

# School Organisation Consultation

A proposal to permanently expand The Bishop David Brown Secondary School by 1 form of entry by September 2016



September 2014



**Bishop David Brown**

A Specialist School for the Performing Arts

## The Proposal

1. Surrey County Council, in partnership with the Governors of The Bishop David Brown Secondary School (BDB), is proposing that the school expands its capacity by 1 form of entry by 1 September 2016. This would increase the capacity of the school from its current capacity of 750 to 900. This would allow the school to admit up to 180 pupils at Year 7 against its published admission number (PAN) in 2015 of 150. In order to increase the PAN of the school to 180, some works will be required to increase the capacity of the school which will be funded by Surrey County Council.

### Why is this proposal being made?

2. Demand for secondary school places – Demand for secondary school places has increased in Woking and has reached a point where additional school places are required. Demand is likely to increase only a little in 2015 but starts to increase significantly from 2017 and 2018. In the longer term, the Local Authority is planning to need between 9 and 10 additional forms of entry in Woking by 2021 - a total of 1350-1500 additional secondary places where 'one form of entry' equals 150 secondary places based on 5 year groups (ages 7-11) of 30 pupils.
3. The demand for secondary places follows the increased demand for primary school places in Woking. Since 2011 the Local Authority has expanded Beaufort Primary, Westfield Primary, Sythwood Primary, St Dunstan's Catholic Primary, The Marist Catholic Primary and Goldsworth Primary with proposals to expand a further 2-3 primary schools in the Borough to meet future demand. This year all secondary schools will be full to PAN or above with demand for places increasing in the future.
4. Table 1 below provides the projection that the County Council is working towards. There are a number of factors that affect pupil projections so this profile is intended as a likely scenario rather than a statement of fact. The profile allows for historic underestimates in the primary sector and builds in allowances for primary expansions listed above. The first row identifies the likely number of pupils that will be requiring a year 7 place in one of Woking's secondary schools in the future, the second column identifies the current capacity of secondary schools in Woking (assuming BDB's increased PAN of 150), the third column indicates the likely shortfall of places at Year 7 and last column the shortfall in terms of the additional forms of entry that would be required to meet the shortfall.

Table 1 – Secondary demand profile in Woking

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Projected requirement for Year 7 places in Woking</b>	823	867	882	919	952	1054	1105	1084	1150
<b>Current places at Year 7 in Woking</b>	840	870	870	870	870	870	870	870	870
<b>Projected shortfall at Year 7 in Woking</b>	+14	3	-12	-49	-82	-184	-235	-214	-280
<b>Shortfall in 'forms of entry'</b>	-	-	1	2	3	6	8	7-8	9-10

## **How does this proposal fit with other proposed secondary expansion projects in Woking?**

5. The Local Authority is of the view that Bishop David Brown and St John the Baptist both have the capacity for expansion but that Woking High and Winston Churchill could not be expanded further than they have already, without significantly constraining the sites that they operate from and the quality of educational provision that they can offer. Even if BDB and SJB were expanded to their maximum capacities this would not meet the forecast demand and therefore a new secondary school is required in Woking.
6. In June this year, the Government approved the proposed Hoe Valley Free School which is due to open at 4 forms of entry (120 year 7 places) in the South Woking area from 2015. Given the scale of demand indicated above, the Local Authority is generally supportive of the Hoe Valley proposals and has worked quite closely with the group as their plans have progressed. Following the Government announcement, Hoe Valley are now in the 'pre-opening phase' which means that further work is taking place on finding a suitable temporary and permanent site for this school to operate from. Until a site is found and a 'funding agreement' is signed between the Secretary of State and the Hoe Valley Academy Trust there is no guarantee that the school will open within those timescales or indeed at all (though it is likely). The Local Authority, as the responsible body must ensure that there are sufficient school places in the future should the Hoe Valley Free School proposals fail or delay.
7. The Local Authority is minded to proceed with the proposed expansion work at Bishop David Brown, even if the PAN of the school does not immediately increase for the following reasons:
  - Bishop David Brown was recently graded as 'good with outstanding features' in their recent Ofsted inspection.
  - If HVFS opens in 2015 then the additional places created at Bishop David Brown are likely to be surplus to requirements, however they would be required in the longer term.
  - Creating additional capacity from 2016 will be cheaper than building two or three years later due to rising construction costs and the school will benefit from the enhanced facilities earlier.
  - It creates some additional capacity if the above demand profile is an underestimate and covers any risk that the HVFS proposal delays or fails for any reason.
  - It makes sense to create the additional capacity ahead of the planned regeneration scheme proposed in the Maybury and Sheerwater area to avoid too much disruption to the school in the construction phase of the Leisure Centre.
  - The Local Authority are aware that Fulbrook School intend on reducing their PAN in 2015 or 2016 from 280 to 240 (subject to consultation) - not something factored into table 1 above.
8. In addition to the proposals mentioned above, it is proposed for St John the Baptist to expand from 2018 to admit the additional catholic pupils coming through the two catholic primary schools that have expanded (pending an education consultation process taking place this term as well as consultation on any planning related issues). In summary, the secondary proposals that sit alongside the proposal to expand BDB are as follows:
  - Hoe Valley Free School – 6 forms of entry (but opening at 4 forms of entry initially)
  - St John the Baptist – 2 forms of entry
  - Bishop David Brown – 1 form of entry

## **How is this proposal related to the Maybury and Sheerwater Regeneration proposals?**

9. This proposal is independent from the Maybury and Sheerwater regeneration proposals. This is because the future pressure on secondary school places in Woking exists irrespective of how the regeneration proposals in Maybury and Sheerwater develop. Now that Woking Borough Council have given approval to New Vision Homes to continue with the master planning process the Local Authority is mindful of the additional pupil yield that will be generated from the circa 500 additional dwellings planned in the area. The proposed expansion of Bishop David Brown will help meet any additional demand for secondary school places generated by the development.
  
