of Thanet District Council</u> Many Local Authorities use Thanet as a dumping ground. How many of the Thanet pupils were born in Thanet or are they in care and come from outside of the area?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no intention to bring in pupils from a wider area and there is appropriate provision for pupils in their own localities. • The school is popular and there would not be a problem with filling it. • Westwood alternative curriculum unit is a provision for children at risk of exclusion. There is no intention of closing it and the provision is different to Portal House. • The majority of pupils will come from Thanet. It would be sensible to locate the school in Thanet to reduce the amount of travelling <p>Portal House did previously offer places for pupils to board but the Special School Review took that away and there are no plans to include this in the future.</p> <p>There are 6 LACs on the roll of Portal House. None of them come from out of county. Two of the 14 pupils who come from Thanet are LAC.</p>
Comments	Response
<p><u>Thanet District Councillor</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will put in place what older children

<p>Portal House client base will bring in young men and women who will be strong willed.</p> <p><u>Local MP</u> If Portal House relocated to Newington it would not be the school that it is now. Currently it is for children aged 9-13 but in the future will be for children aged 11-16. Children of that age will expect to travel by themselves and engage in after school activities. Thanet is a community with difficulties and these should not be added to by importing children into this area.</p> <p><u>Local Resident</u> Your Ofsted report may be excellent but you cannot guarantee it will stay excellent in Newington. Children at age 16 change and you cannot guarantee that they will behave well.</p> <p><u>Local Resident</u> I think this school should go ahead in Newington. The area needs this school for the current children and future generations.</p>	<p>need. They do not have more difficulties only different.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portal House's Ofsted report was outstanding and the behaviour of the students was judged as outstanding.
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Consultation Process	
Question	Response
<p><u>Local Resident</u> Why were residents not consulted? Were the parents of the Canterbury pupils attending Portal House consulted about moving to Thanet?</p> <p><u>Thanet District Councillor</u> Why were there no informal discussions preceding this consultation? There is a level of hostility from Thanet District Council and residents because there is a presumption that this is going to be the site because designs have already been produced.</p>	<p>This is the consultation and we are asking for your views. This is the second of two public meetings and parents of children attending Portal House have been invited to attend both meetings. We are listening to you now before moving to the next stage. The press is here and we are open to receive your comments.</p> <p>This consultation is more than the statutory requirement. In addition to our normal circulation of public consultation documents we did hand deliver to residents bordering the site. The design work for the new school has been done for the BSF process and could be located on a suitable site anywhere.</p>
Comments	Response
<u>Leader of Thanet District Council</u>	Copies of the public consultation document

<p>It is dreadful that Thanet District Council did not know about this consultation.</p> <p><u>Thanet District Councillor and Chairman of Governors of Newington School</u></p> <p>I have not been informed of this proposal officially. There must be a hidden agenda.</p>	<p>were sent to Thanet District Council for circulation.</p> <p>The Area Education Officer met with Councillor Harrison prior to this consultation and discussed the proposal with him.</p>
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By: Director - Operations

To: School Organisation Advisory Board – 10 January 2008

Subject: THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF PORTAL HOUSE SCHOOL,
DOVER TO THE SITE OF THE FORMER NEWINGTON INFANT
SCHOOL, THANET.

Classification: Unrestricted.

Summary: This report proposes the relocation of Portal House Special school in Dover to the site of the former Newington Infants School in Thanet. The report seeks the views of the School Organisation Advisory Board on undertaking a public consultation on the possible relocation of the school.

Introduction

1. (1) As part of the review and reorganisation of special schools in Kent, Portal House School in Dover was re-designated from a 9-13 residential school catering for 45 children with emotional and behavioural difficulties to an 11-16 school making day provision for 60 pupils with Behaviour, Emotional and Social Developments Needs.

(2) The school is currently located on a compact site in the village of St Margaret's-at-Cliffe near Dover, very close to St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School. Portal House School has enjoyed a harmonious and constructive relationship with the neighbouring primary school over many years. However, the existing accommodation at Portal House is unsuitable for its secondary age designation and the increase in the overall size of the school from 45 – 60 students.

(3) Funding is available through the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme to provide new purpose built accommodation. However, the existing site is unsuitable for development and a new site must be secured.

(4) There are currently 41 Pupils on roll at Portal House. Of these 14 come from Thanet, including the Newington Estate. The residential profile of the existing pupils by district is set out below.

Dover – 7, Shepway – 3, Ashford – 3, Maidstone -2, Thanet - 14, Canterbury – 9
Swale – 3.

Background

2. (1) A number of alternative sites within the Dover district and one in Thanet were explored as possibilities for relocation but these all proved to be unsuitable for a variety of reasons, including difficulties associated with location, access, geographical issues, acquisition of land and potential planning difficulties.

