School Specific Responses

School: Kenmore Park Infant School and Kenmore Park Junior School

Primary Planning Area: South East

The projections for this planning area indicate increased demand above the 420 permanent Reception places available in September 2013 requiring additional Reception places of between 41 (in September 2014) and 94 (in September 2018) pupils per year.

In the context of the current projections it is expected that at least a further two primary schools in this planning area will need to be permanently expanded. Accordingly, two schools are proposed for permanent expansion in Phase 2 of the Primary School Expansion Programme to meet future demand for places.

The proposals are:

Year	Permanent expansion	Temporary Reception Classes
September 2014	None	Kenmore Park Infant School Priestmead Primary School
September 2015	Kenmore Park Infant School Priestmead Primary School	One class if required

* Note: As the Kenmore Park schools are separate schools, Kenmore Park Junior School would be expanded from September 2017 when the pupils from the 2014 additional Reception intake progress on to the junior school.

Proposal for Kenmore Park Infant School and Kenmore Park Junior School
Kenmore Park Infant School permanent expansion with effect from September 2014. Kenmore Park Junior School permanent expansion with effect from September 2017.

School Response
The Governing Bodies of the two schools support the proposed expansion of the schools but emphasise the need to address:
- the concerns of the residents with regards to congestion, and;
- the suggestion of restricted entrance to Moorhouse and Warneford Roads at the start and end of the school days, and;
- the other suggestion of a one way system being imposed at school start and end of the day.

General Consultation Responses (including individuals, organisations and on-line)
A summary of the number of responses is presented in the table:

Yes	No	Not Sure	Total
43	10	5	58
74.1%	17.2%	8.6%	

The main issue raised by respondents highlighted the traffic issues in the area. There were a number of comments about the school size being large enough and proposing new schools are opened to maintain smaller school sizes. Respondents also expressed concern about the buildings and outside playground if the expansion went ahead, and about the importance of ensuring that there were sufficient resources for all the additional children.

Officer Comments

Kenmore Park Infant School and Kenmore Park Junior School have made a valuable contribution to increase the number of places in the south east planning area by opening additional reception classes in September 2010 and 2011. This area is experiencing considerable pupil population growth and the proposed expansion would provide much needed additional places and consolidate the expansion of the schools.

The feasibly study for the expanded school proposes that time served buildings are demolished and replaces with permanent new build that would consolidate the footprint of the school. This would improve the outdoor and playground spaces.

Traffic issues have been raised with all expansion proposals and coordinated cross-council approach is being adopted by officers to address the traffic and school travel planning issues. A transport impact assessment will be completed for expanded school and suggestions made during the consultation will be incorporated into this assessment. This will inform the mitigation measures that could be taken on the highways to manage the traffic. This is intended to ensure that all that can possibly be done to address traffic problems and to influence travel behaviour is done. This corporate approach is described in more detail in the Cabinet report.

Officer Recommendation
Statutory proposals are published to increase Kenmore Park Infant School by one form of entry (30 places) to be four forms of entry (120 places) from September 2014 and to increase Kenmore Park Junior School by one form of entry (30 places) to be four forms of entry (120 places) from September 2017.