

Committee:	<b>Lead Members for Children's Services</b>
Date:	<b>20 November 2012</b>
Title of Report:	<b>Newhaven Primary Reorganisation</b>
By:	<b>Director of Children's Services</b>
Purpose of Report:	<b>To seek Lead Member approval to discontinue Southdown Junior School on 31 December 2012 and to alter the age range at Grays School from 1 January 2013.</b>

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**Recommendation:**

**The Lead Member is recommended to:**

- (1) approve the discontinuance of Southdown Junior School on 31 December 2012; and**
  - (2) approve the alteration of the age range at Grays School from 3-7 years to 3-11 years on 1 January 2013.**
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**1. Financial Appraisal**

1.1 Revenue: this proposal will not affect the Schools' Formula, although it will affect the budget position of Grays School, which will be amended in accordance with funding formula factors such as pupil numbers.

1.2 Capital: the estimated capital cost of implementing the proposal is approximately £10,000 and covers expenditure on minor works and new signage.

**2. Supporting information**

2.1 On 16 July 2012 Lead Member for Learning and School Effectiveness approved publication of statutory notices relating to a proposal to discontinue Southdown Junior School on 31 December 2012 and to alter the age range at Grays School from 3-7 years to 3-11 years on 1 January 2013. Copies of the Lead Member report and minutes are attached as **Appendices A and B** respectively.

2.2 The Statutory Notice was published in the Sussex Express on 7 September 2012. In addition, the Notice was posted at the main entrances at both schools and in the local library. A full copy of the proposal was sent to the school's Governing Body and the Department for Education. The full proposal was also posted on the Council's website. Copies of the Statutory Notice and full proposal can be found in **Appendices C and D** respectively.

2.3 Publication of the Statutory Notice was followed by a 6-week representation period, when comments or objections could be made to the Council.

**3. Factors to be considered by the decision maker:**

3.1 Proposed changes to the organisation of schools have to follow a prescribed process established by the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (EIA 2006) and The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended), and have regard to the statutory guidance set out in the Department for Education's document 'Making Changes to a Maintained Mainstream School', an extract of which is attached as **Appendix E**.

3.2 Before reaching a decision on whether to approve the statutory proposal, Lead Member should consider the following factors:

- Was a statutory consultation carried out prior to the publication of the notice?
  - A 6-week period of statutory consultation was carried out during 7 September and 19 October 2012.
- Are the proposals related to other published proposals?

- The proposal to discontinue Southdown Junior School and to alter the age range at Grays School is not related to other published proposals.
- Effect on standards – The proposal to bring together Grays Infant and Southdown Junior schools is predicated on continuing the significant improvements brought about under the leadership of the Executive Headteacher of the two predecessor schools, and will enhance the likelihood of further improvement.
- Impact on travel – There will be no impact on travel for pupils attending the two schools which will initially remain on their existing sites although the Council has an aspiration to bring the all through school together onto a single site as soon as reasonably practicable.
- Need for places – the Council's forecasting models clearly demonstrate a current and ongoing need for places in the Newhaven area and this school will be instrumental in providing for that need for the foreseeable future.
- Have any particular issues or objections been raised during the representation period which could directly affect the proposal?
  - By the end of the representation period no comments or objections had been received.

#### **4. Types of decision:**

4.1 In considering the prescribed alteration proposals, the decision maker can decide to:

- Reject the proposals;
- Approve the proposals;
- Approve the proposals with a modification; or
- Approve the proposals subject to a specific condition such as, for example amending the timescale for bringing the two schools together.

#### **5. Other considerations:**

5.1 There are no other pertinent considerations that have been raised through the statutory consultation process.

#### **6. Conclusion and reason for recommendation:**

6.1 In conclusion, the Council believes that bringing together Grays Infant School and Southdown Junior School to form a new all through Primary School will build on the excellent progress made by the Executive Headteacher and her team at the two predecessor schools, and lead to sustained improvement in educational standards at Key Stage 2.

6.2 For this reason, Lead Member is recommended to approve the discontinuance of Southdown Junior School on 31 December 2012 and the alteration of the age range at Grays School from 3-7 years to 3-11 years on 1 January 2013.

MATT DUNKLEY

Director of Children's Services

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Tel: 01273 481231

Local Members: Councillor David Rogers

Background Documents: None

Committee:	<b>Lead Member for Learning and School Effectiveness</b>
Date:	<b>16 July 2012</b>
Title of Report:	<b>Newhaven Primary Reorganisation</b>
By:	<b>Director of Children's Services</b>
Purpose of Report:	<b>To seek Lead Member approval to publish statutory notices in respect of a proposal to discontinue Southdown Junior School on 31 December 2012 and alter the age range at Grays Infant School from 1 January 2013.</b>

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**Recommendation:**

**The Lead Member is recommended to:**

- i) Authorise the publication of statutory notices in respect of a proposal to discontinue Southdown Junior School on 31 December 2012 and alter the age range at Grays Infant School from 1 January 2013.**
  - ii) Delegate authority to The Director of Children's Services to amend the proposals prior to their publication if required.**
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## **1. Financial Appraisal**

1.1 Revenue: these proposals will not affect the schools formula, although they will affect the budget position of individual schools, to reflect the changing status and circumstances of the schools.

1.2 Capital: capital investment will be required to implement the proposals in full. The estimated cost will be informed by the design feasibility study currently underway, and this will be reported to Lead Member during the statutory consultation process.

## **2. Background**

2.1 On the 17 April 2012 Lead Member approved the commencement of statutory consultation procedures on a proposal to bring Grays Infant School and Southdown Junior School together as one all-through primary school.

2.2 To establish one all-through primary school, the Local Authority proposes to discontinue Southdown Junior School on 31 December 2012 and alter the age range at Grays Infant School from 3-7 years to 3-11 years on 1 January 2013. The all-through primary school would initially operate across the existing Grays Infant and Southdown Junior sites but the Local Authority's ambition is to bring the school together on the Southdown site as soon as practicably possible. A feasibility study has been commissioned to consider options for how this could be achieved. The study will help to inform a Capital programme bid in the autumn.

2.3 This report analyses the responses received during the consultation period and seeks approval to move to the next stage of the statutory process.

## **3. Outcome of the public consultation**

3.1 Proposed changes to the organisation of schools have to follow a prescribed process established by the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (EIA 2006), the School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended) and the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended). This process complied with these requirements.

3.2 Consultation took place between 30 April and 17 June 2012. One thousand, two hundred (1,200) consultation documents were distributed to interested parties in accordance with the regulations in 3.1 above. The full distribution list can be found as part of **Appendix A**. The consultation document was also made available on the County Council's website. A number

of consultation events were held during the consultation period, including parent drop-in sessions and a public meeting.