(2) The site of the former Newington Infants School became vacant when the Infant and Junior schools merged with effect from 1 September 2007 and were consolidated on the former Newington Junior School site from that time.

(3) The former Newington Infants School site provides the potential for development as a suitable site for Portal House. Development would require major new build on the footprint of the existing school building. It would also be necessary to use a small portion of the adjacent playing field site which currently belongs to Clarendon House.

(4) Early discussions were held with the interim governing body (IGB) of Newington Primary School about the possibility of relocating to the former infant school site. The headteacher of Portal House met with the IGB to discuss this issue, early in 2007 before the Newington Primary School was established.

The Proposal

3. (1) The proposal is to relocate Portal House School from its existing site at St Margaret's-at-Cliffe near Dover to the site of the former Newington Infants School, on the Newington Estate in Thanet with effect from 1 September 2009.

(2) Potentially, staff at Portal House would transfer to the new location. There would be no compulsory redundancies. However, given the distance between the existing site and the proposed new location, some staff may feel unwilling or unable to relocate. In those circumstances, in determining whether an employee is entitled to a redundancy payment, the determining factor would be whether or not an individual has unreasonably refused an offer of suitable employment. Each case would be considered on its merits against agreed criteria established in consultation with the Schools Personnel Service (SPS).

Site Issues

4. (1) The Newington site has a number of significant advantages which commend its suitability for the relocation of Portal House.

- It is available and already owned by KCC.
- It is sufficient in terms of space and provides a pleasing environment for students. The site can accommodate state of the art new buildings, as envisaged under the BSF scheme.
- A significant number of pupils (14) come from the Thanet area and approximately half of these come from Ramsgate. Travelling distances would therefore be reduced and parental contact with the school potentially eased by closer proximity to home.
- Use of the Newington site will allow Portal House to benefit from participation in Wave 4 of the BSF programme generating major capital investment by 2009.

Resource Issues

Capital

5. (1) Major investment of c. £7.7m is planned to provide state of the art facilities through the BSF programme. The site is already owned by KCC and there would be no costs in relation to site acquisition.

Human

(2) The human resource implications are referred to in S.3. In addition, staff who did transfer to the new site would be eligible for assistance with travelling expenses through the Appendix E scheme of allowances.

Views of the Local Members

6. (1) The local Members are Mrs E Green (Lab) and Mr A Poole (Lab).

(2) Comments from Mr Poole

“Portal House school is designated for children with Behavioural, Emotional & Social Development Need (BESD) and caters for up to 60, aged 7 to 13 year old children. The school is currently situated at St Margaret’s at Cliffe, Dover, and serves East Kent.

I understand that the proposal is for the school to be rebuilt on the currently vacant Newington Infant School site in Ramsgate, Thanet, and will cater for up to 60, aged 11 to 16 year old children.

The Newington Housing Estate has considerable social and economic problems and great efforts are currently being made to reduce anti-social behaviour and related problems.

I have been contacted by the District Ward Councillors and residents expressing the concern that siting a school for children with behavioural problems could have a detrimental effect on these efforts; I agree totally with these concerns.

As the school catchment area is East Kent, covering Thanet, Dover, Canterbury, Swale, Ashford and Shepway, I feel a more centrally situated site should be sought which would benefit the children by reducing travelling time. I believe it would be much more logical to site the new school in the Canterbury area which would also have the advantage of reducing travelling costs.”

(3) Comments from Mrs Green

“I wish to object to the Portal House School planned relocation to Newington Estate on the grounds the travelling time is totally unreasonable.

I understand this is an excellent well run school for children with Social, Behavioural and Emotional difficulties and am perplexed as to what motivates this planned move specifically to Newington Estate in Ramsgate. There have been a huge number of objections expressed to me by local residents and concerns expressed by local District Councillors who have fought hard to raise the profile of the local estate. There are great concerns that this school is being placed on Newington Estate as it is seen as a "problem area". I do hope this local perception is not correct as it would be very unfair on the school too, when we need to raise the profile of both.

I found the argument that most of the children came from the area did not tie up with the statistics I obtained at the end of June - obviously there may be some changes since. With the older age range now included, the number of pupils set to almost double to 60 and with such a wide catchment area this must be difficult to foretell.

Notwithstanding my representations on behalf of residents, my overwhelming concern is the welfare of the children. The prospect of sending children from places as distant as Folkestone, Sheppey, Maidstone, Ashford and Sittingbourne totally horrifies me. I have been asking why a site more central cannot be found to prevent this dreadful twice daily journey for our young people. Somewhere in the vicinity of Canterbury would seem to me to be more sensible as it is more central and a high proportion of pupils did come from the area. When this proposal first came forward I asked what sites had been investigated and was told only the Newington Estate site and one in Margate (which had been dismissed) had been considered.

