

**PROPOSAL TO ENLARGE  
MERIDIAN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
CONSULTATION REPORT**

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Needs and Disability with the outcome from the consultation on the proposal to enlarge Meridian Community Primary School by one form of entry (30 places per year group, 210 places overall) for the 2018/19 academic year.
- 1.2 The proposal is part of the Local Authority's strategy to ensure it is able to discharge its legal obligation to provide sufficient school places in Peacehaven to meet demand both now and in the future.
- 1.3 If the proposal is accepted the the school would grow gradually between September 2018 and September 2025 as it fills from reception year upwards. The school would reach capacity when it has 90 children in each year group from Reception to Year 6 – a total of 630 children taught in 21 classrooms.

## 2. Department for Education (DfE) regulations

- 2.1 Proposed changes to the organisation of schools have to follow a prescribed process established by the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013. This process complied with these requirements.

## 3. The consultation

- 3.1 Public consultation took place over a 5 week period between 6 May and 10 June 2016. Approximately nine hundred and fifty (950) consultation documents were distributed to interested parties including: parents and carers, pupils, staff, local schools, the district and town councils, the local MP and the local community. The table below provides a list of consultees. The consultation was also made available on the Local Authority's website. A copy of the consultation document is provided in **Appendix 1** to this report.

Organisation	Number of copies
Meridian Community Primary School	540
Peacehaven Heights Primary School	15
Telscombe Cliffs Community Primary School	15
Peacehaven Community School	15
Sussex Downs College	15
Local MP	1
Lewes District Council	45
Peacehaven Town Council	17
Diocese of Chichester	1
Diocese of Arundel and Brighton	1
Anchor Health Care Centre	20
Rowe Avenue Surgery (Peacehaven)	20
Sussex Voluntary and Community Learning Consortium	10
Peacehaven Library	20
Peacehaven Children's Centre	20
Butterfly Nursery, Meridian Primary School	20
Butterfly Nursery Ltd, Meridian Centre	20
Happy Days Nursery	20
Hopscotch Nursery (Peacehaven)	20
Rainbow Childcare - Peacehaven	20
Telscombe Cliffs Nursery School	20
Wild Monkeys Childcare	20
East Sussex County Councillors	48
Trade Unions	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>950</b>

- 3.2 The consultation document included a response form to assist and encourage people to give their views. Interested parties could provide a response to the consultation by

returning the response form attached to the consultation document, by completing it online, by letter or by email.

#### **4. Consultation events**

- 4.1 A public information event was held at the school on Tuesday 14 June primarily to communicate information to stakeholders around the build element of the expansion prior to the submission of a planning application. The event was advertised via school book bags and flyers distributed to local households and the nursery. The event generated a turn-out of approximately 80 people, largely neighbours of the school. The architects, developers, the transport consultant and ESCC representatives were all available to discuss the plans and listen to comments and feedback.

#### **5. Consultation responses**

- 5.1 By the end of the consultation period 71 responses had been received, of which 23 were completed on line and 48 forms were returned via freepost. In addition two emails had been received.
- 5.2 Respondents identified themselves as:
- 32 parents/carers of a child at Meridian Community Primary School
  - 1 pupil at Meridian Community Primary School
  - 12 members of staff at Meridian Community Primary School
  - 3 members of the governing body at Meridian Community Primary School
  - 26 members of the local community
  - 8 other (Governor of another local school, local citizen, local resident, Saltdean resident, parent of ex pupil)
  - 1 incomplete
- 5.3 It should be noted that some respondents ticked more than one box when identifying themselves.
- 5.4 The public consultation document asked the consultees to respond to the following questions:
- Question 1 - Do you understand these proposals? The changes that are proposed have been clearly explained.
  - Question 2 - Will the proposal impact on you and your family. If so, how?
  - Question 3 – Please give us your views on the proposal and/or any options you think the Council should consider
- 5.5 The answers to these questions can be found in the detailed analysis of consultation responses in **Appendix 2** to this report.

