

**Responses to the LA's proposal to remove the school specific criterion from Brookfield Community School's admission policy giving priority to catchment children living south of a line formed by Shore Road, leading to Warsash Road, leading to Dibles Road, over other catchment children.**

To Whom It May Concern,

**HCC's School Admissions consultation 2022/2023 - Brookfield Community School.**

This school specific criterion has been in place for many years. It was originally included due to there being a year when in-catchment pupils from Hook-with-Warsash C.E. Academy did not manage to secure places at Brookfield and were instead allocated Hamble, Henry Cort and even Bridgemary as their secondary schools. I was working at Hook-with-Warsash at the time and recall the outcry when children literally living across the road from our school entrance did not gain a place at their local secondary school. I have spoken to the then Headteacher at Hook (Chris Hines) who was able to fill me in on events at the time. He told me that meetings were held between Brookfield Community School (Mark Rowe was the head), Hampshire County Council and Hook-with-Warsash as all parties deemed it unreasonable for children to have to effectively drive past their catchment school in order to get to their allocated school. As a result the criteria was included.

Since finding out about the proposal to change the criteria I have spoken with Stuart Parkes at Brookfield and Hampshire County Council. I have been assured by both parties that the criterion is no longer necessary as they will always ensure catchment children gain a place at the school. While I don't doubt this is being said with genuine and good intention, I am equally aware of the large amount of building going on and being planned throughout the catchment area for Brookfield. This will inevitably mean that, unless major expansion of Brookfield and an increase in PAN takes place, at some point our catchment secondary school will simply be unable to accommodate all in-catchment children.

As two of Hook-with-Warsash C.E. Academy's boundaries are water, our families and children are limited as to the directions they can travel in. This fact has not changed since the criteria was originally written and we are the only school in the local area who has this constraint.

Since the criteria was implemented there has definitely been no changes in roadways (other than access roads) within the area described as suggested in your rationale. The only road I can recall being developed in this area since the late 1990s is Lower Lockswood Road.

There has been a great deal of housing development to the north, west and east of Brookfield which has undoubtedly impacted on an increase of pupils wishing to attend the school. I have worked in the area for over thirty years and in all that time catchment areas

have never been looked at despite the large amount of building that has taken place. This has inevitably led to additional pressure on admissions and surely Hampshire County Council needs to consider addressing this. If catchment areas were reconsidered, there would be no alternative but to offer Brookfield to pupils at Hook-with-Warsash as their catchment school. This would not necessarily be the case for a number of other local primary and junior schools who are located closer to the A27, therefore having greater numbers of schools in their vicinity.

Taking all of these factors into consideration, I strongly oppose the removal of the school specific criterion (no 5). The removal of it would potentially disadvantage pupils at Hook-with-Warsash C.E. Academy and prevent them from attending their catchment area school. It would also lead to them potentially having to travel unreasonable distances which in many cases would take them directly past Brookfield School.

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing with reference to the Hampshire County Council's School Admission consultation 2022/2023- Brookfield School, and I write on behalf of the governors at Hook with Warsash C of E Academy.

I understand from Mrs Sara Willoughby, headteacher at Hook with Warsash, that the school specific criterion has been in place for many years, and this was included due to the fact that it was unreasonable to expect children to have to drive past their catchment school in order to get to their allocated school.

As a Warsash resident, I know that there are plans to build large number of properties within the area, and also within the Brookfield catchment area. This would inevitably mean that Brookfield would need to expand, and therefore increase the intake number, or at some point in the not too distant future, the catchment secondary school for Hook with Warsash, will not be able to accommodate all in-catchment pupils.

Hook with Warsash C of E Academy has two water boundaries, and therefore the parents/pupils have a very limited choice over which direction they can travel to secondary school.

There have been limited changes in roadways- only on access roads and to Lower Lockwood Road, but there has been a large amount of housing development, which would have impacted Brookfield, with an increased number of pupils wishing to attend the school. It seems an appropriate time to consider looking at the catchment areas, and there would be no alternative, but to offer all Hook with Warsash pupils a place at Brookfield. This would not necessarily be the case for the pupils at the other local primary schools, as they are located close to the A27 and therefore have a larger number of secondary schools in their vicinity.