At a recent SOAB meeting there was much justified concern about the distance children with disabilities would have to travel and it was stated it was important to reduce travelling time as much as possible. This move would involve the vast majority of pupils travelling an enormous distance twice daily, so please consider these children too, when making any decision.”

School Improvement Implications

7. Relocation to the Newington site would provide the opportunity to develop superb facilities within a vibrant educational community combined with a reduction in travelling distances for many students, the move would have a beneficial impact on standards by allowing students to be educated and supported in a first class learning environment with strong community connections.

Equality Issues

8. The existing site and accommodation inhibits delivery of an appropriate curriculum offer over the long term. The new site would allow for all students to have access to their full educational entitlement in purpose-built facilities.

Transport & Environmental Impact, including Community Implications

9. (1) The largest number of students currently at Portal House School, come from Thanet. Given the residential profile of existing students, the overall impact of relocation is likely to be that travelling times would be reduced. Even with Portal House full at 60 pupils, the overall number of pupils is small and many live in the locality. It is not anticipated that the relocation would generate significant problems with traffic or congestion locally. Certainly, the situation in St Margaret's-at-Cliffe would be improved significantly, given the narrow road and difficult access to the existing school site.

(2) The plan is to create new purpose-built accommodation on the footprint of the existing Newington Infants School replacing the existing architecture with aesthetically pleasing functional accommodation, designed in sympathy with the surrounding natural environment.

(3) Development of the former Infant school site to include a new school for Portal house would serve the local community which already provides a significant contingent of the student body.

Proposed Timetable

10. (1) The following timetable would apply, subject to the proposal going forward to public consultation.

Report to SOAB seeking views of public consultation	10 January 2008
Public consultation commences	24 Jan – 6 March
Public meeting(s) in St Margaret's-at-Cliffe And Newington	Mid February
Report back to SOAB	7 May
Public Notice Issued (subject to Cabinet Member decision)	23 May
Public Notice Expires	4 July
Determination by Local Authority	Mid July
Adjudication (if required)	September 2008
Building work commences	
Implementation	September 2009

Recommendations

11. Members are asked to give their views on whether there should be a public consultation on the possible relocation of Portal House School from its existing site at St Margaret's-at-Cliffe to the former Newington Infants School in Thanet.

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Background Documents:

None

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Public Consultation Document
PORTAL HOUSE SCHOOL



Public Meetings

Portal House School

Monday 31 March 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

Newington Community Primary School & Nursery

Thursday 3 April 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

Kent County Council would like to hear your views on a proposal to relocate Portal House Special School in Dover to the site of the former Newington Infant School in Thanet.



1. INTRODUCTION

As part of the review and reorganisation of special schools in Kent, Portal House School in Dover was re-designated from a 9-13 residential school catering for 45 children with emotional and behavioural difficulties to an 11-16 school making day provision for 60 pupils with Behaviour, Emotional and Social Development Needs.

The school is currently located on a compact site in the village of St Margaret's-at-Cliffe near Dover, very close to St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School. Portal House School has enjoyed a harmonious and constructive relationship with the neighbouring primary school over many years. However, the existing accommodation at Portal House is unsuitable for its new secondary age designation and the anticipated increase in the overall size of the school from 45 to 60 students.

Portal House is an excellent school which serves its students well. In order to continue to meet the needs of its changing pupil population the school needs new purpose-built facilities which can only be provided on a new site. The relocation of Portal House to the Newington site would enable the development of superb accommodation and facilities, meeting the specific needs of Portal House students.

2. BACKGROUND

A number of alternative sites within the Dover district and one in Thanet were explored as possibilities for relocation but these all proved to be unsuitable for a variety of reasons, including difficulties associated with location, access, geographical issues, acquisition of land and potential planning difficulties.

The site of the former Newington Infant School became vacant when the Infant and Junior schools merged with effect from 1 September 2007 and were consolidated on the former Newington Junior School site from that time.

Funding is available through the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme to provide new purpose-built accommodation for Portal House. However, the existing site at St Margaret's-at-Cliffe is unsuitable for development.

The former Newington Infant School site provides the potential for development as a suitable site for Portal House. Development would require major new build on the footprint of the existing school building.

A display will be available for viewing at each of the public meetings, showing where the new school would be located on the former Newington Infant School site.

The design of the new school building has already been drawn up. A planning application for the development of the new buildings on the Newington site has been submitted. Implementation of the proposal is subject to the outcome of this consultation process and the decision making process and timescale outlined on page 10.