#### **6. Key issues raised by respondents**

- 6.1 In summary there was a mixed response to the consultation and the public information event. Those in favour of the proposal recognise the need for additional school places linked to new housing in the town and the benefits it would bring to an ever growing community. Those who raised concerns about the proposal did so generally for the following reasons:
- Traffic congestion and parking

- Loss of playing field and facilities
- Peacehaven Heights Primary School should be enlarged instead
- A new school should be built in the town

6.2 In response to these particular points:

- Interestingly, a number of people who raised parking and traffic congestion as an issue do not fundamentally object to the proposal to enlarge the school. Following feedback from the consultation and the public information event, the design team, including the transport consultant, has agreed to look at a series of highway improvements to ease congestion and parking issues. These proposals are likely to include increased double yellow lines near the school site and the possibility of opening up an existing access point for site maintenance to parents and children. Any measures would require support from East Sussex Highways through the planning system.
- The school's facilities would be enlarged to accommodate the increased number of pupils. The Local Authority would ensure that the design solution makes best use of the site to create an environment that has a positive impact on teaching and learning.
- Peacehaven Heights Primary School was considered for expansion but the infant site is very restricted and does not have the capacity for enlargement. The cost of moving the infant cohort to the junior site and enlarging it was also considered but the site is smaller than the Meridian Community Primary School site and the cost of such a proposal would most likely exceed the resources available in the capital programme.
- A new school was also considered but a search for land in the town which could be developed for a new school proved unsuccessful. Even if the Local Authority had found a site that would be suitable it is likely that it would have had to purchase it – something the Local Authority does not have funding for in its capital programme. Another concern the Local Authority had about establishing a new one form entry primary school was how viable it might be in the long term in terms of its financial sustainability.

## ANALYSIS OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES

	Do you understand these proposals?	Will the proposal impact on you and your family. If so, how? – comments	Please give us your views on the proposal and/or any options you think the Council should consider – comments
Member of the local community	Yes	YES with more local traffic at school drop off and pick up. Parking in our road for drop off and pick up is a problem at the moment	New school next to PCS. All the space and facilities are there. Impact on parking for drop off and pick up would be minimal
Member of the local community	Yes	No	Whilst I understand the need for extra school places to be made available because of the extra housing that is being squeezed in to our area I question the short-sightedness of continuing to build on any available space in the Peacehaven/Telscombe area. The traffic on the south coast road is awful in the mornings - especially westbound, the green space that we have left is being swallowed up and schools only have available so many square metres. It seems that space for children to learn, explore and play are now being built upon to accommodate extra classroom space and the all important outdoor learning areas and space are being sacrificed in order to accommodate this. Peacehaven is being used as an over spill of Brighton & Hove City Council as it is cheaper to house their social housing needs in our area than the city itself. Enough is enough!
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	Yes it will. My child currently attends Meridian school, and most days we walk there. The traffic outside the school in the mornings is already busy enough. To increase the size of the school as proposed is only going to make that worse.	I am not happy with the proposal. Traffic is a main issue for me. (As stated above.) Meridian works well as it is now and I can't see how increasing it by as many pupils as suggested can be a good thing. I would much prefer to see a new school built on a different plot somewhere else in Peacehaven. Nearer to where all the new houses are being built seems to be a more logical solution.
Member of the local community	Yes	No	It seems strange that the proposal is to extend Meridian Primary school when Peacehaven Heights is more central and has a greater number of people requesting places there as their first choice. It would seem more sensible to enlarge that school.
Member of the local community	Yes	No	I don't think that Meridian School should be expanded, surely as most of the new houses are to the East of the town Peacehaven Heights surely must be the school to expand. There is a lot more outside space on the junior site (Hodder Avenue) than there is at Meridian School. The school is in the centre of the town and serves the whole town. The junior site should become a school for Years 2,3,4,5 & 6 and the infant site should be for Nursery, reception and Year 1! I know the school had 152 applicants for the September intake yet only 60 spaces. So lots of disappointed parents.
Other (School Governor for Peacehaven Heights School)  Member of the local community	Yes	Yes - my husband and I own our home in Peacehaven and plan on having children in the near future. I am also a school governor for my local school of Peacehaven Heights and am a children's social worker.	I am pleased that the council are thinking ahead for the needs of families with the town growing. However I am unsure why Meridian has been selected when Peacehaven Heights has a better reputation and a waiting list of children wanting to attend. I have recently joined the governing body at Peacehaven Heights as I have been impressed by the school and wanting to help contribute to my local community. The school has some fantastic opportunities, such as their pool and beach school and would be able to accommodate larger numbers at the two sites. Our recent Ofsted inspection showed that we are a good school and has improved and continues to develop greatly. I strongly propose that Peacehaven Heights is considered in place of Meridian for the expansion.
Member of the local community	Yes	There will additional traffic and parking in Roderick Avenue North, Cripps Avenue and Pelham Rise at the beginning and end of the school day. Additional classes would also require more parking spaces on site for staff. There are limited roads in North Peacehaven and the extension to the school would add more congestion for local residents.	Peacehaven only has one access road in and out -the A259. An alternative road is essential to alleviate the existing congestion problems with pinch points at Rottingdean (access to the A27/A23) and through Newhaven (access to Lewes and A26/A27 by-passing Newhaven). Plans to build a further 900 homes in the Peacehaven/Telscombe Cliffs area will add at least a further 1,800 cars with the associated parking and congestion issues. The bus service is not necessarily to answer to this as it only goes to Brighton. Not much help if you don't want to go Brighton.
Member of the local community	Yes	Not at the moment, but possibly in the future.	It is needed if new homes are being built.
Other (Local citizen)	Yes	Provide security and option to allow our child to attend a local primary school	Class sizes and training and retention of school teachers and support staff

