Kent County Council would like to hear your views on a proposal to expand Harrietsham Church of England Primary School to become a one form entry school.

Date of Public Meeting:
Tuesday 22 January 2013 at 7pm
Harrietsham Church of England Primary School, West Street, Harrietsham, Maidstone ME17 1JZ

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1. Introduction

Kent County Council is proposing to increase Harrietsham Church of England Primary School to one form of entry by adding two classrooms.

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 8 January to 15 February 2013. There will be a public meeting on 22 January 2013 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 15 February 2013.

2. Why the change?

A planning application has recently been agreed allowing 80 homes to be built in Harrietsham village. Work on site has commenced. The developer is providing funds to enlarge the school to accommodate the pupils arising from the new houses.

The school is Voluntary Controlled with a current Published Admission Number (PAN) of 20. It relocated to its current site and into a new build about seven years ago. The new building was designed to enable the addition of two classrooms with minimal disruption, as the central infrastructure (the hall etc) is sufficient for a 1FE school.

Table 1 (at the end of this document) sets out the forecast demand for places at the school. Throughout the forecast period (to 2016-17) the school is expected to be unable to accommodate all applicants, as demand exceeds the 20 places available. These forecasts do not include pupils anticipated to move into the new houses. The school cannot accommodate these pupils without additional teaching space.

Although there are some spare places at neighbouring schools, the closest school is 1.7 miles away. However, this is as the crow flies, by road it is 2.9 miles.

The County Council would wish village children to be able to attend the school in their community, rather than be dispersed to other communities.

3. The proposal

KCC proposes to expand Harrietsham Church of England Primary School to 1FE by adding two classrooms, taking the number of classes from five to seven. The school would admit 30 reception pupils into Year R from September 2014. The expansion would be gradual with the additional places created annually to accommodate reception aged pupils only. Over a number of years the roll will increase from 140 to 210 pupils.

4. What happens next?

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<td>19 Mar 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>19 Apr 2013 - 17 May 2013</td>
<td>The Cabinet Member decides whether to continue with the proposal. If so, a Public Notice will be published 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>Implementation (if the proposal is agreed)</td>
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5. How to give your views

There are a number of ways you can let us have your views:
Complete and return the response form below to:
David Adams, Area Education Officer, Mid Kent Office, Kroner House, Eurogate Business Park, Ashford, Kent TN24 8XU Fax: (01233) 898500

Come to the Public Meeting: at Harrietsham Church of England Primary School, West Street, Harrietsham, Maidstone, ME17 1JZ on 22 January 2013 at 7pm.

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

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Public Consultation Response Form

Harrietsham Primary School

Please return no later than 11am on Friday 15 February 2013

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

Name:

Address:

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.
We have completed an Equality Impact Assessment to see if the proposal could affect anyone unfairly. We welcome your views on the assumptions we have made and the conclusions we have drawn. To view the document, go to www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations or contact school.consultations@kent.gov.uk.

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