

School Organisation Consultation

On a proposal to enlarge Heathside School
Brooklands Lane, Weybridge KT13 8UZ



The Proposal

Surrey County Council, in conjunction with the Governing Body of Heathside School, is proposing

- To expand the school to allow for a roll of 1200 11-16 students (eight forms of entry or 8 FE) with effect from September 2015. A form of entry is normally 30 pupils.
- To provide sufficient classrooms and specialist accommodation to allow for the gradual increase of pupils on site year on year.

The current position at Heathside School

The school was originally built in the 1970s and now has permanent accommodation for up to 1276 pupils. It currently admits 7 FE. This includes a sixth form of around 230 students. There is no suggestion that sixth form will expand as part of this proposal. However the school would incrementally grow, starting with Year 7 in 2016, and would be at its capacity (1430) with 8FE in every year group by 2020.

Heathside School is situated in a residential area adjacent to Brooklands College. The site is tightly developed and has limited vehicular access. A viability study undertaken by architects indicates that there would be room for this expansion with some judicious remodeling of existing buildings which may include demolition and replacement of those in the worst condition.

The proposal offers the opportunity to begin to address some of the condition issues at the school and architects have been commissioned to produce a design solution that would improve the facilities.

Heathside is a popular and successful school that is consistently over-subscribed and is the school of first preference for the majority of local parents. For September 2014 the school received a total of 773 preferences for 210 places. Of these 332 parents named Heathside as their first choice.

At its last OFSTED inspection in October 2013 the school was judged as good in terms of the quality of teaching and pupil achievement. It was judged to be outstanding in its leadership, management and behavior and safety.

What is being proposed

This consultation is essentially about the educational need for more places in Elmbridge, specifically for students hoping to gain a place at Heathside School. There will be other opportunities later in the process to consult with stakeholders on how this can be achieved, in terms of changes to the building and any impact the expansion might have on the immediate residential area. It is always the intention of the Surrey Schools and Learning Service to try and mitigate any adverse impact on neighbours to schools as a result of expansion programmes.



Any proposal will be subject to a planning application to Surrey County Council's Planning Committee, which is a separate body to the Schools and Learning Service.

We are proposing to add one additional form of entry each year from 2016 up to 2020; by which time the school will be 8FE throughout each 11-16 year group. The site covers 48,230 square metres and this is considered large enough to support 8FE with some careful design. If the school is to expand more basic classrooms will be required and it may be that some additional specialist accommodation is also necessary. Architects are looking at the possibility of reconfiguring some areas to make maximum use of space and improve the circulation around the buildings and campus. Drawings are at an early stage and staff and governors will play a role in the development of any final design if the expansion goes ahead.

It is proposed that the new classrooms will be based on or near the existing foot print of the school.

Why are we making these proposals?

There is a growing need for additional secondary school places in Weybridge and more generally across the borough (see forecast information below). The requirement is for up to 5 more forms of entry spread across all the Elmbridge schools by 2018. Rather than build a new, small academy or Free School, which could not serve the entire borough, it makes sense, both educationally and financially, to expand, where possible, the existing schools which have proven effective leadership.

School place forecasting for Elmbridge

Both our forecasts and historical data show that school rolls have been rising steadily across Elmbridge over the last decade. Much of this rise is resulting from an increase in the birth rate; some is due to housing development and inward migration. Births have increased across the borough by 26.1% since 2002. This is the second highest rise in Surrey.

To meet this unprecedented demand, between 2009 and 2014, Surrey County Council has added 35 additional primary classes within Elmbridge (1050 places). The larger cohorts will start to enter the secondary school system in 2015 and we need to increase capacity accordingly.

Our projections for the borough are given in the table below. This shows the position if we do nothing more than our planned expansion of Esher High in 2015.

The 'PAN' columns refer to the combined published admission number for Year 7 classes. Column 2 allows for the addition of a 'bulge' class. The 'spare' column indicates the number of spare places available; or a minus figure indicates the number of places we are short in Year 7. **Remember this is a forecast based on current primary numbers and transfer trends. We adjust the figures annually to reflect new housing developments and demographic changes.**

NB the sixth form projections are probably less secure because they are based on current numbers. We know that with changes in legislation there will be more post 16 students in future.

**Elmbridge Secondary School Pupil Projections 2013-14 – 2024-25
(including expansion of Esher High School in 2015-16)**

Year	PAN	Temp-orary added places	Total places	Spare	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Total Y7-Y11	Year 12	Year 13	Total Y12-Y13	Total Roll
2013-14	840	0	840	10	830	797	813	854	817	4111	314	240	554	4665
2014-15	912	0	912	71	841	834	807	823	864	4171	314	243	558	4728
2015-16	942	0	942	38	904	845	843	817	833	4242	331	245	576	4818
2016-17	942	0	942	-22	964	912	861	858	834	4427	318	259	577	5004
2017-18	942	0	942	-69	1011	971	928	877	873	4660	325	249	573	5233
2018-19	942	0	942	-120	1062	1018	987	943	892	4902	351	255	606	5508
2019-20	942	0	942	-220	1162	1068	1032	1000	957	5218	360	275	635	5853
2020-21	942	0	942	-238	1180	1165	1075	1039	1008	5468	374	282	656	6124
2021-22	942	0	942	-249	1191	1182	1169	1080	1044	5666	399	291	690	6356
2022-23	942	0	942	-274	1216	1193	1187	1175	1085	5856	416	312	728	6584
2023-24	942	0	942	-244	1186	1219	1199	1194	1181	5978	427	326	753	6731
2024-25	942	0	942	-271	1213	1188	1224	1204	1199	6028	459	338	796	6824

Have Your Say

We would like to know what parents, staff, residents and other schools in the area think about this proposal. There is a consultation form on page 7 of this leaflet.

The consultation opens on **Monday 15 September** and runs for 4 weeks. Statutory Notices will be published on the school gate and in the local press. We are also going to hold a public meeting at the school where you can express your views, obtain more information and have your questions answered. The meeting will be held at:

Heathside School	on Tuesday 23 September 6.30 -8.00 pm
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Please come and share your views.

You can respond by:

a) Accessing the consultation online on the 'Surrey Says' website:

www.surreysays.co.uk

and searching for the school's consultation (school name or post code), or by scrolling through the list of open consultations.

b) Completing the consultation response form that is available alongside this document. You can complete it and send it back to the address below.

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The Consultation closes on Friday 10 October at midday.

Next Steps

We will analyse the consultation responses and include them in a report to Surrey County Council's Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning. Please note that the educational consultation process is separate to any subsequent planning application and planning notices which will include building and traffic considerations.

The final decision

The report is considered by Surrey County Council's Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning who will make the final decision on whether or not to expand the school. This will most probably be in November 2014.

Heathside School
School Consultation Response
September-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	
Parent of child that may attend school in future	
Parent of child attending another school	
Member of staff at school	
Governor at school	
Local resident	
Other	

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 Heathside School? (Tick one.)

Agree	
Disagree	
Don't know	

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

Thank you for completing the consultation response form. Please take completed form to the office at Heathside School, or send by post to

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