	Do you understand these proposals?	Will the proposal impact on you and your family. If so, how? – comments	Please give us your views on the proposal and/or any options you think the Council should consider – comments
Other (resident of Roderick Avenue North)  Member of the local community	Yes	As a resident of Roderick Avenue North my property is directly opposite the main entrance to the school. During the "School run" mornings and afternoons and now also lunchtimes the road becomes severely congested with cars inconsiderately and illegally parked, causing a danger to parents and children, and an inconvenience to residents who find their drives blocked, it is now so bad at times that we need to avoid leaving or returning home during these periods, and if pupil numbers are increased the amount of traffic will increase as a result.	I hope if this proposal goes ahead that the problem of parking/dropping off children will be given serious thought as it is a worsening problem, dangerous for children and a problem for residents. Perhaps increased parking restrictions should be considered.
Member of the local community	Yes	Yes, as a resident of Cripps Avenue my concerns are on the impacts it will have on me as a neighbour of the school in terms of noise, parking and the general impacts of the increased footfall on the surrounding environment.	The council needs to consider the extra traffic entering Cripps Avenue that will be caused by the increase in the size of the school. Already at start/end of the school day Cripps Avenue becomes severely congested, and on numerous occasions my driveway has been blocked by inconsiderate parking. I would welcome some form of permanent control of parent parking around the start/end of the school day. Additionally I am also inconvenienced at varying times of the day (mainly in the spring/summer months) by children standing on a raised area at the bottom of the school playing field and peering/shouting into my garden/rear of house. This I find both an infringement of my privacy and a lack of respect by the pupils for their neighbours, There is also a serious H&S risk for the children, as to access this area they invariable subject themselves to pushing through trees and bushes and nettles in confined spaces. Again with an increase pupil head count I cannot see this situation improving, but would ask either the council erects taller boundary fencing or remove the raised mound which I believe was 'excess earth' dumped there a few year ago from some previous development.
Member of the local community	Yes	See section 4	While I understand the need for more school places in Peacehaven as more homes are built in the area I am very much concerned about the safety of all the children at this school mostly due to parent's inconsiderate parking outside the school and the lack of onsite parking for the safe drop off and pick up of children. Parents park all over the place, double parking making it almost impossible to drive through, always parking on and round the corners of Tor Road and Anzac Close making it very difficult to negotiate the corners safely as you can't see clearly. Often having to reverse to let out cars from these side roads. One day myself and a paramedic could not even drive up Roderick Ave due to abandoned cars thus we had to reverse and make a detour. I live at the end of Tor Road which is a cul-de-sac and cars for the school park in the area for turning making it almost impossible for larger vehicles to turn round. (Double yellow lines would help) here and round corners with Police and traffic wardens showing their faces frequently as a deterrent. That said, enlarging the school will only make the situation much worse with more parents and their cars. Outside the school Roderick Ave is not particularly wide but on the Eastern side is a wide grass verge that could be altered to a pavement and parking for drop-off / pick-up parking only.
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	Yes, I will have 2 children at school during this period. - Whole school cohesion. Already squashed to have whole school assemblies therefore impact of breaking these up ie ks1 and ks2 - Quality of teaching compromised already recruitment difficulties, risk over use of supply etc. - Ofsted. Meridian has recently moved out of special measures and this has been due to efforts of teachers, TAs, parents and of course the children. There needs to be opportunity for consolidation to build on these good foundations.	Meridian has a fab mentoring ethos between ks2 and 1 which is essential to cohesion and relies on whole school get togethers - increasing capacity would compromise this. Recruitment is already challenging - my daughter's education was negatively impacted by age inappropriate teacher who was appointed on a 2nd recruitment round for the 3 classes reception intake. Teachers and school leads recognised this within parent / child evenings and through the parent council. What would happen with breakfast and after school clubs - provision is already very poor and choice limited to cats and teacher run clubs (can get cancelled on the day). These are also often full due to capacity and space issues so an increase in demand would not meet the demand of working parents. Local education needs are the responsibility of the LA and the 3 local schools and not only issues for meridian. Telscombe and Peacehaven heights have the benefit of a pool and smaller settings respectively. Please leave meridian with its benefit of a vast playing area. In terms of proposal, there is need for another school - perhaps an academy or alternatively expansion in each school within local areas - Peacehaven , Rottingdean , Newhaven . Integrated School bus and after school services too.
Other (Neighbour)	Not Answered	You are asking for a decision before 10th June 2016. The letter from ORBIS is advising of the Public event to explain what will happen on 14th June 2016. It looks like the decision will be over before the public can see the details. The recent incorrect decision to build on the carparks cost the council £300,000 of the tax payers money. The art form of asking what the public think, after the decision is made is priceless. I guess you want to push this through , come hell or high water.	I live next door to the school, to the north. My interest is where the building will take place, and will it take our view. The idea of planning for more places, I guess is sensible, if you can be sure that the numbers required. The website address on the consultation does not take you to any information. I guess this is because it appears not to be complete on the ORBIS letter.

