Kent County Council would like to hear your views on a proposal to permanently expand Lamberhurst St Mary’s Church of England Primary School from 140 places to 210 places.

Date of Public Meeting:
7.30pm, Wednesday 10 July 2013.
Lamberhurst St Mary’s Church of England Primary School
Pearse Place Lamberhurst, Kent, TN3 8EJ

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1. Introduction

Kent County Council are proposing to confirm the expansion of Lamberhurst St Mary’s Church of England Primary School from 140 places to 210 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 Friday 5 July 2013 to Thursday 1 August 2013. There will be a public meeting on Wednesday 10 July 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 1 August 2013.

2. Why the change?

Parts of rural Tunbridge Wells District has seen some small scale housing development over the last few years. These developments, together with inward migration is bringing new families to Lamberhurst village, requiring enhancements to the infrastructure in order to meet the future needs of residents.

In 2011, Lamberhurst St Mary’s Church of England Primary School agreed to a temporary enlargement to accommodate the increasing demand for primary school places.

Medium and long term forecasts indicate that the increased demand for primary places is projected to continue for September 2014 and beyond. Lamberhurst St Mary’s Church of England Primary School is ideally placed to accommodate the forecasted increase in demand for primary school places.

3. The proposal

Kent County Council are therefore proposing that Lamberhurst St Mary’s Church of England Primary School permanently increases its Year R intake to 30, taking the proposed total capacity of the school from 140 places to 210 places.

The school would admit 30 Year R pupils per year from September 2014 and subsequent years.

4. What Happens Next?

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<td>Sep 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>Oct 2013</td>
<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 6 weeks.</td>
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<td>Nov 2013</td>
<td>The Cabinet Member considers all responses made and decides whether to determine to proceed with the expansion.</td>
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<td>During 2014/15</td>
<td>Building work will commence, if the proposal is agreed.</td>
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<td>The school opens as a 1 Form of Entry Primary School, 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:
Jared Nehra, Area Education Officer, West Kent, Commercial Buildings, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, Kent ME19 4QG  Fax: (01732) 525223

Come to the public meeting:
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Email your comments to: school.consultations@kent.gov.uk

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

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

Lamberhurst St Mary’s Church of England Primary School
*Please return no later than 11am on 1 August 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.
Lamberhurst St Mary’s Church of England Primary School is sited within the Lamberhurst planning area.

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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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 schoolconsultations@kent.gov.uk.