As outlined above, I, and the other governors at Hook with Warsash C of E Academy would strongly oppose the removal of the school specific criterion, as the removal of it would

potentially disadvantage the Hook with Warsash pupils in preventing them from attending their catchment secondary school. If this happened, then pupils would also have to transport/be transported past Brookfield School.

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Good afternoon

I have been made aware of the proposal to remove the above specific criterion for admission to Brookfield School.

As the parent of one child at Brookfield (currently in year 8) and another child at Hook-with-Warsash CofE Academy (year 2) I am amazed this is being considered. As a long-time resident of Warsash (over 12 years) I feel it would be deeply unfair if my daughter at Hook-with-Warsash was denied a place at Brookfield. If the specific criterion was removed it would result in a far longer commute to school which would be incredibly inconvenient (not to mention frustrating having to drive past the local school to get to another) it would also be extremely environmentally unfriendly due to the increased traffic associated with dropping her off at school. Its worth noting that we live south of Shore Road and Dibles Road which is the line which secures admission to Brookfield.

The pressure on local services has been put forward as an objection to the, now approved, large scale development in Warsash and its environs – this is a real world example of those pressures likely coming home to roost.

I personally feel that if its deemed necessary to remove the criterion then attention must to be paid to the amount of time people have lived in the catchment area. Those that move into the area in the coming years are the ones whose children should be moved out of the catchment area to Hamble and/or Henry Cort. I believe this is the only fair way to administer the changes if, indeed, they are necessary.

I look forward to receiving your reply.

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To whom it may concern,

It has been brought to my attention that warsash may be taken off the catchment for brookfield school this Christmas eve, to accommodate the new numbers coming through and including the extra new houses.

I understand that every child needs a placement at a secondary school, but I will be very upset if my children don't get in to our local school because of new builds since we have lived here for years with the hope that our children will go to the same school that we did and their grand parents!

From warsash to get to another school we would have to drive all the way round the water to drop children off at hamble which is not going to help in the mornings and picking up when we work.

I urge you to please reconsider taking brookfield away from warsash children as they can walk safely to school from here and the other options are not suitable for working parents and those without cars or who are environmentally conscious.

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Hello,

Please can I formally raise my concern over the removal of the specific school criterion from your admissions policy for Brookfield.

My children are at Hook with warsash primary and we live on Newtown road. That is south of the warsash/shore road boundary cut off that you are proposing.

We are constrained geographically here with 2 sides surrounded by water and therefore have to drive past Brookfield to get to any other school.

Please can the wording remain as was, thus enabling our children to be eligible for a place at Brookfield when the time arises?

There will be considerable building works in the next few years that will further put strains on Brookfield's space allocation and hence the need to keep the warsash primary as a named school for admissions to Brookfield.

I look forward to hearing any further progressions from this point.

Many thanks

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Dear Sirs,

As the parent of children living south of the Warsash Road the proposed removal of this criterion is of great concern. Living as we do with water on two of our boundaries, we are limited as to the directions that we can travel in, in order to take our children to school. This is why the criteria was written and has not changed since the time of writing. If places are not available at Brookfield then we will have to drive a considerable distance past Brookfield in order to take our children to an alternative school.

We have been told that both Brookfield and Hampshire County Council has given assurance to Hook-with-Wasash primary school that the criterion is no longer necessary as all children in catchment will be given a place. However, if this is the case then there can surely be no harm or issue with leaving the criterion in place.

In light of the considerable residential building work currently taking place and planned in the local area it seems more than conceivable that there will come a time when Brookfield will not be able to accomodate all in-catchment children. At this time, those living this side of the identified line may face a situation where they have to drive past their in-catchment school, on narrow and congested road systems, in order to take children to an out-of-catchment alternative.

I urge you to reconsider the removal of this proposal.

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Good afternoon

I have two children at the school local to me - Hook with Warsash. One is in year five and the other in year two. Naturally, based on geographical location, I would expect them to progress from Hook

to attend Brookfield School. Being the only senior school in the immediate area, the thought hasn't even crossed my mind that they may go elsewhere.

Imagine my surprise then when I receive an email from Hook with Warsash school to say that the longstanding agreement between the two schools, whereby allowing attendance by those living in Warsash by virtue of essentially being cornered by water, may well be taken away. The reason being that apparently it's been ensured that a place will always remain for these children regardless, so there's no need to have this criteria in place.