	Do you understand these proposals?	Will the proposal impact on you and your family. If so, how? – comments	Please give us your views on the proposal and/or any options you think the Council should consider – comments
Other (tenant of Roderick avenue)	Yes	I have only just received this e-mail and am shocked by the proposal. Where can they extend, there's no room. I live right opposite the school and we have enough trouble with parking as it is. To say the least about the noise. I have been in and out of hospital the past 2 years and am recovering from major surgery, so I need my rest and as my bedroom is at the front of the property I hear it all, parents shouting, cars revving up and loud music. You might say that there are double yellow lines there but the parents completely ignore them, as they know, and by good authority, that police and PCOs will not go down school roads. If you could sort out the parking then maybe residents will not mind there being extra children. I hope my opinion isn't too late and will be looked into.	As above.
Member of the local community	No	We live in Roderick Ave North very near school entrance. I am very concerned about the increase in traffic volume which on occasions is already unacceptable with residents drives being part blocked by parents cars at drop off and pick up times. Increasing the numbers of places at the school will only make matters worse for residents.	Against the proposal.
Other (Local resident and my child used to go there)	Yes	I live in Peacehaven and have young children. I am concerned about the lack of local amenities for people, including public transport, school places, GP surgeries and roads to/from Brighton. School places is a big concern because many people cannot travel to another town due to having no transport. Children at other schools and places of work to get to. Children in Peacehaven need to be able to go to a local school. My son does not go to Meridian school and I hope my younger son will go to his school, so this will not directly affect us. However, it would ease the pressure on school places. I live quite close to Meridian CP school and I think that the school is a good choice of one to expand, because the traffic around the school is not too bad at present, and in my opinion, it could cope with more children arriving/leaving. This is aided by the school having two entrances, and so it reduces the pressure on one school gate. In addition, they could consider opening the school field gate that is on Glynn road, to further spread the traffic. The school has a large site and could cope with more classrooms.	I think that we do need more school places in Peacehaven (both primary and secondary). I think that Meridian is a good choice of school to expand, because it is on a large site, and has more than one entrance which eases traffic congestion. Neither of the other two primary schools seem like good options: Peacehaven Heights Infant site is too small, and congestion around Telscombe is already difficult (and Peacehaven Heights too) . I do not think it is reasonable to send children to another town for schooling. This causes many practical problems that would be detrimental to families. If you are going to expand housing in a town, you have a responsibility to provide services that can cope with those extra people living there. Can we also have more secondary school places and another GP surgery now please???
Other (Saltdean Resident)	Yes	I with countless others consider any development which will increase the traffic on the 259 should happen AFTER a relief road has been built. Great to see so many new families coming to the area BUT...	
Member of the local community	Yes	No not at all	I think this is a good idea so long as Telscombe Cliffs primary is already taking in 90 pupils a year already, as that was built with three distinct classes for each year group and promptly had the budget for this taken away, disallowing the intake.
Member of the local community	Yes	2 grandchildren starting school in next couple of years. Additional traffic on roads.	It is obvious that more school places are required to keep up with the continual expansion of Peacehaven. Are the Council seeking contributions from developers for new roads, expansions to schools etc. or are all of these at the cost of the ratepayer? With the expansion of the school, the Council has to do something positive to stop all of the mums clogging up the roads at opening and closing times. Double yellow lines along many of the feeder roads which active patrols at school times would be a help to stop these unnecessary journeys.



