Kent County Council would like to hear your views on a proposal to expand Southborough Church of England Primary School from 420 places to 630 places.

**Date of Public Meeting:**
7pm, Tuesday 16 October 2012, at Southborough Church of England Primary School, Broomhill Park Road, Southborough, TN4 0JY

www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations
1. **Introduction**

Kent County Council are proposing to expand Southborough Church of England Primary School from 420 places to 630 places.

We are currently undertaking a public consultation to seek the views of the wider community on this proposal. The Public Consultation Period will run from Monday 15 October 2012 to Monday 3 December 2012. There will be a public meeting on Tuesday 16 October 2012 which will give you the opportunity to make your views known and to ask any questions you may have.

This document gives you details of the proposal, information on the background to it, and outlines the current position. There is a form at the end which we ask you to complete and return to us by 3 December 2012.

2. **Why the change?**

Royal Tunbridge Wells and the surrounding towns and villages have seen a significant number of small scale housing development over the last few years. This growth is bringing new families to the area requiring enhancements to the infrastructure in order to meet the future needs of the town and its residents.

The table on page 4 shows that the Reception year numbers are forecast to remain high over the next three years. Medium and long term forecasts indicate that the higher numbers of primary age children will continue.

Southborough Church of England Primary School is a popular and successful school, ideally placed to accommodate the forecasted increase in demand for primary school places.

3. **The Proposal**

The increased demand for primary places continues for September 2013. Kent County Council are therefore proposing that Southborough Church of England Primary School increase its Year R intake to 90, taking the proposed total capacity of the school from 420 places to 630 places.

The school would admit 90 Year R pupils per year from September 2013 and subsequent years.

4. **What Happens Next?**

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<td>January 2013</td>
<td>Following the consultation, all views received, either by post, e-mail or at the Public Meeting, will be reported to the Education Committee.</td>
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<td>The Cabinet Member decides whether to continue with the proposal. If so, KCC will publish a Public Notice in a local newspaper, at the school and in public places like the library. During this time comments and objections can be made about the proposal. The Public Notice will run for 4 weeks.</td>
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<td>The Cabinet Member considers all responses made and decides whether to go ahead.</td>
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5. How To Give Your Views

Complete and return the response form below to:
Simon Webb, Area Education Officer, Green Zone, Commercial Buildings, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, Kent ME19 4QG

Fax: (01732) 525223

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View and respond to the consultation online at: www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations

Email your comments to: school.consultations@kent.gov.uk

(We will note all you say, but will not be able to respond individually to response forms, letters or emails)

Patrick Leeson
Corporate Director
Education, Learning and Skills

Public Consultation Response Form

Southborough Church of England Primary School

Please return no later than 11am on Monday 3 December 2012

You can also email your views to: school.consultations@kent.gov.uk

Do you agree with the proposal? [ ] Yes [ ] No

I am: *A Parent/Carer of a primary aged child, Member of Staff, Governor, Other interested party

…………………………………………..…… (please state).

* Please delete as appropriate

Please write your comments here: (please attach a separate sheet if necessary)

Kent County Council is a data controller under the Data Protection Act 1998 and will comply with the requirements of the Act at all times. We will ensure that your personal information is processed fairly and lawfully and in this instance used only for the purpose of validation, which will enable a fair and just consultation.
Southborough Church of England Primary School is sited within the Southborough Planning Area.

### Southborough Planning Area Forecast

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The Year R Capacity (PAN) shows the number of Year R places available if the proposal does not proceed to implementation.

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