Now, if there is no need to have this in place because the kids can attend regardless, then that also suggests that a 'if it's not broke' approach could also be taken. Please could you advise what the rational or sudden need is to remove this, I understand, long-standing criteria?

Despite Brookfield saying they can ensure all Warsash children will be able to attend, I wonder if they have factored in the monumental amount of new build housing being planned for the next few years in the area (around 900 new houses in Warsash alone I believe). This will have a massive impact on the amount of place available at Brookfield so, if this criteria is removed, it will then have a knock on effect of some unlucky children not being able to attend Brookfield despite living only a couple of miles down the road.

I would urge whoever makes these decisions to reconsider as, surely they can see that it's actually a bit pointless to remove something which they insist isn't relevant anymore. Unless they state they will be happy to reinsert the criteria if the same thing happens again which caused the clause to be inserted in the first place?

I am willing to bet that you've had numerous emails to this effect today, or will do in the days to come. Please listen to those concerns and make the right decision.

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Dear admissions,

I'm writing to you in reference to the proposal at Brookfield School: To remove the school specific criterion (no. 5) which in the event of oversubscription, gives priority to catchment children living south of a line formed by Shore Road, leading to Warsash Road, leading to Dibles Road, for a place at the school ahead of other catchment children.

Our children currently attend Hook with Warsash CofE Academy. The above proposal has come to my attention & I feel I must object.

Whilst I'm sure Brookfield School / The Council feels the criterion is no longer necessary as catchment children currently gain a place at the school, I feel concerned about the large amount of building going on and being planned in the local area. This could mean that a point is reached when Brookfield is simply unable to accommodate all in-catchment children.

As we live in an area with water on two of our boundaries we are limited as to the directions we can travel in. This fact has not changed since the criteria was originally written and Hook with Warsash CofE Academy is the only school in the local area who has this constraint.

We live at Pitchponds Road, south of Warsash Road between Shore Road and Dibles Road, and I sincerely fear the removal of the criterion as it opens up potential for our children to be unable to gain a place at Brookfield when there is no other reasonable alternative.

It would be nonsensical to have to travel past Brookfield to go to a school further away! It would also make the commute untenable for children / young adults to make solo.

I would appreciate it if you could confirm that my objection has been noted.

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I am writing regarding the proposal to remove a school specific criterion to the admissions policy at Brookfield, [which in the event of oversubscription, gives priority to catchment children living south of a line formed by Shore Road, leading to Warsash Road, leading to Dibles Road, for a place at the school ahead of other catchment children.](#)

We live in Newtown Road in Warsash and already have a child attending the school in year 8. I am now concerned that Rosie, currently in year 6 at Hook With Warsash won't get a place at Brookfield and would like some reassurance that this won't happen. To have two children at different secondary schools when we are in short walking distance of Brookfield would be more than disappointing!

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I understand there are currently plans to remove a clause in the catchment policy for Brookfield school. As a resident of Newtown Road in Warsash with Water on all sides I would like to understand why this clause would be removed. Due to the proposed 900+ houses to be built on Greenaway lane we could find ourselves not able to go to our local school. I cannot see why there is a reason to remove the clause and would love to understand the rationale. It may be agreed currently that it won't be an issue but in the years to come unwritten arrangements may be forgotten and our children will be impacted.

I look forward to hearing from you

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To whom it may concern

I would like to voice my opinion that removing the school specific criterion at Brookfield Community School would have a detrimental effect on students in the local area.

Although currently in the catchment area substantial building work is planned giving a possibility that student from this area may have to commute to education that would pass the school.

I believe this to not only be unfair given the unusual circumstances that this area is surrounded by water on two sides but also have a negative impact on student wellbeing as they will forcable be separated from their support network of friends and will need to leave home earlier and arrive home later.

As an ex pupil of Brookfield who has always lives in the proposed effected area and a mother of a child this could impact, I feel strongly about this matter.

I am writing to object to the proposal to remove school specific criterion (no.5) from the admissions policy of Brookfield Community School. This criterion currently gives priority to catchment children living south of Warsash Road between Shore Road and Dibles Road ahead of other catchment children.

We live in Church Road and currently have two children at Hook-With-Warsash school and another soon to follow so we will be directly affected by the change.

