

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Peter Colenutt
Title:	Head of Strategic Development
Reference:	Endeavour Primary School, David Kirk Site

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That unconditional approval be given to the following proposal; the publication of a public notice under Section 19 (1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006:

To make a prescribed alteration to Endeavour Primary School, East Anton Farm Road, Andover, SP11 6RD (category of schools – Community) by expanding the premises of the school to manage the David Kirk site on Dairy Road, with effect from September 2018.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. Following local consultation, the County Council received 8 written comments regarding the proposal to expand the school. In considering the responses received the County Council felt that the provision of additional school places was necessary and that comments received did not represent sufficient concern to prevent proceeding with the expansion. The proposal to expand Endeavour Primary School from 420 to 840 places, across both the existing East Anton school site and the Dairy Road site (to be known as the David Kirk building), with effect from September 2018, should proceed to the next stage of the process.

3. Consultation

- 3.1. Formal consultation took place between 2 October and 6 November 2017. A letter was sent to consultees as detailed below and a drop-in session was held at the Dairy Road site on 16 October 2017. The proposal was also included on the County Council's consultation website.
- 3.2. Letters were sent to;
- Parents of children attending Endeavour Primary School
 - Headteacher, school staff and Governing Body of Endeavour Primary School
 - Headteachers and Chairs of Governors of neighbouring schools

- Test Valley Borough Council – Chief Executive
- Trade union representatives
- Local Dioceses
- MP – Right Honourable Kit Malthouse
- HCC Elected Member – Councillor Kirsty Locke
- Tracey Messer– Childcare Development Service Manager
- Residents within 50 metres of both the existing Endeavour Primary School and the Dairy Road site boundary's (1215 letters sent)

4. Consultation responses received

4.1. A total of 8 written comments were received. The key issues raised by consultees can be summarised as follows;

- Confusions were raised for further clarity on whether Endeavour Primary School on East Anton Farm Road would be enlarged or whether Endeavour Primary School will manage the new David Kirk school site on Dairy Road.
- Concerns around whether there would be enough secondary school places within the local area to accommodate the additional school places Endeavour Primary School will bring to Andover via the David Kirk school site.
- The need was expressed for more facilities to manage breakfast and after school clubs. There are currently not enough spaces to accommodate existing Endeavour Primary School pupils. Many children are on the waiting list at the Scott Centre.
- Queries were raised in relation to the operational aspects of Endeavour School managing two school sites and continuing to deliver the same level of quality education to all children attending the school across both school sites.

5. Comments on consultation responses received

5.1. Within the consultation period a further letter was sent out to local residents to clarify that Endeavour Primary School on East Anton Farm Road will not be enlarged, but that Endeavour Primary School would expand to manage the new David Kirk school site on Dairy Road and operate across two school sites.

5.2. With respect to the comments received around secondary school places in the local area to accommodate the extra children Endeavour Primary School will bring; there are sufficient secondary places within the three Andover secondary schools to accommodate the anticipated pupils yield from the

developments around Andover. For this reason a new secondary is not required.

- 5.3. In relation to the concerns raised around the need for more facilities to manage breakfast and after school clubs in the Andover area it is anticipated that the school will make additional places available to help cope with the potential demand.
- 5.4. Discussions will be held with staff from Services for Young Children (SfYC) regarding the demand for pre-school places in the area and if it is felt additional places are required opportunities will be considered as to how additional provision can be made.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1. Pupil forecasts for Endeavour Primary School show numbers growing as a result of the housing development at East Anton which has led to an increased demand for school places. In order to meet the County Council's statutory duty to ensure sufficiency of school places, Endeavour Primary School needs to be expanded.
- 6.2. The comments received during the consultation will be considered through the development of the school travel plan. In considering the responses received, the County Council felt that the provision of additional school places was necessary and that comments received did not represent sufficient concern to prevent proceeding with the expansion.

7. Other options considered and rejected:

- 7.1. The County Council had previously been working with a Free School Sponsor to run the school as the David Kirk Academy. Unfortunately, the Sponsor withdrew at a late stage in the discussions owing to other pressures which required the County Council to consider an alternative solution to provide the required school places.

8. Conflicts of interest:

- 8.1. Conflict of interest declared by an Executive Member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision:

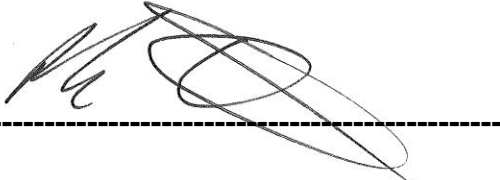
None

9. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:

None

Approved by:

Date: 28/11/2017

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Peter Colenutt, Head of Strategic Development

On behalf of the Director of Children's Services