3. WHAT FACILITIES COULD THE NEW SCHOOL OFFER?

The existing site cannot provide adequate specialist facilities needed for KS3 and KS4 students. The Newington site with new purpose-built accommodation would provide; a science laboratory; a music room; Arts and Crafts facilities; provision for technology and food technology and significantly enhanced ICT provision. There would also be a new sports hall meeting Sport England requirements. Overall the new accommodation would be more spacious and provide first class learning facilities, tailored to the needs of the student population.

An artist's impression of what the new school might look like



4. WHERE DO THE STUDENTS COME FROM?

There are currently 41 students on roll at Portal House. Of these, 14 come from Thanet, including the Newington Estate. The residential profile of the existing pupils by district is set out below.

District	Pupils
Dover	7
Shepway	3
Ashford	3
Maidstone	2
Thanet	14
Canterbury	9
Swale	3
Total	41

In future, Portal House will serve principally Dover, Thanet and Canterbury areas. The wider spread of pupils in the grid above reflects the existing pupil profile which includes students, including primary age children, who enrolled at Portal House under its previous EBD designation.

5. WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE EXISTING STAFF?

All existing staff would have the opportunity to transfer to the new location. There would be no compulsory redundancies. It is recognised however, that some staff may be unwilling or unable to relocate. Personnel advice and support will be available to staff to ensure that they are aware of their options and entitlements subject to the outcome of this consultation process.

6. STANDARDS

In order to meet the needs of secondary age pupils, specialist facilities are required which will enable Portal House to deliver the full range of curriculum opportunities at Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4. Students of all ages will benefit from new purpose-built facilities without which the high standards currently achieved by students at Portal House would be at risk over the medium-long term.

7. TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS

The future pupil population will be made up of students coming from Dover, Thanet and Canterbury rather than the wider area which is reflected in the current pupil profile. Secondary age children with Behaviour, Emotional and Social Development (BESD) needs living in Ashford, Shepway, Maidstone or Swale will be met by Goldwyn School in Ashford. Of the three districts which will be covered by Portal House (Dover, Thanet and Canterbury), Thanet has historically contributed the largest group of students. Relocation to Newington is therefore compatible with the desire and intention to reduce travelling times and make provision available as close as possible to students homes.

The new buildings which would be established to accommodate Portal House would be built on the site of an existing school building which would be demolished. The new build would be developed in a way which is compatible with the surrounding area and which takes advantage of modern design and technology in terms of reducing any adverse impact on the environment.

Portal House is an excellent school which would make a valuable contribution to the local learning community working in constructive partnership with other school and agencies to meet students needs.

Locating the school in Thanet would also provide ease of access for Thanet parents and students who form the largest single group in the school.

8. HOW TO GIVE YOUR VIEWS

If you would like to comment on the proposal there are several opportunities available to you.

- **Complete and return the response form to:**
Martyn Doole, Area Education Officer (Dover & Thanet)
East Kent Education Office, Clover House
John Wilson Business Park, Thanet Way
Whitstable, Kent CT5 3QZ
(Forms must reach us by 6 May 2008)

- **Come to a public meeting at:**
Portal House School, Sea Street
St Margaret's at Cliffe, Dover, Kent CT15 6SS
on Monday 31 March 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

- OR

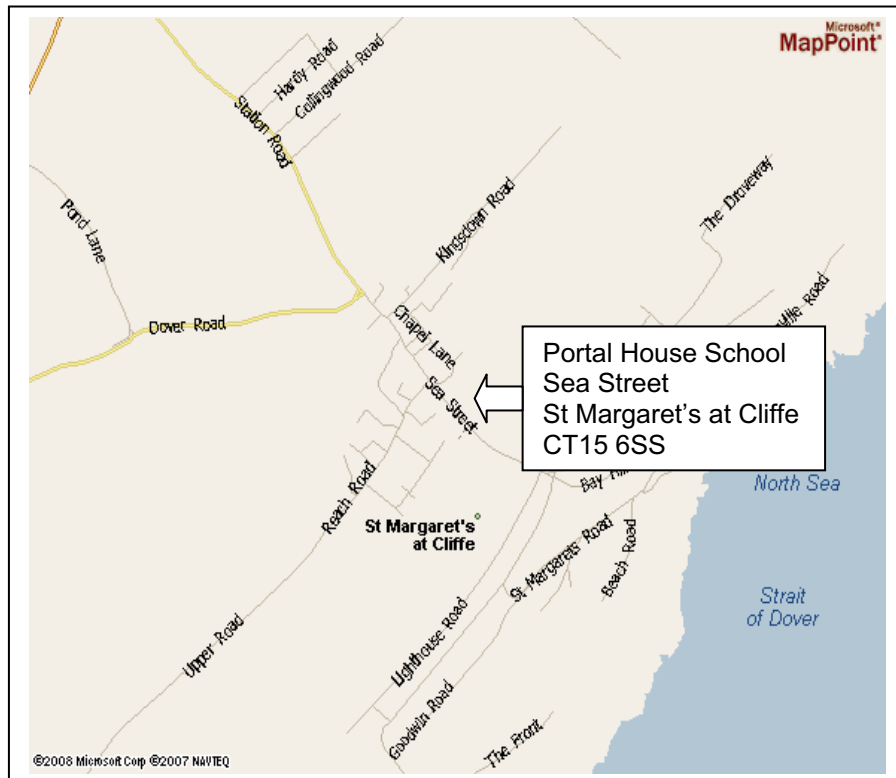
- **Come to a public meeting at:**
Newington Community Primary School & Nursery
Princess Margaret Avenue, Ramsgate, Kent CT12 6HX
on Thursday 3 April at 7.00 p.m.
 - An elected member of Kent County Council will chair these meetings, at which all interested parties will have an opportunity to put forward their views.
 - Officers from the Local Authority will also be present to clarify points of details.

- **Email your views to: school.consultations@kent.gov.uk**

Directions to Portal House, St Margaret's at Cliffe:

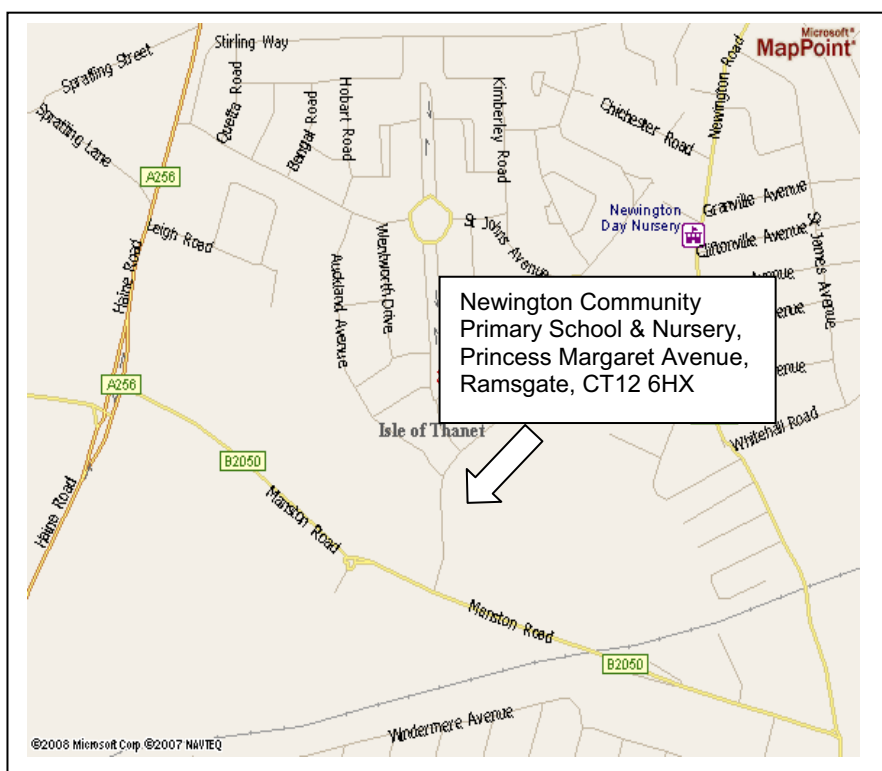
From the A258 Dover to Sandwich road, take the Dover Road to St Margaret's at Cliffe. At the T-junction turn right and proceed straight to Sea Street.

Note; At the time of going to print the Gas Board is undertaking major work in Sea Street. Parking may be difficult in the immediate vicinity of the school.



Directions to Newington Community Primary School & Nursery:

From the A256 take the B2050 Manston Road towards Ramsgate. Take the first turning on the left after the Tesco roundabout into Princess Margaret Avenue. The school is on the right hand side.



9. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- Following this consultation, the outcomes will be reported to the School Organisation Advisory Board of Kent County Council.
- A decision will be made on whether to take the proposal forward.
- If so, a Public Notice will be published for six weeks, when representations about the proposal can be made.
- A determination will then be reached on whether the proposal is to be implemented.
- In certain circumstances this could include referral to the statutory Schools Adjudicator.