Located where we are we have water to two sides of us which affects our ease of access to alternative schools which I believe is why the criterion was added in the first place. This is unchanged and the fact further significant housing developments are planned for the area causes me concern that Brookfield might not be able to accommodate all catchment area children in future years. If they were not allocated a space the children coming from the area referred to in the criterion would have to pass their catchment school to get to their alternatively allocated school and this is still unreasonable as was deemed when this criterion was put in place.

Yours sincerely

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I live in Church Road Warsash and currently have two children at Hook-With-Warsash school with a third to join the school in a year. This change would materially impact our position and is unfair.

Located where we are we have water to two sides of us which affects our ease of access to alternative schools which I believe is why the criterion was added in the first place. This is unchanged and the fact further significant housing developments are planned for the area causes me concern that Brookfield might not be able to accommodate all catchment area children in future years. If they were not allocated a space the children coming from the area referred to in the criterion would have to pass their catchment school to get to their alternatively allocated school and this is still unreasonable as was deemed when this criterion was put in place. This is unfair on families living in the community and would there ask that the criterion remains.

Yours sincerely

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I am writing to you today as my primary school hook - with - Warsash have made me aware you are considering moving the Brookfield catchment area meaning this will affect my family and many others ( south side of Warsash rd ) .

All of my family including my parents , my husbands parents attended Brookfield school from Warsash as this is the closest secondary school making it the easiest school for everyone in Warsash to get to, having one son been to Brookfield and two more sons still currently there with one more due to start in a few years time.

To make the children living in Warsash travel to a secondary school no where near their home would be disastrous and affect the well-being of the children .

All of our family have lived in Warsash for 100 years or more so why should people coming to live in the area get priority over us ???!!

Please please can you re consider your decision on catchment area as hook- with - Warsash primary school should be a feeder school to Brookfield. It does not make any sense at all if you change this.

I look forward to your response.

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Dear Admissions team

I would like to raise an objection to the above mentioned proposal that has been put forward by Brookfield Community School. I live within the area mentioned and have children at Hook with Warsash School. It is extremely reassuring that there is currently a specific criterion that protects our children's places in the local secondary school. There are a huge number of houses (circa 2000) going through planning at the moment between Warsash village and Brookfield community school.

I understand that the current Head teacher and admissions officer have advised it "should" not be an issue, however, the protection this clause affords us and future parents of Warsash is invaluable. In the worst case scenario, due to the location of Warsash we would always have to drive through the catchment to get to any further secondary school as we have water on 2 sides.

Brookfield is a growing school and with additional housing developments that don't have to consider current infrastructures I believe that this may be the bigger problem rather than removing an established clause. I believe Fareham Borough Council should be aware if the current housing proposals will not allow ALL secondary school children to go to their nearest school.

Kind regards

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As a resident in Warsash and a local business owner, Care Quality Commission Manager at a Primary Care provider, I am writing to state my opposition to any plan to remove from Brookfield's admissions policy a clause which would result in children resident in Warsash being overlooked and having to travel further afield. This is directly against any sound ecological principle that should be factored into admissions criteria.

Please evidence your proposed change to the Brookfield catchment area and admissions policy.

Sincerely yours,

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#### **Community Consultation on Brookfield School Admission Policy - Objection to change in Policy**

I am writing to object to the proposal to remove the school specific criteria (no. 5) in the Brookfield admissions policy which gives priority to catchment children living south of line formed by Shore



Road, leading to Warsash Road, leading to Dibbles Road, for a place at the school ahead of other catchment children.

I live in Osborne Rd and my son attends Hook-with-Warsash school and so I would be directly affected by the change. Located where we are we have water to two sides and this impacts on our ability to access different schools. There is significant building work happening in the area, with more being planned. In light of this I am concerned that Brookfield may become unable to accommodate all in-catchment children. If this was to happen Hook-with-Warsash children would be unfairly disadvantaged by their location and many might be required to drive past their catchment school to travel to Hamble or Henry Cort (or Whitley if built). If this is a possibility it seems absolute madness on all grounds of traffic congestion, environmental and not to mention a child not being able to attend a school in their local community.

I ask that these concerns are taken into consideration before any changes are made.

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Good Afternoon

I am shocked that this is even being considered. I have lived in Warsash for over 20 years and wonder why we will suffer due to criteria changing to accommodate the massive increase in new builds.

I live just off Church Road and when this is implemented my daughter will be offered either Hamble or Henry Cort despite me having to drive her past Brookfield for numerous miles to arrive at either. This will impact the environment and also healthy and active living for all kids affected. I will also be requiring funding for suitable bus fares either that or a water bus across the water to hamble or a bridge to be built for all warsash residents as the catchment I believe takes this into account.

