

From: The Rt. Hon. Sir John Stanley, M.P.

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Dear Mr Jones.

Consultation on the proposed relocation of Grange Park School to Wrotham School

Thank you for your letter of June 12 enclosing the Kent County Council's Consultation document on the above proposed relocation.

I have received a copy of the response to this Consultation by the Chairman of Governors of Grange Park School, Mr Matthew Balfour, and the Headteacher, Mr Mark Robson, a copy of which I attach for convenience.

I visited Grange Park School once again myself last December and wholeheartedly endorse the points made by the Chairman of Governors and the Headteacher as to the wholly unsatisfactory and unsustainable nature of the school's present site.

The early relocation of the school to a new site that conforms fully to the best educational standards is imperative.

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I also fully endorse each of the 9 points made by the Chairman of Governors and the Headteacher as to why the proposed new site for Grange Park School at Wrotham School provides the optimum outcome for a relocation of Grange Park School in the local area.

Grange Park School is the only school in our area making provision exclusively for young people with "Severe communication needs associated with a combination of autism and severe learning difficulties" in the age range 11-16. These severely disadvantaged young people deserve school buildings and facilities of an altogether higher standard than those that can currently be provided at Grange Park School on its Leybourne site.

I warmly commend the Kent Local Education Authority for coming forward with this proposal for Grange Park School's relocation to new buildings at Wrotham School, and it has my wholehearted support.

I am copying this letter to the Chairman of Governors and the Headteacher of Grange Park School.

Yours sincerely
John Stanley