

Questions and Answers

1. How do I find out more information about the consultation?

Full details about the consultation process including details of how to respond are available in the consultation proposal at <https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/proposal-to-expand-brooklands-specialist-school/>

2. What is the timeline for the consultation?

The informal consultation in which Surrey County Council sought people's views on the proposal. This stage of the consultation closed on 14 February 2020. Surrey County Council have considered responses to the consultation in the Consultation Analysis document. The current stage of the process is to publishing Statutory Notices where you also have the opportunity to read the Statutory Notice documents and respond.

You can respond by:

- a) Accessing the Statutory Notice online on the 'Surrey Says' website: www.surreysays.co.uk and searching for the school name or by scrolling through the list of open consultations and statutory notices.
- b) Completing the response form that is available at the end of the Statutory Notice document. You can access the form online or print it, complete it and send it back to the address below. Lisa Way, Room 326, County Hall, Penrhyn Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey, KT1 2DN or by emailing schoolorg@surreycc.gov.uk with the subject heading FAO Brooklands consultation.

All responses must be received by noon on 27 March 2020.

3. Can the proposal be changed or the process be stopped?

This is a democratic process and all decisions will be made in a public forum. The Cabinet Member for All Age Learning will make a decision whether to move forward with the process and all responses from stakeholders will be taken into account along with a range of other factors.

Transport and parking

4. Will transport be provided for children to the new site?

The provision of home to school transport will be considered in line with the Surrey County Council transport policy and will differ for each child.

5. What are the parking arrangements for staff?

The proposed site at Alexander Road will provide some spaces for staff on site. Other modes of travel would also be encouraged. A feasibility study of the site and surrounding area will inform parking arrangements.

6. Will the expansion have an impact on parking during drop off and collection times?

There is ample parking in the surrounding roads. Some children will travel on school transport.

Provision

7. What type of special educational need will the school cater for?

The expansion will cater for children with needs associated with Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

8. Will staff be split between both sites?

The plan is to ensure the senior staff members at Brooklands School cover both sites to ensure the established ethos and expertise continues at the Alexander Road site. Teaching staff will be recruited to meet the increased need.

9. How will the shortage of therapists meet the increasing need to provide a service to schools and meet the requirements for children to access a range of therapies?

This will be addressed during the recruitment process for additional staff to meet children's needs at the school.

10. Why is there a shortage of SEND places for nursery aged children?

This is something which has been addressed in the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Strategy and can also be discussed with the Early Years Commissioning team.

11. What will happen when the children at the Alexander site reach school leaving age?

Once children reach Year 6 they will continue their education in an appropriate secondary specialist provision in the local area.