Hamble school is an undersubscribed school so I wonder if the catchment area has been looked at recently or even evaluated which would make more sense!

Asking a young child who lives literally a few miles from Brookfield to travel an unreasonable distance to Hamble or Henry Cort is ridiculous when Brookfield is on her doorstep and within walking distance.

I also have the added problem of a sibling currently at Brookfield and to manage two children at two different schools is clearly not practical.

I do hope that these views are listened to and common sense prevails appreciate you are under pressure but this is not the logical answer.

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Dear Sir/Madame,

I have recently been informed of the proposed removal of the school specific criterion (no. 5) which in the event of oversubscription at Brookfield Community School, gives priority to catchment children living south of a line formed by Shore Road, Warsash Road, and Dibbles Road, for a place at the school ahead of other catchment children. Although currently Brookfield claim that they are not removing this clause so they can refuse children within this area at the time, this clearly gives them the opportunity to do so in the future.

As Warsash is surrounded on two sides by water the next closest comprehensive schools are The Henry Court Community College and The Hamble school. Both of which are 6-7 miles away and would take approximately 20 and 30 minutes respectively at school drop off time/ rush hour each way. This additional and unnecessary travel for parents before having to go to work would significantly add to the already strained road network, which at this time is can be at a standstill. South Warsash and Hook is a short car journey or bike ride for the vast majority of children to Brookfield, so if these children are made to go to an alternative school they will have no option but to take a car journey. This will add more traffic and pollution, complicating parents travel to work, and add unnecessary travel time to the children's day. Children who have spent their early years with groups of friends from South Warsash or Hook could also be split up from their friendship groups and be expected to go to a school in an area they do not know and with people they do not know. Parents who's children didn't get a place at Brookfield would also be driving past Brookfield Community School and parents coming the other way, (from North of Brookfield), which is completely ridiculous.

With all the new proposed housing, (between Brook Lane and Lockwood Road), there will no doubt be countless more students that will need to have school places. Eventually if Brookfield cannot be extended enough, it will be necessary for unfortunate students South of Shore road to travel much further than children within the Northern part of the catchment area, (who are nearer to the alternative schools), if this clause is removed. This clause therefore needs to remain as it is to ensure parents do not find themselves in this ridiculous predicament.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Admissions

I live in Westerley Close, Warsash and I understand you are changing the criteria for Brookfield School so that my road will be out of catchment for the school. As my house is on a peninsula I will not have another school to attend unless I pass Brookfield school to get to it. If my child attends Brookfield School they would be able to walk or cycle to school but there are no other schools local enough to our house that he would be able to walk or cycle to.

Please can you consider this when changing the criteria for catchment.

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Dear Sir / Madam,

We would like to appeal the decision to amend the admission criteria for Brookfield Community School in relation to the adjustment of the boundaries along Warsash Road & Shore Road.

A number of future Brookfield pupils, including our son, live in Warsash, south of Warsash Road and Shore Road. However the continued growth of housing in the area could potentially result these children not getting into Brookfield, their natural catchment school, if the school specific criterion (no 5) were removed.

As Warsash is in an area with water on two of its boundaries we are limited as to the directions we can travel in. Because of this, catchment should not be decided on 'as the crow flies' distance. Our unique geography must be taken into account. We are the only community in the local area who has this constraint. Brookfield School is only 1 mile away from Warsash centre - Warsash children easily get to Brookfield School on foot or cycling which promotes children's health and reduces traffic in the area. Our next nearest schools are in Hamble or Fareham which are 6 & 5 miles away respectively - Warsash is even further out of catchment for those schools. They are only accessible by vehicle, removing the health factor for children and increasing traffic in an already congested area. It is completely unreasonable to expect children to have to drive past their natural catchment school (Brookfield School) in order to get to these much further away schools. In addition, because of Warsash's geography, we are a very close, tight knit community which is strengthened even more by its children attending Brookfield together. It would be very detrimental to our families and community to have the village split in two.

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Hi

I am writing to object the proposed removal of specific criterion from the Brookfield Community School admissions policy. This will potentially personally affect my son's future as we live in the area that will be affected.