3.3 By the close of the consultation period, 166 replies had been received. This equates to a response rate of 14%. Of the responses:

- 119 (72%) supported the proposal
- 13 (8%) neither agreed or disagreed with the proposal
- 34 (20%) did not support the proposal.

3.4 The highest number of responses (57%) came from parents and carers of children at Grays Infant School and/or Southdown Junior School. Members of staff and governors made up 21% of respondents, with replies from pupils at both schools totalling 14%.

3.5 It is clear that the vast majority of respondents support the proposal to bring Grays Infant School and Southdown Junior School together as one all-through primary school, although some concerns were raised about practical issues such as traffic and parking, loss of outdoor play space and disruption during building works. These concerns were addressed at the public meeting on 17 May 2012, the minutes of which are attached as **Annex 1 to Appendix A**.

3.6 **Appendix A** to this report provides detailed analysis of the consultation process and responses received.

#### **4. Next steps**

4.1 The next stage of consultation would be to publish statutory notices. This would trigger a 6 week period of formal consultation during September and October 2012, known as the representation period.

4.2 Within two months of the end of the representation period, Lead Member must determine the proposal taking into account the views of all those affected by the proposal or who have an interest in it, including for example: pupils; parents and carers; staff; other schools; local residents; diocesan bodies and other providers. A final decision on the proposal would be taken at the Lead Member meeting on 20 November 2012.

#### **5. Conclusion and Reason for Recommendations**

5.1 In conclusion, the Council believes that bringing Grays Infant School and Southdown Junior School together as one all-through primary school will build on the excellent progress made by the executive headteacher and her team and lead to a sustained improvement in educational standards at Key Stage 2. This view appears to be supported by 72% of respondents to the recent consultation.

5.2 For this reason Lead Member is recommended to:

1. Authorise the publication of statutory notices in respect of a proposal to discontinue Southdown Junior School on 31 December 2012 and alter the age range at Grays Infant School from 1 January 2013.
2. Delegate authority to The Director of Children's Services to amend the proposals prior to their publication if required.

MATT DUNKLEY  
Director of Children's Services

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Tel: 01273 481660

Local Members: Councillor Rogers

Background Documents:

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

Children and Adult Services  
Learning and School Effectiveness  
Children and Families

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Children's and Adults Services – Councillor David Elkin, the Lead Member for Learning and School Effectiveness – Councillor Nick Bennett and the Lead Member for Children and Families – Councillor Colin Belsey on Tuesday 16 July 2012 at County Hall, Lewes

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Councillor Rogers spoke on Item 5 (see minute 16)

12. REPORTS

12.1 Copies of the reports referred to below are contained in the minute book.

13. MINUTES

13.1 Councillor Bennett approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of 19 June 2012.

14. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

14.1 Councillor Rogers declared a personal interest in Item 5 as he is a governor at Tideway School, but he did not consider this to be prejudicial.

15. INVESTMENT AND DISPOSAL OPPORTUNITIES IDENTIFIED IN THE YOUTH SERVICE ACCOMMODATION REVIEW

15.1 The item was removed from the agenda.

16. NEWHAVEN PRIMARY REORGANISATION

16.1 The Lead Members considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which sought approval to publish statutory notices in respect of a proposal to discontinue Southdown Junior School on 31 December 2012 and alter the age range at Grays Infant School from 1 January 2013.

DECISION

16.2 RESOLVED to (1) authorise the publication of statutory notices in respect of a proposal to discontinue Southdown Junior School on 31 December 2012 and alter the age range at Grays Infant School from 1 January 2013; and

(2) delegate authority to the Director of Children's Services to amend the proposals prior to their publication if required.

Reason

16.3 The Council believes that bringing Southdown Junior School and Grays Infant School together as an all-through primary school will build on the excellent progress made by the executive Headteacher and her team and lead to sustained improvement in educational standards at Key Stage 2.



# Public Notices

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2010 NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

**HAILSHAM - 2012/1614**  
Proposed development at Land North of Battle Crescent and East of Battle Road, Hailsham. I give notice that Hillreed Developments Ltd c/o Hillreed Developments Ltd is applying to Wealden District Council for planning permission to erection of 14 no. Dwellings together with access, associated garaging/parking and landscaping. The development does not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

**HORAM - 2012/1686**  
Proposed development at Wicker Woods, North Corner, Marie Green, Horam. I give notice that Sacred Earth Community Interest Company c/o Lewis and Co Planning SE Ltd is applying to Wealden District Council for planning permission to part retrospective change of use of land to mixed agricultural and educational uses. Erection of ancillary buildings including polytunnels (4 no.), nissen hut, composting toilets, cattle barn, bike shelter, Wealden roundhouse and yurt. The development does not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated. Members of the public may inspect copies of the application and associated documents at the Council Offices, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, BN27 2AX between the hours of 8.30am and 5.00pm, or visit our website [www.planning.wealden.gov.uk](http://www.planning.wealden.gov.uk). Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning and Building Control quoting the above application reference number no later than **28 September 2012**.  
Charles Lant  
Chief Executive  
7 September 2012



## NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990, SECTION 257 AND PARAGRAPH 7 OF SCHEDULE 14 WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL WEALDEN DISTRICT (WESTHAM 30 (PART)) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2009

On 7 August 2012 Wealden District Council confirmed the above Order.  
The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert part of the public footpath known as Westham 30 running from point A (approximately 20 metres north-west of junction with Peasling Lane) in a north-westerly direction for approximately 32 metres to point B; to a new line running from the aforesaid point A in a northerly direction for approximately 15 metres to point C; and then in a westerly direction for approximately 26 metres to the aforesaid point B as shown on the Order map.  
A copy of the confirmed Order and the Order map may be seen at Wealden District Council Offices, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, East Sussex from 9.30am to 5.00pm on Mondays to Fridays inclusive. Copies of the Order and map may be obtained there at no cost.

The Order comes into force on 18 September 2012, but if any person aggrieved by the Order desires to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the above Act or on the ground that any requirement of that Act or any regulation made under it, has not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he or she may apply to the High Court for any of these purposes 28 days after the date of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, within 6 weeks from the date on which notice is first published as required by paragraph 7 of Schedule 14 to that Act.