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Member of the local community	Yes	This proposal will not directly impact on myself, however that is not a reason to not care about the impact on the local community. Having witnessed a similar school expansion in Sutton (South London) I can assure you that the roads will become even more clogged with traffic and dangerous. Frustrated parents will park irresponsibly as fewer and fewer parking spaces are available.	This will be the tip of the iceberg . Once a school starts to expand, it will continue. Local identity will be lost as more and more non English speaking families move into the new homes and attend the school. Then quietly and subtly, Christmas and Easter celebrations will be swapped for Winter and Spring, under the guise of 'multiculturalism'. If the plans go ahead, you must ensure that the British way of life and customs are rigorously retained and maintained.
Member of the local community	Yes	More traffic in area.	I think the council is wise to plan ahead. What concerns me is if there are any plans around the secondary school too.
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	Child attends school. Concerned re increased class size, loss of family feel at school if class/school places increase.	Understand need for more school places, but need to ensure standards do not slip again if larger school. Consideration also needs to be made to drop off/collection times. Cars and traffic around school, already very dangerous to walk near school.
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School  Member of the local community	Yes	The current transport infrastructure cannot cope with extra houses or school places, it is important for workers to be able to get to work. I agree a new school is needed but not at Meridian.	Meridian School cannot cope with disabled persons and adding more will cost us in the end. A new school East of Peacehaven would be purpose built and would be a feeder for Tidemill. It would have advantage off existing transport we don't want freezing cold portacabins for our children. When the time comes totally rebuild Meridian School.
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School  Member of the local community	Yes	My children attend this school and my house backs on to part of the school grounds.	My concerns are for the disruption and possible impact on the education of my children and any potential safety issues. I am also concerned about which parts of the grounds will be built on as I enjoy having the trees and gardens behind my house. I also do not want the children to lose too much in terms of field/playing areas.
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School  Member of the local community	Yes	Parking around the surrounding area may impact the residents - whilst this is only for a short period of time, it is frustrating and unacceptable for some people to drive across driveways etc. Also it may make the gardens that back onto the school noisy.	I think the school is the right size and if extra spaces are needed the council needs to think about a new school in a different site.
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School  Member of staff at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	Yes I am the deputy head teacher of the school and my children go there.	I think it is necessary for the children of Peacehaven.
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	Yes, it would impact on all of our family. We do not agree with any proposals that have been made for the school being made bigger or more homes being built.	We relocated to Telscombe because we liked smaller schools and smaller community with country and sea views! More homes would create traffic, noise, pollution, over crowded doctors/dentist surgeries. Larger classes means poorer education by putting strain on the teacher teaching and the pupils. The building disruption of Meridian School would have a detrimental effect on my childs schooling. Not happy please build new homes in Newhaven as this is a port which is not so rural as our area.
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	We do not live within reasonable walking distance so have to drive into school. I park down a side road, away from the school but many parents park irresponsibly over residents drive ways, on double yellow lines etc and this problem will obviously increase due to higher numbers of children coming into the school by car.	Bad idea. Not thinking about the parking/roads situation. It is bad enough at the moment and will get worse with more cars up and down an already hectic Roderick Avenue. Increased risk of accidents occurring and more upset local residents.
Member of staff at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	More likely to get my preferred school for my child.	As Peacehaven has and is continuing to grow it is fantastic that Meridian has/will have space to accommodate more children to cope with the increase. Will make it easier for parents as less likely to have to travel to a school outside the area.