I feel that this will be grossly unfair due to living in Warsash village all our lives, that our son will be detrimented and forced to travel to a secondary school outside of his catchment area. This is clearly due to the amount of housing developments that have been granted permission to be built, surely these should not have be allowed if the education infrastructure cannot cope. This will also not be good for any local child as at that age it is crucial in ensuring a framework of continuity without this can cause huge impacts on mental health and confidence.

I would like to know why the south corner of Warsash has been picked as not in catchment when you have other areas closer to Fareham in catchment? As I believe our nearest secondary schools will be Henry Court (which will mean driving through other areas closer to fareham crossing parents/children going to Brookfield) and Hamble (across the water? Or driving on already congested roads, brook lane, A27?) This really makes no sense and would welcome a response with answers!

Proposal: To remove the school specific criterion (no. 5) which in the event of oversubscription, gives priority to catchment children living south of a line formed by Shore Road, leading to Warsash Road, leading to Dibbles Road, for a place at the school ahead of other catchment children.

Rationale: This school specific criterion has been a longstanding feature of the Brookfield Community School's admissions policy and was there to support the interests of families living in this particular part of the catchment area who in the event that on offer day in the main admissions round there was over-subscription from on-time applications from catchment families, who would be forced to travel past Brookfield to an alternative school if refused a place. In recent years the Council, working with the school, have avoided refusing on-time catchment applicants. On some occasions this has been achieved by offering places over the published admission number and allowing, where possible, the year group to manage back to the admissions number when families decline their offer. Also there have been new housing developments and changes to roads since the time of introducing the school specific criterion. As the intention is to provide sufficient offer day places at Brookfield Community School, there is no requirement to retain the school specific criterion. The proposed Brookfield Community School's admission policy will be fairer and clearer in how it prioritises catchment applicants.

This school specific criterion has been in place for many years. It was originally included due to there being a year when in-catchment pupils from Hook-with-Warsash did not manage to secure places at Brookfield and were instead allocated Hamble and Henry Cort as their secondary schools. At the time this caused a big outcry and it was deemed unreasonable for children to have to drive past their catchment school in order to get to their allocated school. As a result the criteria was included.

Look forward to hearing a response

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing in response to the proposal to remove a school specific criterion to the Brookfield Community School admissions policy.

We live in the centre of Warsash (off Church Road) within a wonderful village community, with an excellent primary and secondary school within easy reach. We've always been local, but specifically moved closer to Hook with Warsash school to ensure both our children would get in and then have access to Brookfield Community School too. Now due to impending over development, the secondary school both our children could currently walk to, may be oversubscribed and could potentially force us to have to drive 30+ minutes in rush hour (on roads made busier by over development), PAST our local school, to others way outside our area. This makes absolutely no sense.

Hook with Warsash is a natural feeder school to Brookfield, especially given the fact we're bordered on two sides by water, so why on earth would Warsash village residents be penalised in this way? The local provisions should be taken into account by the council when new housing developments are proposed, rather than cramming more housing in, making the roads more dangerous for the children in the area and taking away their local education opportunities, forcing more people on to the roads and out of their area.

We would also face the risk of having our two children at two different schools, as assuming our eldest manages to get into Brookfield for Sept 2021, our youngest who is currently just in year 1 at Hook with Warsash, may be forced to attend a different school. She would have to watch her older brother head to Brookfield as she was driven out of the area to another school. Our daughter is a previously cared for child for whom we've carefully considered her education and local support provisions. For this to be put at risk through mass overdevelopment of our beautiful village community and potentially uprooting her from her local support network and friends would be wholly unacceptable. It also then makes the roads more dangerous for those children walking or cycling to Brookfield while a large number in the village then have to take to their cars to get out, get their children to school miles away then get to work themselves.

I would strongly urge you to reconsider removing this criterion, before our beautiful village becomes decimated by over development and younger generations are scattered outside of the area in which they're putting down their roots.

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Good afternoon

I wanted to email to share my concern over the plans to remove the school specific criterion for Brookfield School.

Both my children currently go to Hook with Warsash and would be affected by this due to where we live, south of the Shore Road/Dibles Road boundary.

This would mean my children having to use public transport at a young age to get to their next nearest secondary school in either Fareham or Hamble. Something I feel is unnecessary with a secondary school within walking distance or at least a short bike ride from their home.

As you can imagine the safety and well-being of our children is my priority and I would appreciate if my email could be noted with the many others I'm sure you have received.

