

Representations to the statutory proposals about the Welldon Park schools

The Statutory Proposals to combine and expand Welldon Park Infant and Nursery School and Welldon Park Junior School were published on 5 January 2015 for a four week representation period which ended on 2 February 2015.

One representation was received by email from a resident whose property backs onto Welldon Park Junior School objecting to the expansion of the school

Email from a resident dated 27 January 2015

I am writing in response to the Statutory Proposals for the expansion of Welldon Park School.

I would like to comment firstly that it does not seem to have been widely publicised to local residents, that this representation period for comment on the proposals is in fact open. As you are aware from the meetings attended by local residents, it has been very difficult to comment on the expansion proposals due to the lack of information on building and site plans. Therefore we could not give our full views to be considered at consultation stage. Although there were not a huge number of written replies by residents to the proposals, those nearest to the school (including ourselves) I believe may be greatly affected by the expansion.

I understand that the following will now take place:

- A decision by Cabinet on 19th February, whether to proceed with the expansion – taking any comments into account (even though they are comments without access to all the facts on build).
- Site scoping to finish at the end of term.
- A pre planning engagement with residents.
- Statutory Planning timeframe – representation by residents.

As our property backs onto Welldon Park Middle School, it is vital that we are made aware of all the timescales in relation to the expansion in order that we can make our views known and have them listened to and for them to influence the final decision on the planning of any expansion.

In particular we are concerned about:

- The close proximity of any new buildings to our small back garden.
- The possibility of being overlooked by any build upwards.
- The disruption the building works may cause.
- The increase in traffic and parking across drives in our small cul de sac.
- Impact on saleability and price of our property.
- Noise impact of larger school population.

I should be grateful if you would put my concerns to Cabinet for consideration, however I feel that without access to information on the planning proposals, no actual decision on whether to go ahead should be made at Cabinet on 19th February, as it may be that none of

the planning proposals are acceptable to residents. The Council are expecting residents to comment on the Proposal without all the relevant information.

Without all the relevant information, I can only object to the expansion of the school.

Please acknowledge receipt of this response and advise me of all the timescales for comments on planning proposals once they are known to you.