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Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	Yes, increased number of children in the classroom and school, playgrounds are not big enough as it is for the children to play and have fun. School drop off and pick up is a joke, lack of spaces.	Building a new school not adding to the already stretched schools. Look at alternatives. I do not think its a good idea, not enough space in the school, you would be using the playground or school fields.
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	Yes, increased amount of traffic on the school road. People already park and block our driveway, particularly in the morning an additional 210 people being dropped off will increase, this does not provide information as to how Meridian will enlarge - new buildings? Noise pollution/view changes. some aspect of ground maintenance is already poorly managed.	Separate 2nd site possible drop off zones. This location and access points do not seem big enough to meet the needs of the children and extra staff which surely this will intake.
Member of staff at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes		Good idea for a growing populated area.
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes		Very good idea to increase the school.
Member of staff at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	No	If the school has good facilities and space=good.
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	The impact of the proposal will affect the CHILDREN and therefore their families. The proposal will affect the children's learning and enjoyment of school. The building works will also have an effect on the children's learning.	We picked the school as it was not too big had we known about the proposal we would've not chosen it! Smaller schools are a better environment for young children. The bigger the school the more overwhelming it becomes! Shame this was not made public before schools hadn't been chosen for reception year 2016. Listen to the parents for a change instead of doing whatever you want.
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School  Member of the local community	Yes	I currently have children at the school and live in Roderick Avenue and would be very disappointed to lose the gardens and tress that back on to my garden.	I understand the need to extend the current building and feel the temporary huts are not ideal, however, I do not want the children to be losing too much field/playing areas - there are too many schools without any playing fields! Also, I would need to be assured of the safety regulations including more adults on site.
Member of the governing body at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	No	The school will need adequate funding and support through the period of growth. PFI constraints need to be considered.
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	No impact directly as my child will be in their last year in 2018.	Will there be more classrooms built or just more mobile classrooms? Not just classrooms but infrastructure line toilets. Will hall be large enough for assemblies? Enough room for extra teachers? More staggering required. Parents pick up and drop off - extra cars already busy parents should be encouraged to park further away and walk or walk from home if possible.
<i>Nothing entered</i>	Yes	Yes, it will impact on myself and my family. We put our children into Meridian School as it was a smaller school with smaller classes, which is better for our children for learning and concentration meaning better education! Larger classes would mean poorer education and the school would become more disruptive with more pupils and it would not feel like a community school that is small and friendly.	Peacehaven/Telscombe Doctors/Dentist would become over crowded and would not be able to cope with larger volumes of people, therefore the services given would not be as good. Traffic, noise, pollution would create havoc and ill health, Peacehaven only has 1 road in and out traffic is already at its full capacity delaying journey times already. We moved to Telscombe as it is a rural peaceful place to live, building more homes in Telscombe would make the area look shabby and over crowded spoiling what Telscombe stands for. Why not consider building new homes in Newhaven as this is a less rural place to live as it is a port. It could also bring more money into the town.
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	I am a foster carer and currently have a child at this school.	I do think it is right to have school places for the future, but also I think that smaller schools such as Rodmell and the Pells in Lewes need to be in the plans.
Member of the governing body at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	More spaces available for our 3rd child.	No issues
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	More spaces available	No concerns

