

Addendum to Public Consultation Document involving Foxwood School and Highview School

Introduction

On 7 December 2009 Kent County Council began a consultation on the following proposal:

- to redesignate Foxwood School as a school for Profound and Severe Learning Needs, and Highview School as a school for Complex Learning Needs;
- to relocate both schools on to the site of Brockhill Park Performing Arts College;
- to remove the boarding provision at Foxwood School; and
- to change the age range of Highview School to include post-16 provision.

The original proposals to site Foxwood and Highview Schools adjacent to Brockhill Park Performing Arts College (BPPAC) buildings have been withdrawn following discussion between Kent County Council and the BPPAC governing body.

This has necessitated the distribution of this addendum to the public consultation document, which is seeking your views on the alternative site options now available for the relocation of Foxwood and Highview Schools. It also sets out a revised date and location for the public meeting of 11 February 2010, and extends the consultation period.

Site Options

There are two possible site options for Foxwood and Highview Schools:

1. Brockhill Park Performing Arts College site: The BPPAC governing body have agreed to KCC carrying out feasibility studies with regard to the siting of Foxwood and Highview Schools at the south-eastern end of the Brockhill site adjacent to St. Augustine's RC primary school, so this option remains a possibility.
2. Part of the Former Channel School site (Park Farm Road): The County Council owns a parcel of land from the former Channel School site which fronts on to Park Farm Road. The site is large enough to accommodate Foxwood and Highview Schools, and it adjoins the Folkestone Academy which is an all ability school for boys and girls aged 4 to 18 years.

Each site has advantages and disadvantages in respect of the relocation of the two Special Schools, but the relative merits of these will differ according to the individual's personal perspective. Some factors that might be considered are:

- Is the site large enough to easily accommodate Foxwood and Highview Schools, in addition to the existing site users?

- The new support and curriculum pathways that can be created for the benefit of all students by co-locating Foxwood and Highview Schools with the relevant mainstream primary and secondary schools.
- The traffic and access issues of the site.
- The suitability of the site for use by pupils with significant physical disabilities.

Your views on these site options are sought.

How to Give Your Views - The Consultation Process

The consultation document issued on 7 December 2009 remains valid and should be read together with this addendum. The changes to the consultation process are:

1. The **PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING** will now be held at **FOXWOOD SCHOOL, SEABROOK ROAD, HYTHE, CT21 5QJ** on **Thursday 11 February 2010 at 7pm.**
2. The **closing date** for the public consultation **has been extended to 25 February 2010.**
3. The **attached consultation response** form should be used instead of the form contained in the consultation document¹.

¹ Any completed response form will be accepted, but if you use the form contained with the original consultation document please use the comments section to give us your views on the site options.

Public Consultation Response Form

Please return no later than 5pm on 25 February 2010, to:

David Adams, Area Children's Services Officer, Mid Kent Area Education Office,
Kroner House, Eurogate Business Park, Ashford, Kent TN24 8XU.
(Fax 01233 898500)

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

Do you agree with the proposal to re-designate Foxwood and Highview Schools, relocate both schools, remove the boarding provision from Foxwood School, and change the age range of Highview School to include post -16?

Yes

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No

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I am: (please tick as appropriate)

The parent / carer of a
student at Foxwood School

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The parent / carer of a
student at Highview School

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A member of staff at
Foxwood School

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A member of staff at
Highview School

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A student at Foxwood School

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A student at Highview School

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A governor

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Other interested party

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Name of school or interested party

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Please indicate which of the site options you favour (please tick your preferred site):

- Brockhill Park Performing Arts College
- Land on Park Farm Road

PLEASE WRITE YOUR COMMENTS OVERLEAF

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.

My comments are as follows:

This document is available on:

http://www.kent.gov.uk/education_and_learning/plans_and_consultations/consultations.aspx

Responses can be e-mailed to: school.consultations@kent.gov.uk

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