10. CONSULTATION AND DECISION MAKING TIMETABLE

Consultation period begins	12 March 2008
Public meeting at Portal House School	31 March, 7.00 pm
Public meeting at Newington Community Primary School & Nursery	3 April, 7.00pm
Final date for written comments	6 May 2008
School Organisation Advisory Board	7 May 2008
Cabinet Member decision to issue a Public Notice	End of May 2008
Approximate dates of Public Notice period	13 June to 25 July
Determination by Local Authority	End July 2008
Adjudication (if required)	September 2008
Building work would commence following final approval	
Implementation (From the start of Term 4)	February 2010

Public Consultation Response Form

Proposal to relocate Portal House School, Dover to the site of the former Newington Infant School, Thanet

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN 6 MAY 2008

To: Martyn Doole, Area Education Officer
Clover House, John Wilson Business Park,
Thanet Way, Whitstable, Kent CT5 3QZ
Fax: 01227 772290

You can also email your views to: school.consultations@kent.gov.uk

Do you agree with the proposal?

Yes

No

The parent/carer of a pupil at
Portal House School

A member of staff at Portal
House School

A governor of Portal House
School

A pupil at Portal House
School

Other interested party

Name of other interested party:
.....

Name:

Address:

Kent County Council is a data controller under the Data Protection Act 1998 and will comply with the requirements of the Act at all times. We will ensure that your personal information is processed fairly and lawfully and in this instance used only for the purpose of validation, which will enable a fair and just consultation.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS OVERLEAF

My comments are as follows

This document is available on:

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-learning/about-education-service/consultations/>

If you require this document in another format, please contact your local school.

By: Director - Operations

To: School Organisation Advisory Board – 12 June 2008

Subject: THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF GRANGE PARK SCHOOL,
LEYBOURNE, WEST MALLING TO THE WROTHAM SCHOOL SITE.

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report seeks the views of the School Organisation Advisory Board on undertaking a Public Consultation concerning a proposal to relocate Grange Park School to a site within the grounds of Wrotham School.

Introduction

1. (1) As part of the review and reorganisation of special schools in Kent, Grange Park School in West Malling was re-designated in 2004 from being a school for 55 pupils with 'Severe, Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties' from the ages of 11-19 years, to become a provision for 'Severe Communication Needs associated with a combination of Autism and Severe Learning Difficulties' for boys and girls aged 11-16. The roll remained at 55. Additional places were added to meet the needs of post-16 provision, based at Holmesdale School in Snodland.

(2) Grange Park provides education for a group of young people who require a highly specialised environment (both accommodation and trained staff) as well as access to a mainstream environment for social and learning opportunities. The links that Grange Park School has made with mainstream schools are very successful but the school's current premises are not satisfactory. The cost to the Local Authority if this provision was not available would be considerable, with all pupils likely to need out-county provision, as there are no alternatives within the Kent maintained sector.

Grange Park School

2. (1) The school is currently based in 1970s single-storey buildings of SEAC construction and is located in Leybourne, West Malling. The buildings are considered inadequate for their re-designated purpose. The site is too restricted to accommodate further mobile accommodation. The existing building footprint now contains an outside learning environment, and sports facilities. The needs of these particular pupils require small class sizes and the availability of 'break-out' spaces.

(2) There are currently 68 pupils on roll at Grange Park School (April 2008), of whom 53 attend the 11-16 provision and 15 pupils attend the Post 16 provision at Holmesdale. The pupils who attend Grange Park come from West Kent and parts of Mid Kent. A dot map is attached in Appendix 1.

(3) The site which the school currently occupies is too small to accommodate the facilities which the school requires. Recently, the school's utility services have been seriously affected by the adjacent housing development.

Wrotham School

3. (1) Wrotham School is a Specialist Humanities Secondary School, which is situated between the villages of Borough Green and Wrotham. The school gained specialist status for humanities in September 2005. Wrotham is a Foundation School which holds its land and buildings in Trust. The school has the capacity to admit and educate 726 boys and girls. There were 715 pupils on roll (autumn 2007 PLASC), of which 623 pupils attended the 11-16 provision and 92 pupils attended the 6th form provision.

(2) The proposed relocation of Grange Park School onto the Wrotham School site would not affect the operation of Wrotham School, neither would it occupy too much of the school's site. Grange Park School would be a separate and self-contained school with its own headteacher, governing body and staff. Wrotham School's existing site area is approximately 82,511m². The minimum requirement for a school of its size is 51,440m². Grange Park School would require a site area of approximately 11,825m². There is currently a surplus site area of 31,017m² on the Wrotham site, sufficient space to accommodate Grange Park School in a building with the capacity to accommodate a maximum of 55 pupils.

(3) At the last Ofsted inspection in September 2006, Wrotham School was judged as being 'Good'. More recently, in January 2008, Ofsted carried out a subject inspection of the School's 'Business Education' programme, which was also judged as 'Good'.

