Notes of the Public Consultation Meeting at Ewell Grove Infant and Nursery School

Thursday 25 June 2015 9-10.30am

The meeting opened at 9am and closed at 10.30 am.

It was attended by approximately nine parents, one local councillor, five Ewell Grove governors, James Broad and Sarah Lynagh from GLF Schools.

Melanie Harris attended on behalf of Surrey County Council.

Melanie Harris and the headteacher of Ewell Grove School, Mrs Kate Keane, presented to the meeting and then opened the floor to questions. Mr James Broad, Headteacher of Danetree School, was available to answer questions.

Q1   Given there have been discussions already with the Planning Officer, are they in favour of the application?

A1   The Planning Officer has seen the plans and advised on what needs to be addressed but approval is by the Planning Committee.

Q2   What if there are funding cuts after work has started at Danetree but before work starts at Ewell Grove and West Ewell?

A2   The budget for the capital programme at all three schools will be approved by Cabinet as one project. Once approved it will not be cut.

Q3   Has Riverview been involved in these discussions?

A3   Yes, but the school is voluntary aided (ie owned and managed by SCC but by its Governing Body and the Diocese of Guildford) and is not keen to expand.

Q4   How will provision be made for year 3 pupils and for reception children at Danetree?

A4   Schools will share experience across the group of E&E schools

and with GLF Schools. All teachers are able to teach the full primary age range in the existing schools. The intention is to provide a separate infant building at Danetree.

Q5   If works are due to start in Autumn 2015, is this a done deal?

A5   The consultation and planning processes as set out need to be completed. Only if we get permission would we start enabling work at Danetree in late autumn/winter.

Q6   What is plan B?

A6   If we cannot provide additional places here (equivalent to 1FE) new discussions would need to take place with other local schools about expansion.