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Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School  Member of the local community	Yes	Yes, it will impact on my family as we live in a road adjacent to the school. Our concerns would be the additional volume of traffic and on street parking. Currently some parents park on corners at junctions and up on grass verges, causing safety issues for both residents and pedestrians.	We would suggest double yellow lines on the corners of junctions. A possible drop off road accessed via the playing fields entrance in Glynn Road. Another suggestion would be to make Roderick Avenue North a one way road to stop gridlock.
Member of staff at Meridian Community Primary School  Member of the local community	Yes	No	
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	Only that there will be more school places for future children of mine.	
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School  Member of the local community	Yes	My concerns are that the proposal is to enlarge the school premises but is there finances to enlarge the teacher and support staff? Will my child be at a disadvantage being in a class with more children? Will they be given support in class? Will they be given support in class? Will the school be able to cope with the enlargement? Or even the neighbours?	It is something that will need to happen because of the new homes however I do not know how it will impact on the traffic problem from the coast road as well as parking around the school. The extra teaching staff and playground area is an important factor that needs to be addressed prior to this commencing. Will this build impact on the students already attending Meridian?
Member of staff at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	N/A	As long as there is enough space and facilities.
Member of the local community	Yes	No	For the increasing demand for the area.
Member of staff at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	N/A	N/A
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	No	I think it is a good idea.
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	Only that my youngest could be affected with the building works and the safety issues regarding access to the school.	If houses are continually being built in Peacehaven now and in the future, maybe you should be building a new school rather than extending and the school has already taken in 2 extra classes since 2015-2016.
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	More traffic on surrounding roads which is already a problem for those living near school. Concern about shortage of secondary places with all the proposed building in surrounding area. If intake will include children from surrounding area concerned about use of A259 as it is already at gridlock most mornings.	Fine to increase capacity but need to consider parking, road use, residents, catch of secondary school places, after school use ie cats club also looking for premises. Might be better to build a new primary school along with new houses proposed for area so kids can walk to school. Also include a community use pool in plan to avoid kids having to go to Newhaven for swimming lessons.
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	Parking - already parked cars fill up to the property before mine - they also block the bus - its unable to pull to the kerb to use ramp when needed.	Road use and access. Parking restriction along the 14/14c bus route for less obstructions to facilitate because traffic movement. Additional buses to cover full busses at school run time.
Pupil at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	Yes. I don't know	I think they should build it in the school holiday.
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	I don't believe it will.	As there is shortage of places and an increase of children it seems a good idea.