Dated 7 September 2012  
Head of Environmental Protection

## GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

James Malyan trading as Greenacre Recycling Ltd of Unit 2G+H Hawthorn Estate, Avis Way, Newhaven, East Sussex, BN44 3JD is applying to change an existing licence as follows: To add an operating centre to keep 6 goods vehicles and 0 trailers at Unit 2G+H Hawthorn Estate, Avis Way, Newhaven, East Sussex, BN9 0DJ. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF stating reasons within 21 days of this notice.  
Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

In the estate of Alice May Heselline deceased  
Notice Pursuant to Section 27 of the Trustee Act 1925 (as amended)  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person having a claim against or an interest in the estate of the above named late of 16 Elphick Road, Newhaven, East Sussex, BN9 9SZ and 39 St John's Road, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 6DS, who died on the 18th March 2012 is required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the undersigned Solicitors for the Executor on or before 8th November 2012 after which date the estate will be distributed having regard only to those claims and interests of which notice shall have then been received.  
Dated 7th September 2012  
Gray Hooper Holt LLP  
6 Linkfield Corner  
Redhill  
Surrey RH1 1BB  
Solicitors for the Executors

# Make sure you know what's going on in your neighbourhood!

**DAWN PATRICIA  
RICE-KNIGHT (Deceased)**  
Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above mentioned deceased, late of 72 Arundel Road, Peasehaven East Sussex BN10 9RS formerly of 5 Short Bow Seaford East Sussex BN25 3QR, who died on 12/03/2012 are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before two months from the date of this publication after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.  
**BARWELLS SOLICITORS LLP**  
Bank House 238 South Coast Road Peasehaven BN10 8US 7357778

**MARY BRAINE (Deceased)**  
Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above mentioned deceased, late of 5 Manor House Court Regency Close Uckfield East Sussex TN22 1DS, who died on 04/04/2012, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before 16/11/2012, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.  
**THOMSON SNELL & PASSMORE**  
3 Lonsdale Gardens Tunbridge Wells Kent TN11 1NX 7358099

**PAUL SYDNEY WALKER (Deceased)**  
Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above mentioned deceased, late of Dairy Cottage Church Street Old Heathfield Heathfield East Sussex TN21 9AA, who died on 01/01/2012, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before 16/11/2012, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.  
**CORNFIELD LAW LLP**  
47 Cornfield Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 4QN 7359490

Notice is hereby given that Ms Lillian Margaret Bevan of Wealden District Council, The Council Offices, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, BN27 2AX has applied to the Judge at Brighton County Court for a Bailiff's Certificate. Any person who knows of a reason why Lillian Margaret Bevan is not a fit and proper person to be granted a certificate should write to the Court Manager at Brighton County Court, William Street, Brighton, BN1 2LG before the court hearing date of 11 October 2012. The complainant should attend on this date if they wish to substantiate their complaint. Costs orders may follow.

Terms and conditions of advertising are available on request

## EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

### ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 The East Sussex (Cross In Hand) (30mph, 40mph and 50mph Speed Limit) Order 201\*

NOTICE is hereby given that East Sussex County Council propose to make an Order under Section 84 (1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which would extend the 30mph and introduce a new 40mph and 50mph speed limit on the following lengths of road:-

- 30mph Speed Limit**  
**B2102** - from a point 416 metres west of the western kerb line of the A267, westwards for a distance of 266 metres
- C329 Back Lane** - from a point 351 metres south of its junction with the B2102, southwards for a distance of 406 metres
- 40mph Speed Limit**  
**B2102 Lewes Road** - from a point 682 metres west of its junction with the A267, westwards to a point 326 metres west of its junction with the Mayfield Flat
- B2102 Mayfield Flat** - from its junction with the B2102 Lewes Road to a point 128 metres northeast of its junction with the U7685 Water Lane
- U7685 Water Lane** - from its junction with the B2102 Lewes Road to its junction with the B2102 Mayfield Flat for a distance of 110 metres
- 50mph Speed Limit**  
**B2102 Lewes Road** - from a point 326 metres west of its junction with the Mayfield Flat westwards to a point 781 metres west of its junction with the Mayfield Flat
- B2102 Mayfield Flat** - from a point 128 metres northeast of its junction with the U7685 north easterly to a point 86 metres southwest of the northern most kerb line of its junction with the A267

A copy of the draft Order, plans showing the lengths of road and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing the Order along with copies of those parts of old Orders either being revoked or consolidated into this one Order, may be examined in the Reception Area, County Hall, Lewes Mondays to Fridays 9am - 4pm, Heathfield Library Mondays and Saturdays, 9.30am - 1pm Tuesdays 9.30am - 5pm, Thursdays 9.30am - 7pm Fridays 10.30am - 5pm and Wealden District Council Offices, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham during normal hours until 28 September 2012.

Any person wishing to make an objection or other representation concerning this proposal must do so in writing, together with the grounds on which it is made, to East Sussex County Council's Legal Services Department, PO Box 2714, County Hall, St. Anne's Crescent, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1UE by 28 September 2012.

### ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

#### The East Sussex (U5157 Walwers Lane, Lewes) (Temporary Footway Closure) Order 2012

To enable UK Power Networks to undertake electrical works, East Sussex County Council have made an Order under Sections 14(1) and 15(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will temporarily close the following length of Public Footway:

#### Temporary Six Month Closure

**U5157 Walwers Lane** - from its southern boundary with the car park entrance in a southerly direction for 30 metres. Vehicular access from the High Street will be unaffected but there will be no through access for pedestrians.

The alternative route for pedestrians will be signed and maintained for the duration of the works as follows:-

Via: B2193 Lansdown Place - U5157 St Nicholas Lane - A277 High Street and vice versa

The Order commences on the 10 September 2012 and lasts for a period of 6 months, or until the works are completed, whichever is the earlier; however, it is anticipated the Footway will only be closed from the 10 to 14 September 2012.

### ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

#### The East Sussex (U7075 Cricketing Lane, Herstmonceux) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012

To allow BT Openreach contractors to undertake cable and telegraph pole replacements, East Sussex County Council have made an Order under Sections 14(1) and 15(1)(b) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will temporarily close the following length of road:-

#### Temporary Road Closure

**U7075 Cricketing Lane** - from its junction with A271 Hailsham Road/New Road to U7697 Under Road/Lower Road.

Access for pedestrians should not be affected, and vehicular access for residents and to properties should be maintained whenever possible, with the alternative route for through traffic

being signed via U7697 Under Road and A271 New Road in both directions.

The Order commences on 12 September 2012 and lasts for a period of 18 months, or until the works are completed, whichever is the earlier. However, it is anticipated the road will only be closed between 12 September 2012 and 14 September 2012 depending upon the weather conditions.

### ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

#### The East Sussex (C8 The Drove, Hamsey Level Crossing) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012

To allow Network Rail contractors to carry out essential maintenance works, East Sussex County Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this notice to make an Order under Sections 14(1) and 15(1)(b) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will temporarily close the following length of road:-

#### Temporary Road Closure

**23:00 hours 22 September 2012 - 07:00 hours 23 September 2012**

#### C8 The Drove, Hamsey Level Crossing

- between points 15 metres each side of the railway level crossing. Pedestrian access will be maintained under the supervision of a Network Rail representative with an alternative route signed for vehicular traffic via C8 The Drove, U5012 Hamsey Lane and A275 Cooksbridge Road in both directions.

The Order will come into force on 22 September 2012 for a period of 18 months, or until the works are completed, whichever is the earlier; however, it is anticipated the road will only be closed between the hours specified above.

### ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

#### The East Sussex (C659 Church Road, Barcombe) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012

To allow BT to carry out works to install a new telegraph pole, East Sussex County Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this notice to make an Order under Sections 14(1) and 15(1)(b) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, which will temporarily close the following length of road:-

#### Temporary Road Closure

**C659 Church Road** - from its junction with the P5647 Culver Lane in a westerly direction for a distance of 100 metres.

A safe route will be provided for pedestrians along the road to be closed and access to properties will be maintained, however there may be delays at times. A diversion route for through traffic will be signed and maintained for the duration of the works as follows:-

Via: C659 Church Road - C8 Hamsey Road - U5010 Mill Lane - C659 Church Road and vice versa.

The Order commences on 24 September 2012 and lasts for a period of 18 months, or until the works are completed, whichever is the earlier; however, it is anticipated the road will only be closed for 1 day on 24 September 2012.

If you require any further information on the above Traffic Orders please telephone the Network Management Office on 0345 60 80 193.

## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010 NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

Proposed development at Lower Mays Farm, The Street, Selmeston, Polegate, BN26 6TU.

I give notice that Mr Tim Burrough, Mays Farm Limited is applying to the County Council as Planning Authority for planning permission for the following development:

Proposed infill of existing slurry lagoon using imported inert soils.

Members of the public can view the application on the County Council's website, or inspect the application, plans and other documents submitted with it during normal office hours at the offices of the Planning and Building Control, Wealden District Council, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, and at the offices of the Director, Economy, Transport and Environment Department, East Sussex County Council, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes until the 28 September 2012. Please note that there are public speaking arrangements when applications are determined at Planning Committee. Ring 01273 481846 for a guidance leaflet or visit the website.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about the proposal should do so via the web or in writing to the Director, Economy, Transport and Environment Department, East Sussex County Council, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes BN7 1UE by the 28 September 2012, quoting reference number WD/699/CM. Responses will be published on the County Council's website. Further information on the use of personal data is available on our website.

The website is: [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/environment/planning/](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/environment/planning/) applications.

Alternatively, please contact the Economy, Transport & Environment Department using the details above.

**Philip Baker, Assistant Director Legal & Democratic Services, Governance & Community Services Department, County Hall, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1UE**  
7 September 2012

## EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AS LOCAL AUTHORITY

### Statutory Notice to amalgamate Grays School and Southdown Junior School

#### Closure of Southdown Junior School and alteration of the upper age limit at Grays School

#### Part 1: Closure of Southdown Junior School

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that East Sussex County Council, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes BN7 1SG, intends to discontinue the following community school with effect from 31 December 2012:

Southdown Junior School, Church Hill, Newhaven BN9 9LX

This proposal is linked to the proposal in Part 2 to alter the upper age limit at Grays School. It is proposed that all pupils attending Southdown Junior School would automatically transfer to the extended Grays School proposed in Part 2 below, as appropriate. Admission may also be sought to other schools which have places available.

#### Part 2: Alteration of the upper age limit at Grays School

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that East Sussex County Council, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes BN7 1SG, intends to make a prescribed alteration to Grays School, Western Road, Newhaven BN9 9ED with effect from 1 January 2013.

The prescribed alteration is to alter the upper age limit to create an all-through primary school. The current age range is 3-7, and the proposed all-through primary school will have an age range of 3-11.

Following implementation of the proposals Grays School will occupy a split site. Infant aged children (Reception to Year 2) will attend the existing Grays School site at Western Road, Newhaven BN9 9ED and junior aged children (Year 3 to Year 6) will attend the existing Southdown Junior School site at Church Hill, Newhaven BN9 9LX. Nursery aged children will attend the existing Southdown Junior School site.

Grays School's Published Admission Number will continue to be 60 and its capacity will be 420 (Reception to Year 6). The school will also continue to offer 60 full-time equivalent nursery places.

On the date of the last pupil census (May 2012) Grays School had 249 pupils on roll (including 67 in its nursery). Southdown Junior School had 225 pupils on roll.

The objective of the proposals is to improve teaching and learning and achieve higher standards at Key Stage 2. It is anticipated that the proposals will secure a smoother and more effective transition between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 through a consistent single ethos and common policies for teaching and learning, behaviour and the monitoring of pupil progress.

East Sussex County Council is publishing the proposals independently. The Council will implement the proposals.

This notice is an extract of the complete proposals. Copies of the complete proposals can be viewed at:

[www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/consultation](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/consultation)

Alternatively you can request a printed copy of the complete proposals from the address below or telephone 01273 481758. Within six weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to, or make comment upon the proposals, by sending their representations to: Matt Dunkley, Director of Children's Services (FAO: Gary Langford, School Place Planning Manager), PO Box 4, Children's Services Department, East Sussex County Council, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes BN7 1SG, or by emailing: [schoolsmp@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:schoolsmp@eastsussex.gov.uk)

**Signed: Matt Dunkley, Director of Children's Services, East Sussex County Council**

**Date: 7 September 2012**

#### Explanatory Notes

1. Grays Nursery relocated to the existing Southdown Junior School site with effect, from September 2012.

2. The primary school will occupy a split site. In the future East Sussex County Council hopes to be able to bring the primary school together on one site (the Southdown site), subject to capital funding and planning consent being secured.

3. East Sussex County Council will make the final decision on the proposals.



## MATTERS TO BE SPECIFIED IN SECTION 15 PROPOSALS TO DISCONTINUE A SCHOOL: Information to be included in a complete proposal

### Extract of Schedule 4 to The School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools)(England) Regulations 2007 (as amended):

#### Contact details

1. The name of the LA or governing body publishing the proposals, and a contact address, and the name of the school it is proposed that should be discontinued.

