

308 CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE STOREY THREE FORM ENTRY INFANT SCHOOL WITH ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING AND EXTERNAL WORKS AT TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL, PART OF FORMER ELIZABETH BARRACKS, SANDY LANE, CHURCH CROOKHAM, HAMPSHIRE GU13 0BF (APPLICATION NO: 12/00777/HCCRG3) (SITE REF: HRE035)

Cllr Simpson declared a personal, non prejudicial interest as a Member on the working Committee for Elizabeth Barracks as part of Hart District Council.

The Committee considered a report from the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment (Item 6 in the Minute Book) regarding an application for the construction of a new school in Church Crookham.

The officer introduced the item and explained that the new Infant School would be constructed within the new development area. The new school would replace the existing Tweseldown Infant School which is on the same campus as Church Crookham Junior School. It is intended that the junior school, would extend into the former infant school in due course. Plans were shown that depicted the development area, along with the new buildings, parking and proposed landscaped areas on the site. The school would be close to the new centre and was designed to have high sustainability requirements to make it energy efficient and as environmentally friendly as possible.

The Committee received three deputations on this item. Martin Hallum and Alec Gillies from Hampshire County Council informed the Committee of the extensive consultation that had taken place during the process with stakeholders and Children's Services. He explained that currently, 30% of children travelled to school by car, with 70% walking. 65% of staff drove to school and so it was felt that the parking provided was adequate. Natural and automatic lighting would be used in the school and minimum energy loss would be experienced due to well insulated walls and ceilings. County Councillor Jenny Radley shared her support for the school and agreed that it was needed, although raised several concerns including the access and parking at the school, traffic calming outside the school and pedestrian crossing between the car park at the centre and the school and also noise from the nearby Farnborough Airfield.

During questions of the deputees, the following points were clarified:

- There would be an uncontrolled crossing outside the main entrance of the school
- There would be noise monitoring equipment on the site during the development and extra insulation in the classrooms to address any problems from the airfield. Noise monitoring could be looked at long term if the Committee felt this necessary

- The school would be ready to expand when required and the future expansion had been considered as part of the early design process
- Councillor Radley had been consulted during the process
- Parking cannot be guaranteed at the nearby centre, although it was felt very unlikely that it wouldn't be possible
- The school Travel Plan would be rolled out within three months of the school opening
- Additional noise monitoring during the Farnborough Air Show would be looked into by officers
- Solar (PV) panels had not been proposed as the school already exceeded sustainability requirements.
- There had been a fire risk assessment, which concluded sprinklers were not required.

During questions of the officer, the officer confirmed that it was not reasonable to add sprinklers or solar panels as part of the conditions. It was also not recommended that a condition be added regarding the parking at the local centre, as this was out of the school's control. Councillors expressed concern that the on site parking provision was inadequate.

It was proposed and seconded that the item be deferred pending further information. This was lost on a vote (6 in favour and 7 against). The proposal to add sprinklers and solar panels to the conditions was also lost on a vote (2 in favour, 11 against and 5 in favour, 8 against respectively). Finally the Committee voted on the addition of four extra spaces, which was agreed unanimously by the Committee.

RESOLVED:

- a) Planning permission for the construction of the three form entry school (12/00777/HCCRG3) was granted, subject to the additional four car parking spaces above, and conditions listed in Integral Appendix B.

Voting:

Favour: 13

Against: 1