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Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School  Member of the governing body at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	The proposal will not affect my family. However, as I am school governor I am involved already. This will have a positive impact for the school in many ways. The surrounding area of Peacehaven/ Telscombe have many new houses being built between now and then and the infrastructure needs to improve greatly.	You should consider a larger school hall to accommodate whole school assembly, lunchtime and various PE lessons to several classes at any one time.
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	Yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Volume of school run traffic will increase significantly.</li> <li>- Impact of disruption on students during project.</li> <li>- Possible loss of playing field amenity? Unclear where will be developed.</li> <li>- Would a new school make more sense (as part of the local development plan for 900+ new homes served by a single bottle neared road)?</li> </ul>	Financing- Will this be PFI scheme (or latest equivalent) or direct funding from local government/central government? Academy- Will academisation be part of these changes? Access- What consideration will be made for school run traffic. We have a 1.6 mile drive from home to school? Traffic problems will increase. Staffing- Will there be sufficient staffing to protect class sizes?
Member of staff at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	No	Will be great for the area.
Member of staff at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	No	If the school needs to expand because there are extra children in the area then so be it, if there is no space to build a new school.
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	We will have 3 children at the school by the time the expansion comes into place.	Very good, Meridian school is a brilliant place to learn and increasing its size would be beneficial to an ever growing local community.
Member of the local community	Yes	No	Need for more school places
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	As my youngest child will be in year 3 in September 2018 the impact is likely to be minimal.	My concerns would be around access to the school. The streets are already congested around the school in the mornings and afternoon. The impact on these areas would be negative.
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School  Member of staff at Meridian Community Primary School  Member of the local community	Yes	See Q4 below	Please ensure as much notice as possible is given before any work begins so parents have the opportunity to consider alternatives.
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	My mum lives near to the school, the places to park for her and visitors near pick up/drop off time.	Parking! The parking around the school is a nightmare now, let alone with extra people trying to park.
Parent / carer of a child at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes	Yes if parents drive to school. Dangerous parking already takes place as no where to go and park. I walk to school but no consideration for those walking.	It is no good building bigger schools to allow more houses in the area without all of the infrastructure increased. The roads, drives and facilities in area cannot cope now stop ignoring the problems in the area.
Member of the local community	Yes	We live opposite the school. Traffic during school start and finish is already awful. It is highly congested and cars already park over my driveway. This is already over congestion on these roads that simply cannot take the extra traffic. The plan is purely bringing more traffic into north Peacehaven and what is already high traffic roads during this time (Roderick Avenue & Telscombe Road). There have been a number of traffic accidents during school run times over the last few years with	I think that rather than pushing more traffic onto what are already congested roads the council should be looking at the other school sites in the area. Telscombe Cliffs and Peacehaven heights (junior site) both have a similar size areas of school grounds that can be used. Telscombe Cliffs school is on a main road and so more easily accessible. Peacehaven Heights (junior site) is just up from the South coast road and so would not throw any more traffic into North Peacehaven. The roads surrounding Meridian school are just awful during the school run. Council planners should get out of their offices and see the chaos around this school currently before considering extending it any further!!!

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		cars carrying children. Roderick Avenue north is currently being used as a car park as the drop off zone in the Meridian car park is already blocked off with a barrier. This is leaving parents and children having to park extremely dangerously instead of dropping off inside and going. Meridian school have also stopped the 'walking bus' so traffic has increased further during this time.	
Member of staff at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes		
Member of staff at Meridian Community Primary School	Yes		
Other (Governor of Peacehaven Heights School)	Yes	This proposal will impact on many children and families in the central area of Peacehaven and in the coastal part of the town.	<p>I feel the Council needs to have discussions with all the schools in Peacehaven, rather than focusing on just one school. All the Governors of the schools should be involved in such a major decision. As a former Head teacher working in Primary Education for 42 years, I think the proposal will make the school much too large for little children. I also have the following comments to make:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why hasn't Peacehaven Heights School been considered for this development? It is much more central to the Town and its development would offer the Council several advantageous opportunities. There were 150 applications for entry to Reception in September 2016. There is currently a waiting list of 19 as all the classes are full. This is a popular, very well managed school providing a high quality education for all its pupils.</li> <li>2. There would be sufficient room on the Junior site to further expand the school. Educationally, this makes excellent sense and would reduce the costs for running the school.</li> <li>3. If the Infant site including the Nursery and Special Facilities Unit was housed on one site, it would free up the building on Edith Avenue for the council to consider a variety options.</li> <li>4. The building could be sold at what I imagine would be a considerable profit, for housing or other purposes, thus defraying the costs of developing Peacehaven Heights school.</li> <li>5. Alternatively, the Nursery and Special facilities Unit could remain at the school with any empty spaces being made available for holiday and Wrap-around-care which the Council has a legal obligation to support. It would also open opportunities for community use.</li> <li>6. Roderick Avenue and Glynn Road already suffer immensely with parking at school times. The car park at Meridian can barely accommodate the current staff and is not viable for parents to park - or even to use as a "pick-up" point. Whereas at Hoddern Avenue there is specially designed area for parents to collect and drop off their children and the staff car park is much larger.</li> <li>7. I realise that all the schools being part of a PFI contract complicates matters. However, further discussion is essential as the Council is potentially missing out on what may be a better and more enlightened approach more suitable for the children and families in Peacehaven.</li> </ol>