Proposer: East Sussex County Council

Proposer's address: Children's Services Department, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1SG

School that is proposed to be discontinued: Southdown Junior School, Church Hill, Newhaven BN9 9LX

#### Implementation

2. The date when it is planned that the proposals will be implemented, or, where the proposals are to be implemented in stages, information about each stage and the date on which each stage is planned to be implemented.

It is proposed that Southdown Junior School would discontinue with effect from 31 December 2012.

#### Consultation

3. A statement to the effect that all applicable statutory requirements to consult in relation to the proposals were complied with.

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4. Evidence of the consultation before the proposals were published including:

- a list of persons and/or parties who were consulted;
- minutes of all public consultation meetings;
- the views of the persons consulted; and
- copies of all consultation documents and a statement of how these were made available.

One thousand two hundred (1,200) consultation documents were distributed to consultees including: pupils; parents & carers; staff and governors at Southdown Junior School as well as Grays School which is linked to this proposal. Copies



were also distributed to primary, secondary and special schools in the local area.

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During the consultation period the Council:

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The consultation responses were analysed by East Sussex County Council prior to a decision being taken to publish the Statutory Notices.

A copy of the consultation document is provided in **Appendix A**. The list of consultees, minutes of the public meeting and analysis of the consultation responses is provided in **Appendix B**.

## Objectives

5. The objectives of the proposal.

The proposal is to discontinue Southdown Junior School on 31 December 2012, linked to a proposal to alter the upper age limit at Grays School in order to establish an all-through community primary school from 1 January 2013. The objective is to improve teaching and learning and achieve higher standards at Key Stage 2. The all-through primary school is intended to secure a smoother and more effective transition between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 through a consistent single ethos and common policies for teaching and learning, behaviour and the monitoring of pupil progress.

## Standards and Diversity

6. A statement and supporting evidence indicating how the proposals will impact on the standards, diversity and quality of education in the area.

The performance of junior schools in East Sussex is significantly below the performance of all-through primary schools. A significantly higher proportion of junior schools are subject to an Ofsted category of concern. In addition, and in comparison to primary schools, junior schools require significantly more resources and support to raise and sustain standards.

The proposal to discontinue the school (linked with proposal to change Grays School from an infant school to a primary school) arises as a result of the Local Authority's conclusion that all-through primary schools make a major contribution to a sustainable strategy for raising standards. The following information evidences the need for change.



Percentage of pupils at Southdown attaining Level 4 or above at the end of KS2 compared to primary and junior schools in East Sussex and nationally:

		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
English	<b>Southdown</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>B*</b>	<b>71</b>
	Junior	76	72	76	77	77	80
	<b>Primary</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>81</b>
	East Sussex	79	80	81	79	80	80
	National	79	80	81	81	80	82
Maths	<b>Southdown</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>B*</b>	<b>75</b>
	Junior	70	69	75	72	77	78
	<b>Primary</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>
	East Sussex	74	76	77	76	79	79
	National	76	77	79	78	79	81
Science	<b>Southdown</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>88</b>
	Junior	84	83	85	82	78	85
	<b>Primary</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>
	East Sussex	87	88	88	87	83	84
	National	87	88	88	88	86	85

\* Southdown Junior School boycotted the KS2 tests in 2010.

Southdown Junior School headlines from the analysis of the 2011 KS2 data:

- The percentage of pupils achieving level 4 or above, and the percentage of pupils achieving level 5 or above was below East Sussex and national averages in all subject areas apart from Writing which was above East Sussex, but below the national average.
- The percentage of pupils achieving 2+ levels of progress was below East Sussex and national averages for English, but above East Sussex and equal to the national average for Maths.

	Southdown 2011	East Sussex average 2011	National average 2011
<b>% achieving Level 4+</b>			
Reading	75	83	84
Writing	67	62	75
English	71	80	81
Mathematics	75	79	80
English and Mathematics	65	72	74
<b>% achieving Level 5+</b>			
Reading	13	41	42
Writing	12	18	20
<b>% achieving 2+ levels of progress</b>			
English	80	81	83
Maths	82	80	82

Source: All data is taken from the DfE performance tables and relates to tests results, apart from Science which relates to test results until 2009, then refers to Teacher Assessments in subsequent years.

It is the County Council's belief that discontinuing Southdown Junior School and changing Grays School from an infant school to a primary school would help raise standards through:

- One governing body and one headteacher securing a consistent ethos and approach to teaching and learning across the whole of KS1 and KS2.
- Avoiding the transfer between separate infant and junior schools helps to improve pupil performance by minimising the risk of regression as part of that transfer.
- A larger budget and staffing complement. This provides the opportunity for a more specialist staffing and management structure, provides greater

opportunity for staff development, and enables greater flexibility in the deployment of staff to support the individual needs of pupils.

- Greater administrative efficiency (ie financial management, record keeping, policy creation and management, Ofsted and SEF processes) which increases the resources available for teaching and learning.
- Enhanced opportunities for career progression helping the school to attract strong candidates for future vacancies.
- More attractive salaries for leadership posts, so helping the school recruit the best possible leaders in a competitive market-place.
- Broader range of staff expertise available to pupils across the whole primary phase.

The wider local area around Newhaven (including Seaford and the surrounding villages) already benefits from Voluntary Aided Church of England and Catholic primary schools, and Voluntary Controlled Church of England primary schools, which offer diversity of choice for parents.

### **Provision for 16-19 year olds**

7. Where the school proposed to be discontinued provides sixth form education, how the proposals will impact on:

- a) the educational or training achievements;
- b) participation in education or training; and
- c) the range of educational or training opportunities, for 16-19 year olds in the area.

n/a

### **Need for places**

8. A statement and supporting evidence about the need for places in the area including whether there is sufficient capacity to accommodate displaced pupils.

The proposal to discontinue Southdown Junior School is linked to a proposal to change Grays School from a 2FE infant school (180 places) to a 2FE primary school (420 places). All pupils attending Southdown Junior School on the date of implementation would automatically become pupils of Grays School. There would be sufficient capacity at Grays School for displaced pupils from Southdown Junior School.

Within Newhaven as a whole, the primary admission number at Year R is 120. East Sussex County Council's Pupil Forecasting Model (January 2012 Pupil Census Forecasts as updated on 11.07.12) currently predicts that, in total, 815 pupils will attend primary schools in Newhaven in 2012/13. This is below the combined Net Capacity for the town of 840. However, following a period of pressure on school places across Newhaven as a whole, numbers are forecast to rise to an estimated 1,082 by the end of the decade.