10. As part of the master planning process, the Project Team at New Vision Homes has been working in partnership with Woking Borough Council, Surrey County Council (SCC), Broadmere Community Primary School and Bishop David Brown Secondary School to develop an outline proposal for a Leisure Centre and associated sports facilities that it is intended will be shared between the two schools and the wider community.
  
11. The currently proposed facilities includes the following facilities:
  - 25m, 6 lane swimming pool and teaching pool
  - 4 court sports hall, Studio, Fitness centre and Dance Studio
  - 3G artificial grass junior football pitch (floodlit), plus the re-provision of 2 x junior grass football pitches, a senior grass football pitch, Rugby pitch and Cricket pitch
  - Indoor and outdoor changing facilities
  
12. Modern sporting facilities will be of great benefit both to Bishop David Brown and to Broadmere primary school. On this basis, SCC has agreed 'in principle' to the location of these facilities on the existing school site. It is currently proposed that the sports centre will be located on the grassed land located between the two schools. Further consultation will be undertaken with SCC and both schools as these plans progress in more detail. Currently, surveys and ground investigations are taking place on the BDB site to test the feasibility of such plans. Further information can be found by clicking on the following link: [Sheerwater Regeneration - a new vision for Sheerwater.](#)

## **Would the school grow all at once or over a period of time?**

13. The school would grow over a period of time rather than all at once. Table 2 below sets out how the school would increase in size over a period of time:

Table 2 – Proposed places to be available at Bishop David Brown from 2016

Bishop David Brown	7	8	9	10	11	TOTAL
2015	150	120	120	120	120	630
2016	180	150	120	120	120	690
2017	180	180	150	120	120	750
2018	180	180	180	150	120	810
2019	180	180	180	180	150	870
2020	180	180	180	180	180	900

### Admissions to Bishop David Brown School in the future

14. This proposal does not change the admissions criteria for the school, only how many places there are to offer at the school. For details of the admissions criteria for the school please visit <http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/learning/schools/school-admissions>

### What works will take place at the school in order for the school to expand and how can I find out more information?

15. An outline strategy setting out what works will take place at the school has been agreed in principle with the Head Teacher and Governing Body of the school. Broadly speaking this comprises a relatively small 2 classroom extension at the front of the school site in an area that is most likely to avoid disruption to the school. Internal refurbishment will take place to arrange accommodation in faculty groupings where possible. Enhanced sports provision will be delivered through the Leisure Centre proposals as part of the regeneration proposals mentioned above. An indication of the works that are being planned will be provided at the public consultation meeting (details below) and the school will keep parents informed of these proposals as they develop further.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

16. Surrey County Council and the Governing Body of The Bishop David Brown School would like to know what people in the area feel about the proposal for the school to expand its capacity. A response to this consultation can be provided online using the following address <https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf-schools-commissioning-team/bishop-david-brown-secondary-school>
17. Alternatively there is a consultation response form at the bottom of this document that can be filled out and hard copies sent back the address given below. Alternatively you can simply put your views in an email and send to the email address given below:

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FAO Kieran Holliday to:  
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**All responses must be received by 3 October 2014**

### What happens next?

18. We will hold a public meeting for parents and any other interested parties to discuss the proposals and to hear the views that people have. The meeting will be in the evening to allow as many parents and pupils to attend as possible. As a public meeting anyone who wishes to, may attend. You need not register your attendance prior to the meeting.
- 23 September - 7.00pm – The Study Centre, The Bishop David Brown School
19. Please come and share your views. You do not have to have a child at the school to come to the meeting. Following consultation, the responses received during the consultation will be analysed and put into a report that will be considered by the Cabinet Member for Children and Learning on the 8 October 2014. If the Cabinet Member decides to proceed with the proposal, a planning application will be prepared for the expansion of the school. Further consultation will then take place with the local community on the planning issues relating to the proposed works on site.
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If you would prefer to send in your response please use the consultation form below.

Please tick the box that best shows what you think of the following questions. Also give us any comments you have. You can write on the other side of this sheet if you want more space to write comments.

**Bishop David Brown Secondary School  
School Consultation Response  
Closing date for responses: 3 October 2014**

1. What is your name? (You do not have to answer this question.)

Name (optional)	
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2. What is your email address? (You do not have to answer this question.)

Email (optional)	
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3. What is your relationship with the school? (Tick all that apply.)

Parent of child attending school	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parent of child that may attend school in future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parent of child attending another school	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member of staff at school	<input type="checkbox"/>
Governor at school	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local resident	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. What is your postcode? (You do not have to answer this question.)

Postcode (optional)	
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5. Do you agree with the proposed changes to Bishop David Brown Secondary School?  
(Tick one.)

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Do you have any further comments? (You do not have to answer this question.)

Thank you for completing the consultation response form. **The consultation closes on 3 October 2014.** Please send completed forms by post to

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