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Hi

I am writing to you in regards to the following proposal. As a resident of Meadcroft Close in Warsash with 2 children at hook with warsash school I fear that this proposal might affect them negatively forcing them to have to go past Brookfield to travel to another secondary school which would just be crazy and damaging for the environment with more travelling required. With all the planned building work going on at the moment I could see that Brookfield could easily become oversubscribed and I urge you to rethink this decision. We are surrounded by water and it seems very unfair to still work on the rule of how the crow flies.

Many thanks

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To Whom It May Concern

I have been made aware by the headteacher of my children's school, Hook-with-Warsash C of E Academy, of an issue that affects us directly.

I have read the proposal to remove the school specific criterion no. 5 which allows for children living in a particular area of Warsash to be guaranteed a place at Brookfield in the event of oversubscription.

I am very concerned about this because I have a son who will be due to go to Brookfield in 2026 and we live in the affected area of Warsash. I appreciate that the council have assured our headteacher, Mrs Willoughby, that all children from Hook-with-Warsash who apply to Brookfield will be given a place, but given the plans to build a large number of houses at Greenaway Lane in the near future, I fear that this assurance is inadequate.

Please do not remove the criterion; there is no need to remove it, and I believe that by doing so, you may be neglecting your duties to provide a secondary school place to my son (and all others affected) at the only school that is within reasonable distance of where we live. The reason I say this is based on the 'as the crow flies' method of school placement. Here at the bottom end of Warsash, we are not practically near any other secondary school and would clearly have to drive past Brookfield to get to either Hamble or Henry Cort, where I understand that pupils from Hook have been sent in the past. This is unreasonable, impractical and unfair.

As I understand it, Brookfield is currently unable to offer places to any child out of catchment. Given the amount of house building in this area, this will mean that Brookfield becomes oversubscribed and will be unable to provide places to all children in catchment. You must understand that this is a problem, and that if you use the standard method of issuing school places, it puts this part of Warsash at a very unfair disadvantage. Please give us our peace of mind and leave the criterion in place.

I await your response.

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I write regarding my daughter.

██████, who in 2 years will be allocated to attend Hamble school according the propose boundary to Brookfield community collage, where her sister is attending. This is where I would like my youngest daughter to attend also. Regarding criteria and also the boundary changes to the allocated boundary zone. I would wish my daughter to attend Brookfield also. This is because she has lived in Warsash all her life and it is no fault of her own that the council have allowed so many developments in the building industry of houses locally, but failing to realise the consequences involved. My daughters wellbeing will be impacted from being separated from her friends and familiar faces. Not only that but the travel expenses, plus a possible job loss due to the fact that no child minder would genuinely make the journey from the Warsash area over to Hamble. I like my wife, do shift work so it isn't possible for my wife and I to take her in everyday. I would like a reply to this email regarding the situation ASAP.

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I live in Osborne Road and both my daughters attend Hook with Warsash Academy and so I would be directly affected by the change. Located where we are we have water to two sides and this impacts on our ability to access different schools. There is significant building work happening in the area, with more being planned. In light of this I am concerned that Brookfield may not be able to accommodate all in - catchment children. If this as to happen Hook with Warsash children would be unfairly disadvantaged by their location and many might be required to drive past their catchment school to drive to Hamble or Henry Court.

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I feel that the present criteria protects our local children to gain a place in their local school whereas removing the wording will allow the possibility of them not obtaining a place, especially with the amount of new local developments.

**Proposal:** To **remove** the school specific criterion (no. 5) which in the event of obtaining a place over-subscription, gives priority to catchment children living south of a line formed by Shore Road, leading to Warsash Road, leading to Dibles Road, for a place at the school ahead of other catchment children.

**Rationale:** This school specific criterion has been a longstanding feature of the Brookfield Community School's admissions policy and was there to support the interests of families living in this particular part of the catchment area who in the event that on offer day in the main admissions round there was over-subscription from on-time applications from catchment families, who would be forced to travel past Brookfield to an alternative school if refused a place. In recent years the Council, working with the school, have avoided refusing on-time catchment applicants. On some occasions this has been achieved by offering places over the published admission number and allowing, where possible, the year group to manage back to the admissions number when families decline their offer. Also there have been new housing developments and changes to roads since the time of introducing the school specific criterion. As the intention is to provide sufficient offer day places at Brookfield Community School, there is no requirement to retain the school specific criterion. The proposed Brookfield Community School's admission policy will be fairer and clearer in how it prioritises catchment applicants.