East Sussex County Council is working with Lewes District Council in the production of its Local Development Framework (LDF). The LDF process will outline new housing proposals through to 2030 but will also identify the requirement for additional school places arising from this new development. It is anticipated that, through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), new housing developments in Newhaven will contribute to funding the provision of the additional places required in the medium to long term in the town.

9. Where the school has a religious character, a statement about the impact of the proposed closure on the balance of denominational provision in the area and the impact on parental choice.

n/a

#### **Current School Information**

10. Information as to the numbers, age range, sex and special educational needs of pupils (distinguishing between boarding and day pupils) for whom provision is made at the school.

Southdown Junior School is a co-educational 7-11 junior school providing up to 60 places in each year group (240 in total) for pupils from Year 3 to Year 6.

On the date of the last pupil census (May 2012) the school had:

- 225 pupils on roll comprising 60 in Year 3, 56 in Year 4, 51 in Year 5 and 58 in Year 6
- 6 pupils with a SEN statement

The school has no boarding facilities

#### **Displaced Pupils**

11. Details of the schools or FE colleges which pupils at the school for whom provision is to be discontinued will be offered places, including:

- a) any interim arrangements;
- b) where the school included provision that is recognised by the LA as reserved for children with special educational needs, the alternative provision to be made for pupils in the school's reserved provision; and
- c) in the case of special schools, alternative provision made by LAs other than the authority which maintains the school.

All pupils due to be at Southdown Junior School on the date of implementation would automatically become pupils of Grays School. There would be no displacement of pupils.

12. Details of any other measures proposed to be taken to increase the number of school or FE college places available in consequence of the proposed discontinuance.

n/a

#### **Impact on the Community**

13. A statement and supporting evidence about the impact on the community and any measures proposed to mitigate any adverse impact.

Southdown Junior School is situated in the Newhaven Denton and Meeching Ward of Newhaven. Whilst not being one of the most deprived wards nationally, it still compares poorly to the South East region. This judgement is based on a series of indicators:

- Newhaven Denton and Meeching Ward has 5 super-output areas, none of

which are in the 20% most deprived SOAs nationally (Source: 2010 update of the Indices of Multiple Deprivation)

- 16.2% of adults living in Newhaven Denton and Meeching Ward are known to have qualifications above Level 2, and 34.0% of adults have no qualifications at all. These figures are markedly worse than the South East figures of over 30% and below 24% respectively (Source: 2001 census)
- Newhaven Denton and Meeching Ward has 21.2% of children living below the poverty threshold, compared to 15.4% in the South East and 21.4% nationally (Source: 2009 child poverty data from HMRC released in 2011)
- 12.3% of working age people in Newhaven Denton and Meeching Ward are claiming out of work benefits, compared to 8.6% in the South East and 12.2% nationally (Source: November 2011 data from DWP Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study (WPLS) via NOMIS July 2012)
- 31% of households in Newhaven Denton and Meeching are considered to be in poverty, compared to an average of 26% in the South East and 31% nationally (Source: CACI, 2012)

As a primary school, Grays School would continue to be co-educational and serve the area of Newhaven currently served by itself and Southdown Junior School. The school will be located on the existing Grays and Southdown school sites. It would provide 60 places in each year group from Reception to Year 6 (420 places in total) and 60 full-time equivalent nursery places for 3 to 4 year olds. As a community school it would retain the East Sussex County Council admissions criteria.

14. Details of extended services the school offered and what it is proposed for these services once the school has discontinued.

Southdown Junior School and Grays School offer some or all of the following extended services:

- Childcare
- Study support
- Swift and easy access
- Parenting support
- Community access

It is proposed that all extended services currently provided by either Southdown Junior School or Grays School would be provided by Grays School from 1 January 2013

#### **Travel**

15. Details of the length and journeys to alternative provision.

n/a – Key Stage 2 pupils will continue to attend the existing Southdown Junior School site for their education.

16. The proposed arrangements for travel of displaced pupils to other schools including

how they will help to work against increased car use.

n/a

### **Related Proposals**

17. A statement as to whether in the opinion of the LA or governing body, the proposals are related to any other proposals which may have been, are, or are about to be published.

The proposal to discontinue Southdown Junior School is directly related to the proposal to change Grays School from an infant school to a primary school by altering its upper age limit from 3-7 to 3-11.

### **Rural Primary Schools**

18. Where proposals relate to a rural primary school designated as such by an order made for the purposes of section 15, a statement that the LA or the governing body (as the case may be) considered:

- a) the likely effect of discontinuance of the school on the local community;
- b) the availability, and likely cost to the LA, of transport to other schools;
- c) any increase in the use of motor vehicles which is likely to result from the discontinuance of the school, and the likely effects of any such increase; and
- d) any alternatives to the discontinuance of the school,

as required by section 15(4)

n/a

### **Maintained nursery schools**

19. Where proposals relate to the discontinuance of a maintained nursery school, a statement setting out:

- a) the consideration that has been given to developing the school into a children's centre and the grounds for not doing so;
- b) the LA's assessment of the quality and quantity of alternative provision compared to the school proposed to be discontinued and the proposed arrangements to ensure the expertise and specialism continues to be available; and
- c) the accessibility and convenience of replacement provision for local parents.

It is proposed that the nursery provision, provided by Grays School (on the site of the Southdown Junior School from September 2012), shall continue to be provided once the all-through primary school has been established.

### **Special educational provision**

20. Where existing provision that is recognised by the LA as reserved for pupils with special educational needs is being discontinued, a statement as to how the LA or the governing body believes the proposal is likely to lead to improvements in the standard, quality and/or range of the educational provision for these children.

n/a

# PROPOSALS FOR PRESCRIBED ALTERATIONS OTHER THAN FOUNDATION PROPOSALS: Information to be included in a complete proposal

## **Extract of Part 1 of Schedule 5 to The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools)(England) Regulations 2007 (as amended):**

### **School and local education authority details**

1. The name, address and category of the school

Proposer: East Sussex County Council

Proposer's address: Children's Services Department, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes BN7 1SG.

School details: Grays School, Western Road, Newhaven BN9 9ED. The school is a community school.

### **Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation**

2. The date on which the proposals are planned to be implemented, and if they are to be implemented in stages, a description of what is planned for each stage, and the number of stages intended and the dates of each stage.

The proposal is to be implemented on 1 January 2013. The proposal will not be implemented in stages.

### **Objections and comments**

3. A statement explaining the procedure for making representations, including —
- (a) the date prescribed in accordance with paragraph 29 of Schedule 3 (GB proposals)/Schedule 5 (LA proposals) of The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended), by which objections or comments should be sent to the local education authority; and
  - (b) the address of the authority to which objections or comments should be sent.

