

Southfields Ward

Consultation on the Proposed Permanent
Expansion of Riversdale and West Hill
Primary Schools

Wandsworth Borough Council
Primary School Expansion Consultation
Responses to be returned by Friday, 15th December 2011



Introduction

School roll projections indicate that the high demand for reception places in many Wandsworth primary schools is likely to continue. It is probable that the current situation is not a temporary increase but part of a continuing trend set to continue for the next few years.

Projections indicate the need for up to 3 Forms of Entry (FE) of new places by 2015/16 in the Southfields area. Currently it is envisaged that Riversdale and West Hill Primary Schools could expand permanently by 1FE. Both of these Schools are currently 1FE. The projections indicate that a further permanent expansion may be needed in this area. Sheringdale School may be able to offer additional places to meet short term demand from September 2012.

It is also possible to expand Southmead Primary School by 0.5 FE. This would require the relocation of the Children's Centre to a new modular building and the limited re-modelling of the existing building which was originally designed as a two form entry school.

Officers have consulted Sheringdale Primary School to assess whether it would be possible to take a temporary additional 1FE in September 2012.

Riversdale Primary School

The proposed scheme for Riversdale Primary School could comprise refurbishment and re-modelling within the existing listed building and the construction of a stand alone 2 storey classroom block. The proposal makes maximum use of the existing accommodation and by keeping the new building element to 2 storeys high is considered by planners to be acceptable bearing in mind its listed status. There is no reduction in the playground space since the proposed location of the new building is in the existing car park.

West Hill Primary School

The West Hill School building is large enough for a 2FE school assuming that the Steiner School is re-located and it would be necessary to provide formal notice to the Steiner School to vacate. A scheme for the school would involve the refurbishment of classrooms and the existing kitchen. The school benefits from a well appointed ground floor hall which has been transformed into a 'Space for Personalised Learning' and generous and well appointed play spaces. No changes to the external appearance of the building are proposed and so planning permission will not be required.

Proposals

The Council is therefore proposing to expand Riversdale Primary School, Merton Road (SW18) and West Hill, Merton Road (SW18) and is seeking your views on these proposals.

For Riversdale and West Hill, the Council's proposal is to permanently enlarge the physical capacity of the schools in order to accommodate extra pupils. Thirty pupils will be added to the reception year groups each year with effect from September 2012. The current admission numbers for the schools is 30 and the proposed

number will be 60, i.e. 2 forms of entry. The admission arrangements for Riversdale and West Hill Primary School would remain unchanged.

The Council wants to ensure that there are enough primary school places for those who need them and is seeking your views of the proposal to permanently expand Riversdale and West Hill Primary School.

Funding

The Council is awaiting information from the Department for Education on the capital funding.

Have Your Say

Please give us your views on the proposals by ticking the appropriate boxes on the attached response sheet, alternatively you can email your comments to; primaryexpansionconsultation@wandsworth.gov.uk or visit our website www.wandsworth.gov.uk/bsf/consultations to reply online.

Response Form

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Please return your response form by 15th December 2011 to;

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The Council proposes to permanently expand Primary Schools in the Southfields Ward.

Do you agree with the above proposal?

Yes No

Which school do your comments refer to:

Riversdale West Hill

Comments

To assist in the analysis of comments we receive, please supply the following information:

Name	Address
	Post Code

Please tick the most appropriate;

Parent/Carer Teacher Governor Local Resident Pupil

Other