Kind regards

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I live in Elmdale Close and my daughter attends Hook with Warsash academy. My daughter would be directly affected by this change. Warsash is located in between two bodies of water and this affects the ability to access different Secondary schools.

There is development ongoing in Warsash with more significant developments being proposed, if and when the developments happen it is likely Brookfield won't be able to accommodate the number of children in catchment, my daughter will then be at a disadvantage just because of where we live in Warsash.

My daughter and many other children that attend Hook with Warsash academy will then be required to drive past their catchment school to attend a school that is many more miles away.

This will more than likely have a detrimental effect on mental and physical well-being of not only the children, but the families of the children that have to arrange transport which in turn will have a financial impact.

In conclusion I object to the proposal to remove school specific criteria (no.5) in the Brookfield admissions policy.

Many Thanks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object most strongly to the above changes in policy regarding admissions procedure. You may be aware that there are 800 extra homes to be possibly built, which would be nearer to Brookfield School than for those children living in Warsash.

This would mean that children from the village of Warsash would have to travel either up to Swanmore or into Fareham therefore being denied the opportunity which should be afforded by attending their local school.

Children at this particular age need to stay with in the friendship groups made at Junior school and if Brookfield cannot to take all the children it would mean some having to go out of area, possibly Swanmore –where there is no bus service here or Fareham a very infrequent bus service.

Also a bus service unless subsidised could mean hardship for parents in having to find travel money. The advantage of children going to a local school is that many of them walk; the walk to school ethos should be encouraged in a time when the nation is being encouraged to do this. Sending children out of area would not encourage this at all; and I also think it is a matter of safety having your child nearby when you may have other children at local primary schools is very advantageous.

It could also mean that a parent may have children at two or three different schools, again as regards car emissions this would not be a good way forward.

I look forward to hearing a reply upon some of the matters I have raised, Yours faithfully

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Dear HCC,

I am really surprised to see that there is a possibility of Brookfield school catchment are being amended to exclude Warsash. If this is true I sincerely hope you will reconsider.

If Warsash is removed from Brookfield catchment then you will be significantly increasing cars on the road for school runs. There is very little useful public transport coming from Warsash meaning

access to other schools is poor. I myself walked from Warsash to Brookfield and when I bought a house it was our expectation that our son would be independent and make his own way to school. This would ensure green travel by walking or cycling and would also enable me to continue working. By changing catchment you would be disrupting many families and their ability to get to work as they will need to be available for school runs.

It is illogical that a lot of these families will have to drive past Brookfield to get to another school. Children in Warsash have a right to an accessible and good education which they have had at Brookfield to date. Getting to school themselves when they are responsible enough to do so is also a milestone in itself as it marks their independence. If there are concerns that a new development would increase numbers then HCC should advise the relevant bodies that there are insufficient school places in the area and the development should be prevented or significantly reduced. It's unfair to place the needs of children and families currently not living in the area, over ones who have lived here for many years.

What happens if developments continue to pop up as they are doing all over the place without any consideration for existing infrastructure? The children of Warsash who may be excluded from Brookfield may also be prevented from attending other schools which become full due to closer new development.

I am very anxious and concerned about these plans as it will affect us greatly. Please kindly respond to my email and the concerns raised.

Many thanks,

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am very concerned about plans to remove the criterion whereby pupils based in Warsash are given priority for admission to Brookfield School. I understand that this is because it is not deemed necessary.

I am sure that the school and HCC have all the right intentions. However, the ill-conceived Local Plan from Fareham Borough Council allows for many hundreds of new houses in the local area (830 alone in Warsash) so I cannot see how children in Warsash can be guaranteed places at Brookfield.

We have very limited public transport options in Warsash and geographically, there are only 2 real access roads. The alternative to Brookfield would entail travelling past Brookfield to get to schools that are more than half an hour away by car. This would mean:

- 1) a real strain on local working families
- 2) increase in pollution and related impact on air quality
- 3) even more traffic on roads that are already gridlocked at rush hour (assuming post Covid people will be travelling more)

Please re-consider this decision.

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My say on School Specific Criterion

Stay Green and keep children safe. Local Schools for local children to walk to

Regards