Consultation on proposed school catchment area change for The Hamble School

Following a review of secondary school catchments covering Hamble and Hedge End to take account of a new housing development on Land East of Dodwell Lane (Latitude), Hampshire County Council, as the admission authority for Hamble School, is seeking views on the following proposal:

To remove land East of Dodwell Lane (Latitude) from The Hamble School catchment area.

The housing development on land East of Dodwell Lane (Latitude) currently falls within the catchment area of The Hamble School. However, Wildern School in Hedge End is closer and its location means that there would be no need for families to cross the M27 to get there and there is a walking route to school.

Hampshire County Council is therefore proposing that The Hamble School catchment boundary should be redrawn to remove the Land East of Dodwell Lane where the development is situated and place it within Wildern School's catchment area from September 2021 onwards.

Wildern Academy Trust, as the admission authority for Wildern School, have agreed in principle to this proposal and are carrying out a separate consultation (available on their school website) on a proposal to extend their catchment area to include the new development. Subject to the outcome of the consultations by Hampshire County Council and Wildern Academy Trust, both catchment changes would be implemented for school admissions from September 2021 onwards.

Transitional arrangements are also proposed by the County Council to mitigate the impact of this catchment change for families currently living in the affected area with children already attending The Hamble School, as follows:

Children living in the affected area who have a sibling on roll at The Hamble School
who were admitted when their address was still in the catchment area prior to it
changing, and who will still be on roll at the time of the younger sibling's admission,
will be given 'catchment, sibling' priority for admission to The Hamble School, up to
and including admission in September 2024.

A map showing both the current and proposed catchment area for The Hamble School is shown below:

