

School Specific Responses

School: Camrose Primary School with Nursery

Planning Area: South East

Proposal: Bulge class in September 2012 and permanent expansion with effect from September 2013.

School Response

The governors are keen for Camrose Primary School to become a two form entry school if this was the outcome of the consultation.

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 | No Reply | Total |
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| 11 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 16 |

Comment was made that there appears to be enough space to expand without too much cost to building works, and that there are some children who are on the waiting list although they have their siblings in the school.

Additional comments were about other expansions and whether the demand in this part of Harrow is so much higher than others, and about the impact on other schools in the area.

Feasibility study outcomes

Initial feasibility work has been undertaken to identify potential options for expansion and indicative costings for the building work required. If Cabinet decides to move this school to the statutory process for permanent expansion, the options would be discussed with the school and further work would be undertaken.

Officer Comments

Camrose Primary School was designed to be able to accommodate a two form of entry primary school. Although the school has not operated at this size since the extensive refurbishment and redevelopment with Woodlands School, with minor refurbishment the additional capacity required can be re-instated.

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The permanent expansion would increase the school from one form of entry (30 places) to two forms of entry (60 places).

Officer Recommendation

1. Camrose Primary School has a bulge class in September 2012.

2. Permanent expansion is progressed to increase Camrose Primary School by one form of entry (30 places) to be a two form of entry (60 places) school with effect from September 2013.

Note about the South East Primary Planning Area

The range of increased demand above current available permanent places in the South East Primary Planning Area is between an additional 37 and 57 pupils per year. The proposal for this planning area is to increase the permanent provision by 60 places, supplemented by temporary additional reception classes.

Camrose Primary School and Glebe Primary School are recommended for statutory processes for expansion in this primary planning area subject to affordability. The officer recommendation is not to proceed further with proposals to expand the Kenmore Park schools.

There are only five community school sites in the South East Planning Area and it would be difficult for these schools to meet demand, if it is sustained at the predicted high level, through temporary additional Reception classes.

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