(4) Wrotham School is a successful non-selective school, which achieves high results as measured by all the normal indicators. Results have improved steadily over the past few years and that trend is expected to continue. In 2007, 78% of pupils achieved 5 A-C grades at GCSE and 37% including English and maths. Contextualised Value Added (CVA), which is a measure of pupil progress, was high at 1027. Students achieve well in the relatively small sixth form and have the opportunity to broaden their studies as part of a wider Malling Sixth Form Consortium. The latest Ofsted Report in 2006 reported that 'Teaching and learning is good in the school and satisfactory in the sixth form.' Wrotham School specialises in Humanities, which means it has a particular focus on communication. The achievement of pupils with SEN and AEN are particularly good and CVA for these pupils is slightly higher than for the school as a whole.

(5) The Local Authority has been in discussion with the headteacher and governors of Grange Park School during recent years about the school's location. Other site options have been considered during this period, but they have proved to be inappropriate.

(6) Wrotham School was recently identified as a suitable site for the relocation of Grange Park School. Early discussions have taken place with both headteachers and Chair of Governors regarding the possible relocation. The governing body at Wrotham School agrees, in principle, with the proposal. Considerable thought will need to be given to the design and siting of new buildings because Wrotham School's grounds fall within the Green Belt.

The Proposal

4. (1) The proposal is to relocate Grange Park School from its existing site in Leybourne, West Malling, into a new 2,000sqm school building on the Wrotham School site in Sevenoaks with a target date of September 2009. The new school would be built to accommodate 55 boys and girls from the ages 11-16 and would be designed to be a 'school for the future', able to meet the requirements of the curriculum now and in the future.

(2) There are three potential locations for the new school on the Wrotham school site. Jacobs Babbie has been commissioned to carry out the feasibility studies on all the three locations. A meeting will be held on 23 May with both headteachers and Chairs of Governors to agree on the preferred option. A site map showing the location of Grange Park School is attached in Appendix 2. A site map for the proposed new location of the school is also attached in Appendix 3.

(3) All pupils and staff would transfer to the new building.

Views of the Local Members

5. (1) The Local Member for Grange Park School, Sarah Hohler, fully supports the proposal. She has been most impressed with the education and support offered by Grange Park special school to its students especially since it has been operating for some time on a challenging site. She is therefore delighted that these plans will provide facilities more suited to the quality of education the school provides. Wrotham School is in need of improvements to many of its buildings and facilities and she is pleased that this proposal goes some way to delivering these improvements as well as securing the future of this important and successful local secondary school

(2) The Local Member for Wrotham School, Valerie Dagger, fully supports the proposal and believes that it offers positive benefits for both schools.

Views of the Cluster Board

6. The Malling Cluster Board notes the proposal to relocate Grange Park School on the site of Wrotham School. It is a move supported by the Headteachers and governing bodies of both schools. The Board welcomes the opportunity which this will present for Grange Park to establish itself in a settled base and welcomes the opportunity which will occur for the exchange of good inclusive practice between the co-located schools. This indication of the Local Authority's support for education in the Cluster will be welcomed by local schools.

Resource Implications

Capital

7. (1) The capital costs of building the new school will be in the region of £4m. It is expected that the funding to facilitate the new build would come from the Special School Review budget. There will not be any costs involved in acquiring land from the Governing Body of Wrotham School. Discussions are taking place about future improvements to the Wrotham School buildings in recognition of the provision of land for Grange Park School.

Human

(2) All staff and pupils would transfer across to the school at its new site and it is not anticipated that job contracts would be affected.

Equality Issues

8. (1) The new provision will ensure that appropriate educational opportunities are available for this group of disabled pupils who live in the west of Kent. Boys and girls are admitted to Grange Park (although the incidence of boys with this need is greater which is reflected in the gender balance within the school).

(2) The proposed new site at Wrotham School would provide students with access to their full educational entitlement in purpose-built facilities.

Transport and Environmental Impact including Community Implications

9. (1) Pupils who attend Grange Park School currently come from West and Mid Kent. The largest number of pupils come from Maidstone and Sittingbourne. It will be necessary for the Local Authority to provide transport for these pupils.

(2) Traffic to Wrotham Village and the school site should not increase greatly as a result of Grange Park being relocated. The existing entrance to Wrotham School will be redesigned to include a drop-off zone for parents of pupils from both schools. This will reduce the impact of traffic congestion on the neighbouring residents. Staggered school hours could also be introduced.

(3) The new school would be required to produce a school travel plan.

School Effectiveness

10. At the last Ofsted inspection in June 2007, Grange Park School was judged as being 'satisfactory'. More flexibility in class organisation would allow the school to demonstrate improved progress following a 'streaming' and 'stage not age' approach to grouping, where disruptions to learning could be minimised by use of break-out rooms. Ability grouping can raise expectations of the most able pupils.

