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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 January 2025 19:35
To: Strategic Planning Unit
Subject: Consultation on the relocation of The Henry Cort Community College

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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to place my objection to the above proposals on the following basis.

The only reason I can see for you to be considering this plan is to sell off OUR public land to developers. No doubt the new school you wish to build will also be down to the private sector to build another Academy, Another way of funneling OUR taxes into private hands and worsening the experience of school for our kids.

A new school needs to be built in Whitely and has been needed since the village was completed but our children's education comes second to private company profits again.

There will be drastic, life changing issues caused (Especially from my Family in the North of Fareham) by taking away their local school and making them travel miles each way plus additional time.

Will you provide paid-for transport on Parent evenings when parents would have to make their way to Whiteley and back again, no, of course not. That is just 1 small financial hardship you would be placing on Families in a cost of living crisis if this goes ahead.

At the previous consult, it was overwhelmingly against this plan, yet you are still going ahead with it. Do you actually listen to these consultations or do you just do them because you have to and just ignore all the things you don't like and go ahead anyway??

So again, I am whole-Heatedly against this proposition.

I will be undertaking a freedom of information request after the consultation regarding what has been put forward in the objections.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 January 2025 20:31
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FAO: Richard Vaughan, Strategic Manager, Children's Services Department, EII Court North, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8UG

Please accept this email as my objection to relocating Henry Cort Community School to Whiteley.

In my opinion, it is unacceptable to uproot pupils at Henry Cort, midway through some of the most important years of their schooling and expect them to travel nearly 3 miles to a completely new, unestablished school.

The Whiteley development is huge. There are many, many school aged children that would easily fill a new additional school in Whiteley. By moving students from Fareham, the school will inevitably become quickly oversubscribed, and children will be seeking senior school education further afield. Again.

I feel that it is important for this decision to be revisited and for the best interests of the children and families in Fareham and Whiteley to be considered at the forefront of the minds of those with the power to impose this change.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED] resident.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 January 2025 22:43
To: Strategic Planning Unit
Subject: Henry Cort relocation

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Hello,

Why are you wasting so much money on public consultations when HCC will do whatever HCC wants to do? When have HCC ever listened to what the public wants?

If the birth rate is falling so drastically, why is a brand new playground being built right on Henry Cort's doorstep?

The children from this particular area of Fareham are already disadvantaged and now you are taking away their school and giving it to better off families and not providing transport for them to still attend! Yes, taking Highlands out of the Henry Cort catchment area to ensure they can't have transport is sneaky and cruel. You'd at least expect guaranteed transport to be laid on for the years 8-11 who are going to be forced to move, with new admissions having to meet the usual transport eligibility. After all, you've been providing transport to richer families from Whiteley for all these years.

I would love it if Henry Cort could stay open permanently and Whiteley have the school that they deserve, but I know this won't happen. So I then think I would just like my [REDACTED], who will be a year [REDACTED] in 2027, to be able to stay in Henry Cort and not have [REDACTED] education disrupted, while all new admissions go to the other schools.

I understand that Whiteley is an up and coming area and the council is all about saving money, but please have some consideration for an already established community and think about what is right for the children who will be in Henry Cort when it moves. Either let them stay at the Hillson Drive site, or pay for their transport.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 January 2025 21:29
To: Strategic Planning Unit
Subject: Do not relocate Henry Cort!

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Do not relocate this school the public opinion before also stated to keep it open as well and I stand by that opinion. Open another (smaller than 900 if necessary) secondary school in Whitley as well as Henry Cort. You continue to build houses in Whitley which means you have a need for a school there but you also have homes in Fareham area that need Henry Cort leave it alone. My vote is it stays open along with the secondary school for Whitley. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 January 2025 08:21
To: Strategic Planning Unit
Subject: Henry Cort removal

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I think something at henry cort school should stay open. With a local primary scholl age child on state benefits, its all good and well giving children transport ect. But there no plans for parents transport. I personally dont drive. Not many parents on this housing estate do. How on earth am i expected to travel to Whitley to collect a sick child from school and return them home on public transport worries me. The busses in Highlands area are only 1 an hour and stop completly at 6pm. With no good bus services i think this would be stressful. I would be expecting a taxi home from there. So i am against the recommendations.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 January 2025 09:54
To: Strategic Planning Unit
Subject: Response to proposed plans for henry cort/whiteley secondary school

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Hi, I've never responded to this type of thing before so hopefully this is the correct way and my opinion will be counted. I apologise for the messages disjointedness, and skipping over of information, I'm extremely passionate about [REDACTED] education, and I struggle with communicating myself and often skip details.

My name is [REDACTED] I moved to whiteley [REDACTED] ago, I moved here because I had a young child, and the area was fantastic, no secondary school but that was okay because it was supposed to be finished the year before [REDACTED] would need to attend it... that was [REDACTED] years ago. I've resigned to the fact [REDACTED] has to attend a school in a different town, a school that I can not easily get to as a non driver.

My [REDACTED] is [REDACTED], [REDACTED] does not have an ehcp as [REDACTED] is a fantastic independent learner; however [REDACTED] has massive struggles every single day to just be in school and school environment.

For [REDACTED] to settle into henry cort last year when [REDACTED], meant alot of phones calls and emails to and from the school, extra settling in sessions over the 6 week holidays, going into the school area to make sure [REDACTED] knew where it was and felt happy to be there. [REDACTED] primary school took [REDACTED] on 10 occasions to help [REDACTED] meet teachers and look around at lessons etc.

It has not been easy to help [REDACTED] settle in. But [REDACTED] finally, in the middle/end of [REDACTED] began to feel happy and content and [REDACTED] learning was back on track.

Then the proposal to close henry cort and relocate it happened..... [REDACTED] then over the next month or so [REDACTED] was informed that her tutor, [REDACTED] headteacher, and another 3/4 teachers were leaving. They are all leaving henry cort for other placements. So [REDACTED] started again to suffer. The fear of loosing her tutor, who had worked incredibly well with [REDACTED] to help [REDACTED] feel safe and listened to at school, took over. [REDACTED] didn't know who [REDACTED] new tutor would be. Or what that might entail. It was about this time that my [REDACTED], so [REDACTED] now also has this on [REDACTED] mind.

This year, year 8 [REDACTED] now has 2 new tutors and a new group of children within that tutor group, 5 new teachers [REDACTED] never met, that don't know who [REDACTED] is, or what [REDACTED], or how to [REDACTED] and help [REDACTED] stay happy in a learning environment, which is very easily achieved if the right things are done for [REDACTED], she's settled in okay, as usual is excelling in [REDACTED], and suddenly at christmas with no warning her [REDACTED] teacher leaves, so now [REDACTED] goes back in January, another few teachers have left the school, my daughters 3rd [REDACTED] teacher in under [REDACTED] the previous teachers had enacted.

Now I don't blame teachers for leaving, I don't blame them for feeling they need to leave henry cort to have a secure job, to avoid all the hassle of having to leave and move sites, added driving everyday, the dreaded whiteley traffic in the mornings. They're only human and need to make the best decisions for themselves.

However the consequences of this is that [REDACTED] is now suffering at school, [REDACTED] has lost alot of teachers, who [REDACTED] builds bonds with and holds with a high degree of respect. [REDACTED] been passed

around to different tutors, different groups in her tutor, [REDACTED] been carrying around the note her [REDACTED] tutor gave [REDACTED] when [REDACTED] left, [REDACTED] has a special relationship with adults who help [REDACTED]. It's part of [REDACTED] it's amazing and yet the consequences of these bonds being broken are that [REDACTED] becomes extremely unsettled, unhappy, [REDACTED] and that has a negative impact on [REDACTED] education. And now what you want to do is [REDACTED], you want to rip [REDACTED] out of a school, that [REDACTED] just about happy and confident to go to now, and put [REDACTED] in an entirely new school.... one that [REDACTED] doesn't know [REDACTED] way around, [REDACTED] probably know none of the teachers, [REDACTED] tutor group will change AGAIN, the teachers won't know or understand [REDACTED] Instead of going into [REDACTED] in a place that [REDACTED] knows, that [REDACTED] will have spent [REDACTED], and knowing where [REDACTED] can go [REDACTED]. To the posters on the wall and the class room layouts, to the rooms the exams are taken in! Even to the corridors [REDACTED] has to wait in [REDACTED] all those things [REDACTED] is building up mental images to help [REDACTED]. And instead you are going to rip that away from [REDACTED] and force [REDACTED] into an entirely new environment, this could be absolutely catastrophic to [REDACTED] education. [REDACTED] now the probability that [REDACTED] will have this be forced upon [REDACTED].

I'm ashamed that you are trying to make this decision.

Other people will write to you about the need for extra school places, the cost for shipping fareham kids up to whiteley on buses, all of these are 1000% valid points. But to me personally; the devastating effect this could have on [REDACTED] education, self confidence, emotional and mental health comes top of that. And I know there are alot of other parents with children [REDACTED] who feel and have similar stories to myself. And have these same fears.

Please for [REDACTED] consider leaving henry cort open as it stands today, and run both sites as schools.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 January 2025 12:39
To: Strategic Planning Unit
Subject: Henry cort relocation

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Dear sir/madam.
I am a mother of [REDACTED] one who has not long left the school and one who will be joining in [REDACTED], Henry cort has been where its located for as long as I can remember, I do not agree that it should be relocated at all, I think u should have both schools open and running u have to consider this because what happens if next year lots of babies are born in Fareham and whitely, years down the line there won't be enuff room for all of the kids at schools when they are old enuff, I also live [REDACTED], I dont think it's fair that children from Fareham would have to travel to and from whiteley, it's the not the easiest place to access at busy times of day so there for kids will be late to school and there's gunna be traffic congestion.... my vote is KEEP BOTH SCHOOLS OPEN

kind regards
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From:

Sent:

[REDACTED]
12 January 2025 21:27

To:

Strategic Planning Unit

Subject:

FAO Richard Vaughn re: proposed closure of Henry Court School

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Dear Richard

I am writing as the parent of a child who will be [REDACTED]. I am concerned that despite universal feedback from local families that the council had continued to recommend it's plan to close Henry Court and Transfer to the Whiteley secondary school.

I am concerned that the council have not appropriately factored in changes such as the Welbourne development in it's decision making.

I would like the council to re consider it's recommendations and keep Henry Court open at the time the new secondary school in Whiteley opens.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 January 2025 09:15
To: Strategic Planning Unit
Subject: Consultation on Henry Cort Community College.

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Subject: Feedback on Secondary School Consultation for Whiteley and Fareham

Dear Mr Vaughan,

As a lifelong resident of Fareham—and by extension, Hampshire—I am deeply disappointed that while residents' voices are acknowledged during consultations, they are often not acted upon. In the previous consultation, the council publicly disregarded the opinions expressed, as highlighted in [insert press quote here]. Nonetheless, I wish to again take the time to raise my concerns and offer constructive suggestions regarding the current consultation.

The current proposal outlines plans for a 900-place school in Whiteley. However, the consultation notes that only around 300 pupils currently travel from Whiteley. This suggests the remaining 600 pupils would need to travel across Fareham and surrounding areas to the north, potentially exacerbating Whiteley's already notorious traffic issues—especially during peak travel times.

While I appreciate the consultation's consideration of travel costs, the provided figures appear inconsistent and unclear. You estimate that transporting 300 pupils from Whiteley to Fareham costs £500,000, but transporting 600 pupils—over a wider area and longer distances from Fareham to Whiteley—will cost only £100,000. I would like clarification on how these estimates were calculated.

Regarding the need for a school in Whiteley, I agree it is important for the local community. However, I propose an alternative approach: rather than relocating a standalone school, Henry Cort Community College could adopt a multi-campus model. This approach, similar to that used by the South Hampshire College Group in its recent merger of three colleges (Fareham, Southampton and Eastleigh), could consolidate resources (physical, digital and personnel) while maintaining educational standards.

For instance, Henry Cort could operate with a split-campus model, with, for example three tutor groups per year in Whiteley and six in Fareham. Teachers could be allocated proportionally between the two sites based on curriculum needs. For example, if nine science teachers are needed for 900 pupils, the division could be six at Fareham and three at Whiteley, instead of placing all nine in Whiteley. This model could reduce administrative costs, optimise resource allocation, and maintain high-quality education. The consultation website states that smaller class sizes are not financially viable. However, my proposal would allow fewer pupils per year group at both the Whiteley and Fareham campuses, requiring fewer classes per year group thus maintaining manageable class sizes, addressing concerns about financial sustainability.

The space freed up at the Fareham site could also be repurposed, for instance, to establish a long-needed SEN unit. As the site would remain part of a larger school, costs might be more manageable under this integrated model.

Additionally, the current Henry Cort site serves as a crucial hub for local community groups and events. Should the site be repurposed or relocated, these groups would face significant disruption, which could weaken the local community. Sports clubs and other community initiatives provide invaluable opportunities for people of all ages, reducing isolation and fostering social cohesion. Their loss would contribute to negative social outcomes, including increased deviance and criminal behaviour and isolation resulting in significant negative impact on mental health-particulate of the elderly and vulnerable.

[REDACTED] Families who chose to live in Whiteley did so knowing that a local school was not available. Relocating [REDACTED] to a school further away would force them to leave home earlier and return later, impacting their wellbeing and leaving less time for hobbies and activities—including those they pursue at a [REDACTED] level. These principles will apply to other families in fareham [REDACTED].

The consultation acknowledges uncertainty in forecasting future pupil numbers. However, given the ongoing development efforts across the extended region, including Welborne—which is stated to have its own secondary school—I believe a multi-campus approach would better future-proof education provision in the area. The Whiteley campus could initially cater to fewer pupils, with room for expansion over the next 20 years or beyond, ensuring long-term flexibility without sacrificing existing infrastructure in Fareham.

I urge the council to consider this alternative approach, which I believe balances the needs of Whiteley residents with the preservation of existing community assets in Fareham. Closure of the Henry Cort site in Fareham would have a significant detrimental effect for the local community, and should be maintained, regardless of what happens in Whiteley

Thank you for considering my feedback. I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 January 2025 18:00
To: Strategic Planning Unit
Subject: Fw: Henry Cort School

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Dear Mr Vaughn

Following the, frankly, ridiculous decision taken by the county council over Henry Cort last year and in response to the new "consultation" please see below an email sent to Roz Chadd a month ago on this subject.

I am yet to receive an answer to any of my below points, hopefully you may be able to shed some light?

Regards
Christine

[REDACTED]
Sent: 12 December 2024 17:37

[REDACTED]
Subject: Henry Cort School

Dear Councillor Chadd

I am emailing you to express my disbelief at the decision over Henry Cort School.

We have been residents of Fareham for more than [REDACTED] and currently have [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] the 72% of residents who advised the council not to close the school. Quite a large percentage to ignore don't you think?

As an elected representative of **our** borough, you are not making the right decisions for the community as it currently stands nor in it's near future.

There are several very large issues with **your** decision to go against **your** community.

1. The first phase at Welborne is due to be finished in 2027 with some 700 homes and 1 **primary** school. If each home has just 1 child, thats (as I'm sure you can work out) 700 children that will eventually need a secondary school. This is without taking into consideration any additional siblings or people moving to the village with secondary school aged children already. Where are these children to go?
2. How much will transport from Welborne, and surrounding areas, to another school cost the council?

3. How does the council propose to allocate collection and drop off points for the buses to ensure the community is served properly?
4. Currently, [REDACTED] does not fall in the catchment area for any other secondary school. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Have you considered the wellbeing of these (or any) children having to travel for miles on a bus meaning their day starts earlier and finishes later which will impact their attention levels and ability to learn? If they were to all go to Whiteley school, for instance, that will add at least 20 minutes to the morning and after school runs (on a good day [REDACTED] how bad it can be) back to their neighbourhoods.
5. How do you propose to keep the children safe if they have to walk from a more central location to their homes after being dropped off? Especially as we have recently had a few unsavoury characters trying to interact with school age girls very recently.
6. Have you considered the considerable impact to the areas and parents having to travel further to drop off and collect their children if they have their own transport [REDACTED]?
7. If parents have multiple children and one is attending Henry Cort while the other starts secondary school after admissions to Henry Cort finish, are you really expecting parents to have to collect from two distant locations at the same time? How will this work?
8. If Fareham Academy and Whiteley do not extend their catchment areas, how are parents supposed to teach their children? [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] frankly, this is at a time when the children will have been socialised their whole school career.. Are you proposing to now isolate those children? What will that do to their mental wellbeing?
9. Have you considered the impact to Fareham North community with the removal of the school? People will not move to the area if there are no schools or easy access to schooling. Effectively, this would decimate this area in not too many years as local services and other schools will be massively impacted. Is Hampshire County Council trying to run this area into the ground by preventing growth?

There are so many things that could be done with Henry Cort other than creating more housing (which the infrastructure won't support) while still providing education to the community. I'm sure you are aware, or at least I'd hope so, that this part of Fareham is one of the most deprived areas around. None of your decisions reflects the needs or wants of the residents and I find it abhorrent that we clearly do not matter.

If the current intake of children is dropping, and I appreciate Henry Cort is a large school, could the school not have a section [REDACTED] for children with special needs? There is clearly a requirement for this in the area and with a huge increase in children being diagnosed with conditions such as Autism, this need will not go away.

If money is the concern, there are several options for making money at that site.

1. Host sporting tournaments on weekends and school holidays. The fields are certainly large enough.
2. Host groups such as Rainbows, Brownies, Scouts (the Rainbows and Brownies are currently meeting at St Columba church but this obviously has it's restrictions due to other things going on.
3. Groups such as Slimming world, bereavement groups etc could take up some space.
4. Since the closure of The Ashcroft, there are special needs groups that need facilities to meet and support their communities

As with the recent decision on Fishers Hill, it is abundantly clear that Hampshire County Council does not work for it's residents. There have been no decisions that have benefitted us whatsoever.

I would like to remind you that we do pay our taxes and you are elected by us and, as such, you have a duty of care to us and our children. I cannot fathom how, as Executive Lead Member for Children's Services, you cannot see the detrimental effects for all of us of your decision.

Now would be the time to listen to what we, our children and the future of Fareham needs rather than following your agenda now matter the cost.

I look forward to your comprehensive answers to my concerns as the future of my child is at stake.

With Regards

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