Within six weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to, or make comment upon the proposals, by sending their representations to: Matt Dunkley, Director of Children's Services (FAO: Gary Langford, School Place Planning Manager), PO Box 4, Children's Services Department, East Sussex County Council, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes BN7 1SG, or by emailing: [schoolsamp@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:schoolsamp@eastsussex.gov.uk)



## Alteration description

4. A description of the proposed alteration and in the case of special school proposals, a description of the current special needs provision.

The proposed prescribed alteration is to alter the upper age limit of Grays School to create an all-through primary school. The current age range is 3-7 and the proposed all-through primary school will have an age range of 3-11.

## School capacity

5.—(1) Where the alteration is an alteration falling within any of paragraphs 1-4, 7, 8, 18, 19 and 21 of Schedule 4 (LA proposals) to The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended), the proposals must also include —

- (a) details of the current capacity of the school and, where the proposals will alter the capacity of the school, the proposed capacity of the school after the alteration;

The existing capacity of the School is 180 (Reception to Year 2) plus 60 full-time equivalent nursery places. The proposed capacity of the school after the alteration will be 420 (Reception to Year 6) plus 60 full-time equivalent nursery places

- (b) details of the current number of pupils admitted to the school in each relevant age group, and where this number is to change, the proposed number of pupils to be admitted in each relevant age group in the first school year in which the proposals will have been implemented;

Grays School currently admits up to 60 pupils (its published admission number) in each relevant age group from Reception to Year 2.

It is not proposed to alter the published admission number following implementation of the proposals – the school will continue to admit up to 60 pupils in each relevant age group from Reception to Year 6. The school will continue to offer 60 full-time equivalent nursery places.

- (c) where it is intended that proposals should be implemented in stages, the number of pupils to be admitted to the school in the first school year in which each stage will have been implemented;

n/a

- (d) where the number of pupils in any relevant age group is lower than the indicated admission number for that relevant age group a statement to this effect and details of the indicated admission number in question.

There are no relevant age groups with pupil numbers lower than the indicated admission number for that relevant age group.

(2) Where the alteration is an alteration falling within any of paragraphs 1, 2, 8, 18 and 19 of Schedule 4 (LA proposals) to The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended), a statement of the number of pupils at the school at the time of the publication of the proposals.

On the date of the last pupil census (May 2012) the school had 249 pupils on roll (including 67 in the nursery).

### Implementation

6. Where the proposals relate to a foundation or voluntary controlled school a statement as to whether the proposals are to be implemented by the local education authority or by the governing body, and, if the proposals are to be implemented by both, a statement as to the extent to which they are to be implemented by each body.

n/a

### Additional Site

7.—(1) A statement as to whether any new or additional site will be required if proposals are implemented and if so the location of the site if the school is to occupy a split site.

Following implementation of the proposals the primary school will occupy a split site. Infant children (Yr R to Yr 2) will remain at the existing Grays School site, Western Road, Newhaven BN9 9ED. Junior children (Yr 3 to Yr 6) will occupy the site of the existing Southdown Junior School site, Church Hill, Newhaven BN9 9LX. Grays Nursery relocated to the existing Southdown site from September 2012.

(2) Where proposals relate to a foundation or voluntary school a statement as to who will provide any additional site required, together with details of the tenure (freehold or leasehold) on which the site of the school will be held, and if the site is to be held on a lease, details of the proposed lease.

n/a

### Changes in boarding arrangements

8.—(1) Where the proposals are for the introduction or removal of boarding provision, or the alteration of existing boarding provision such as is mentioned in paragraph 7 or 14 of Schedule 4 to The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended) —

(a) the number of pupils for whom it is intended that boarding provision will be made if the proposals are approved;

n/a

(b) the arrangements for safeguarding the welfare of children at the school;

n/a

(c) the current number of pupils for whom boarding provision can be made and a description of the boarding provision; and

n/a

- (d) except where the proposals are to introduce boarding provision, a description of the existing boarding provision.

n/a

(2) Where the proposals are for the removal of boarding provisions or an alteration to reduce boarding provision such as is mentioned in paragraph 7 or 14 of Schedule 4 (LA proposals) to The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended) —

- (a) the number of pupils for whom boarding provision will be removed if the proposals are approved; and

n/a

- (b) a statement as to the use to which the former boarding accommodation will be put if the proposals are approved.

n/a

### **Transfer to new site**

9. Where the proposals are to transfer a school to a new site the following information—

- (a) the location of the proposed site (including details of whether the school is to occupy a single or split site), and including where appropriate the postal address;

Refer to 7(1) above.

- (b) the distance between the proposed and current site;

The existing Grays School site is 655 metres (0.41 miles) from the existing Southdown Junior School site.

- (c) the reason for the choice of proposed site;

The existing Southdown Junior School site currently accommodates junior aged children (Yr 3 to Yr 6) who will automatically transfer to Grays School following implementation of the proposals.

- (d) the accessibility of the proposed site or sites;

The existing Southdown Junior School site and building is accessible as per the Equality Act 2010 (previously the Disability Discrimination Act 2005).

- (e) the proposed arrangements for transport of pupils to the school on its new site; and

The Local Authority's current transport policy will continue to apply. It is

considered unlikely that there will be a significant impact on travel arrangements for pupils given that junior aged children will continue to attend the existing Southdown Junior School site for their education.

- (f) a statement about other sustainable transport alternatives where pupils are not using transport provided, and how car use in the school area will be discouraged.

The County Council has developed a Sustainable School Travel Strategy. The Council wishes children and young people to be able to:

- travel to and from school more safely
- use more sustainable travel and transport
- improve their health and well being on the journey to school

The strategy sets out the travel and transport choices available to schools in East Sussex, the services and initiatives on offer and what we plan to develop in the future.

The Council will look to discourage car usage by investigating opportunities to improve access to the site for non-car users.

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## Consultation

11. Evidence of the consultation before the proposals were published including—
- (a) a list of persons who were consulted;
  - (b) minutes of all public consultation meetings;
  - (c) the views of the persons consulted;
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During the consultation period the Council:

- Met with the staff of Grays School and Southdown Junior School and their representatives
- Held a public meeting at Southdown Junior School
- Held playground ‘drop-in’ sessions at each school

The consultation responses were analysed by East Sussex County Council prior to a decision being taken to publish the Statutory Notices.

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**Project costs**

12. A statement of the estimated total capital cost of the proposals and the breakdown of the costs that are to be met by the governing body, the local education authority, and any other party.

There are no significant capital costs associated with this proposal other than for new signage which will be met by the Local Authority. The cost is likely to be in the region of £8,000 to £10,000.