Proposed Timetable

11. If it is decided that a public consultation should be undertaken in respect of the proposal, the following timeline could apply:

Report to SOAB	12 June 2008
Public Consultation commences	20 June 2008
Public Meeting	w/c 7 July 2008
End of public consultation period	1 August 2008
Report back to SOAB	11 September 2008
Cabinet Member Decision	8 October 2008

Scrutiny <i>if required</i>	22 October 2008
Public notice issued	End October/early November 2008
End of Public notice period	December 2008
Determination by Local Authority	December 2008
Adjudication <i>if required</i>	Early 2009
Proposed Implementation	1 September 2009

Recommendations

12. Members are asked to give their views on whether there should be a public consultation on the possible relocation of Grange Park (Special) School from its existing site at Leybourne, West Malling to an identified site at Wrotham School.

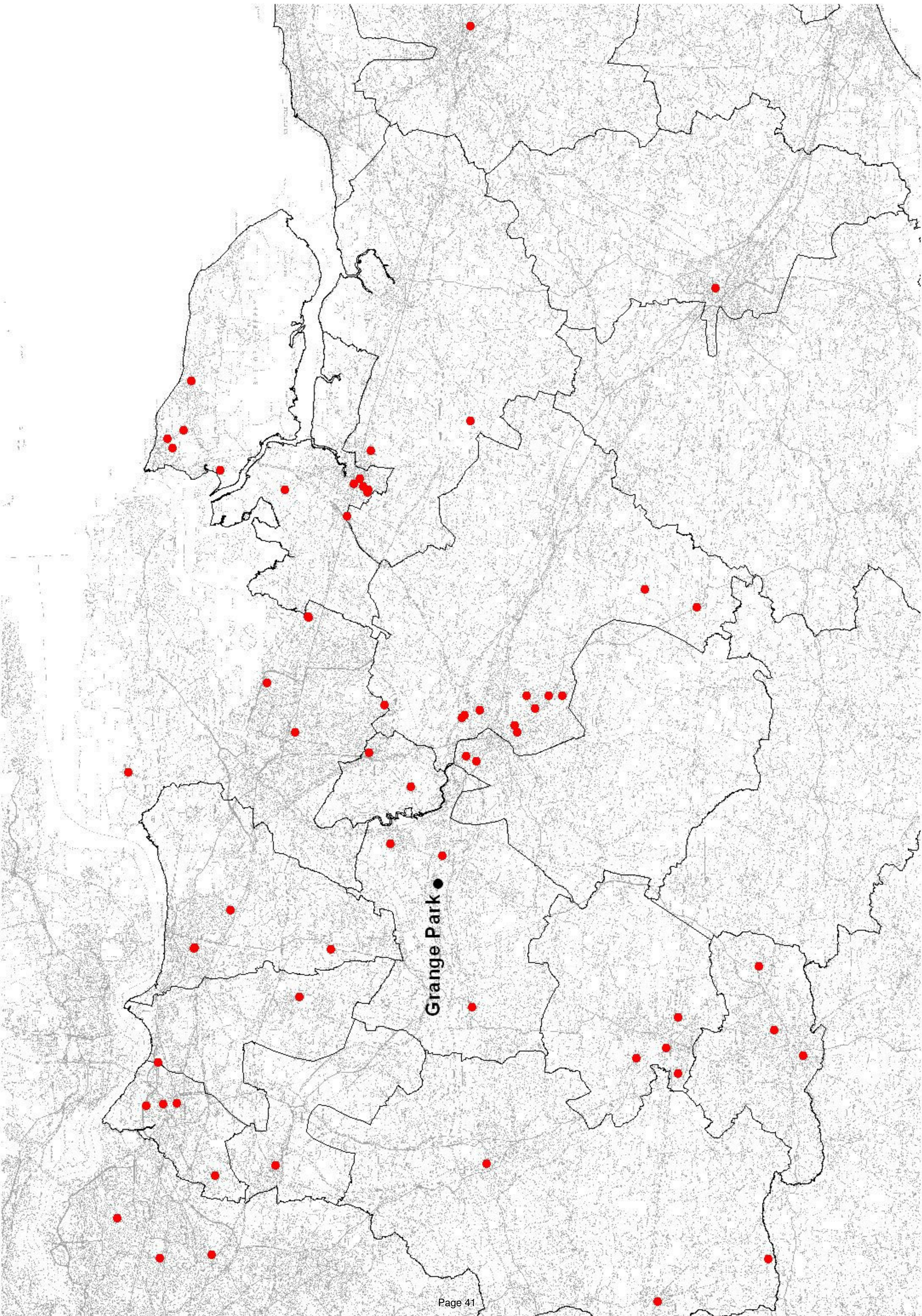
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The Local Members are Mrs Sarah Hohler and Mrs Valerie Dagger

Background documents:

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GRANGEPARK SCHOOL
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