Date of Public Meeting:

**Date:** Tuesday 22 October 2013. **Time:** 7.00 pm. **Venue:** Minterne Community Junior School, Minterne Avenue, Sittingbourne, ME10 1SB.

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1. Introduction

Tunstall CE Primary School is located on a small constricted site within the village of Tunstall just outside Sittingbourne. There are significant issues with access and parking in and around the school. A key issue has been the renewal of planning for temporary mobiles that are required for the school to operate as a one form entry school.

The school is popular and oversubscribed with 96 applications for a Reception place in 2013. The school is judged as ‘Good’ by Ofsted “where all staff strive to help pupils to achieve their very best in a warm and friendly environment”.

Sittingbourne is a growth area with further housing development planned. The population is increasing with families moving into the area and the birth rate rising. Kent County Council needs to add a significant number of primary school places to manage the increase in numbers of children coming forward. There is currently pressure on places across Sittingbourne and this is expected to continue.

2. Additional Permanent Expansions

Other schools in the Sittingbourne area are expanding including The Westlands Primary School expanding from 420 to 630 pupil places, Lower Halstow School expanding from 140 to 210 school places and Lansdowne Primary School expanding from 210 to 420 school places. It is also proposed to expand Iwade Community Primary School from 420 to 630 school places and consultation will begin later this year.

3. The proposal

Kent County Council, The Diocese of Canterbury and The Governing Body of Tunstall CE Primary School would like to relocate the school to a site owned by Kent County Council located approximately 500 metres to the north east of the existing school. It is also proposed that the school would be rebuilt on this new site as a two form entry primary school expanding from 210 to 420 school places. If the proposal goes ahead the school would permanently admit 60 children into Year R from September 2015 and subsequent years.

The school has provided the following statement in support of the proposal. “We, the Governing Body of Tunstall CE (Aided) Primary School, in conjunction with Kent County Council and the Diocese of Canterbury, agree to the proposal to relocate the school to the proposed new site within the ecclesiastical parish and at the same time to increase the school to two form entry.”

This proposal is in line with Kent County Council’s ambition “to ensure every child will go to a good school where they make good progress and can have fair access to school places” as set out in ‘Bold Steps for Kent’.

4. What happens next?

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<td>Following the consultation, all views received, either by post, email or at the Public Meeting, will be reported to the Kent County Council Education Cabinet Committee.</td>
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The Cabinet Member decides whether to continue with the proposal. If so, KCC and the Diocese of Canterbury will jointly 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.

End of March /beginning of April 2014

The Cabinet Member considers all responses made and decides whether to proceed with the expansion and relocation of the school.

September 2015

Implementation if the proposal is agreed.

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 overleaf to:**
  Marisa White, Area Education Officer, East Kent Education Office, Brook House, Reeves Way, Whitstable, CT5 3SS.

- **Come to the Public Meeting:**
  22 October at 7 pm.

- **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).

Forecast tables for Sittingbourne South Education Planning Area

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The above figures include the additional Reception places available at The Westlands Primary School, which is also in the Sittingbourne South planning area.
Public Consultation Response Form: Tunstall Church of England Primary School

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

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

Do you agree with the proposal to relocate the school?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Do you agree with the proposal to increase the number of school places to 420 if the school relocates?  
☐ 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:

Please write your comments below:

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