13. A copy of confirmation from the Secretary of State, local education authority and the Learning and Skills Council for England (as the case may be) that funds will be made available (including costs to cover any necessary site purchase).

n/a

**Age range**

14. Where the proposals relate to a change in age range, the current age range for the school.

The school’s current age range is 3-7.

**Early years provision**

15. Where the proposals are to alter the lower age limit of a mainstream school so that it provides for pupils aged between 2 and 5—

- (a) details of the early years provision, including the number of full-time and part-time pupils, the number and length of sessions in each week, and the services for disabled children that will be offered;

n/a

- (b) how the school will integrate the early years provision with childcare services and how the proposals are consistent with the integration of early years provision for childcare;

n/a

- (c) evidence of parental demand for additional provision of early years provision;

n/a

- (d) assessment of capacity, quality and sustainability of provision in schools and in establishments other than schools who deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage within 3 miles of the school; and

n/a

- (e) reasons why such schools and establishments who have spare capacity cannot make provision for any forecast increase in the number of such provision.

n/a

### **Changes to sixth form provision**

**16.** (a) Where the proposals are to alter the upper age limit of the school so that the school provides sixth form education or additional sixth form education, a statement of how the proposals will—

- (i) improve the educational or training achievements;
- (ii) increase participation in education or training; and
- (iii) expand the range of educational or training opportunities for 16-19 year olds in the area;

n/a

- (b) A statement as to how the new places will fit within the 16-19 organisation in an area;

n/a

- (c) Evidence —

- (i) of the local collaboration in drawing up the proposals; and
- (ii) that the proposals are likely to lead to higher standards and better progression at the school;

n/a

- (d) The proposed number of sixth form places to be provided.



n/a

17. Where the proposals are to alter the upper age limit of the school so that the school ceases to provide sixth form education, a statement of the effect on the supply of 16-19 places in the area.

n/a

**Special educational needs**

18. Where the proposals are to establish or change provision for special educational needs—

- (a) a description of the proposed types of learning difficulties in respect of which education will be provided and, where provision for special educational needs already exists, the current type of provision;

n/a

- (b) any additional specialist features will be provided;

n/a

- (c) the proposed numbers of pupils for which the provision is to be made;

n/a

- (d) details of how the provision will be funded;

n/a

- (e) a statement as to whether the education will be provided for children with special educational needs who are not registered pupils at the school to which the proposals relate;

n/a

- (f) a statement as to whether the expenses of the provision will be met from the school's delegated budget;

n/a

- (g) the location of the provision if it is not to be established on the existing site of the school;

n/a

- (h) where the provision will replace existing educational provision for children with special educational needs, a statement as to how the local education authority believes that the new provision is likely to lead to improvement in the standard, quality and range of the educational provision for such children; and

n/a

- (i) the number of places reserved for children with special educational needs, and where this number is to change, the proposed number of such places.

n/a

**19.** Where the proposals are to discontinue provision for special educational needs—

- (a) details of alternative provision for pupils for whom the provision is currently made;

n/a

- (b) details of the number of pupils for whom provision is made that is recognised by the local education authority as reserved for children with special educational needs during each of the 4 school years preceding the current school year;

n/a

- (c) details of provision made outside the area of the local education authority for pupils whose needs will not be able to be met in the area of the authority as a result of the discontinuance of the provision; and

n/a

- (d) a statement as to how the proposer believes that the proposals are likely to lead to improvement in the standard, quality and range of the educational provision for such children.

n/a

**20.** Where the proposals will lead to alternative provision for children with special educational needs, as a result of the establishment, alteration or discontinuance of existing provision, the specific educational benefits that will flow from the proposals in terms of—

- (a) improved access to education and associated services including the curriculum, wider school activities, facilities and equipment with reference to the local education authority's Accessibility Strategy;
- (b) improved access to specialist staff, both educational and other professionals, including any external support and outreach services;
- (c) improved access to suitable accommodation; and
- (d) improved supply of suitable places.

n/a

## Sex of pupils

**21.** Where the proposals are to make an alteration to provide that a school which was an establishment which admitted pupils of one sex only becomes an establishment which admits pupils of both sexes—

- (a) details of the likely effect which the alteration will have on the balance of the provision of single-sex education in the area;

n/a

- (b) evidence of local demand for single-sex education; and

n/a

- (c) details of any transitional period which the body making the proposals wishes specified in a transitional exemption order (within the meaning of section 27 of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975).

n/a

**22.** Where the proposals are to make an alteration to a school to provide that a school which was an establishment which admitted pupils of both sexes becomes an establishment which admits pupils of one sex only—

- (a) details of the likely effect which the alteration will have on the balance of the provision of single-sex education in the area; and

n/a

- (b) evidence of local demand for single-sex education.

n/a

## Extended services

**23.** If the proposed alterations affect the provision of the school's extended services, details of the current extended services the school is offering and details of any proposed change as a result of the alterations.

The proposed alterations will not affect the provision of the school's extended services.

The extended services currently provided at Grays Schools will continue and those currently provided by Southdown Junior School will be provided by the new all-through primary school.

## Need or demand for additional places

**24.** If the proposals involve adding places—

- (a) a statement and supporting evidence of the need or demand for the particular places in the area;

n/a

- (b) where the school has a religious character, a statement and supporting evidence of the demand in the area for education in accordance with the tenets of the religion or religious denomination;

n/a

- (c) where the school adheres to a particular philosophy, evidence of the demand for education in accordance with the philosophy in question and any associated change to the admission arrangements for the school.

**25. If the proposals involve removing places—**

- (a) a statement and supporting evidence of the reasons for the removal, including an assessment of the impact on parental choice; and

n/a

- (b) a statement on the local capacity to accommodate displaced pupils.

n/a

**Expansion of successful and popular schools**

**25A.** (1) Proposals must include a statement of whether the proposer considers that the presumption for the expansion of successful and popular schools should apply, and where the governing body consider the presumption applies, evidence to support this.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1) applies to expansion proposals in respect of primary and secondary schools, (except for grammar schools), i.e. falling within:

(a) (for proposals published by the governing body) paragraph 1 of Part 1 to Schedule 2 or paragraph 12 of Part 2 to Schedule 2;

(b) (for proposals published by the LA) paragraph 1 of Part 1 to Schedule 4 or 18 of Part 4 to Schedule 4

of the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended).

The proposal is about changing Grays School from an infant school to a primary school to improve teaching and learning, to secure smoother and more effective transition between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 and to achieve higher standards at Key Stage 2. It is not directly related to the expansion of popular and successful schools.