PROPOSAL TO MAKE A PRESCRIBED ALTERATION TO HEADCORN (COMMUNITY) PRIMARY SCHOOL, KINGS ROAD, HEADCORN, KENT TN27 9QT

Introduction
The proposal to make a prescribed alteration to Headcorn (Community) Primary School, Kings Road, Headcorn, Kent TN27 9QT for 1 September 2017 is being published by Kent County Council, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ. Contact Name and Address: Jared Nehra, Area Education Officer (West Kent), Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XQ. Tel: 03000 412209.

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School Details and Pupil Numbers
Headcorn Primary School is judged by Ofsted as a ‘good’ school. The quality of teaching is good and some is outstanding. The current capacity of the school is 210 (1 form of entry) and the current admission number of the school is 30.

Pupils on roll at Headcorn Primary School

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Source: KCC Management Information – October School Census 2015 Autumn 2015 Rolls

Ethnicity: KCC Management Information Unit Spring 2015 Census – Ethnicity data recorded (%)

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<th>Chinese (%)</th>
<th>Mixed - any other mixed background (%)</th>
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Description of alteration and evidence of demand
In accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 Kent County Council with the support of the Governing Body intend to make the following prescribed alteration to:

- Expand Headcorn (Community) Primary School from 210 to 420 places for 1 September 2017.

The proposed project is for the additional accommodation to be built on the existing school site thereby expanding the school from 210 to 420 school places. If the proposal goes ahead the school would permanently admit up to 60 children into Reception Year for September 2017 and subsequent years.
Planning Permission for the new school
The application for the new school would be considered by KCC’s planning committee under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; Maidstone Borough Council will be a consultee to the proposals but will not be the decision making body.

This proposal to expand the school is subject to Regulation 3 application approval for the proposed erection of a new part single and part two storey school building, minor alterations to existing school buildings including new entrance lobby, new playground area, relocated outdoor apparatus equipment together with associated parking and landscaping works to accommodate a 1 Form of Entry expansion. The design of the new buildings will be sympathetic to their setting and the configuration of the school site.

Evidence of Demand
The identified housing need for Maidstone Borough is 18,560 dwellings for the period 2011-31. In the past year a number of significant development sites have been granted planning consent; as at August 2015 the current housing land supply (planned housing) to 2031 is 16,664 dwellings. A significant amount of housing has been proposed in the Rural Service Centres which includes Headcorn.

Headcorn Primary School is a popular and successful school and for September 2015 entry, 41 applicants selected the school as their preferred first choice with 59 preferences in total. There are currently 30 places available, which provides limited scope to meet parental preference. Additionally, KCC’s latest forecast data as set out in Table 1 ‘Maidstone District School-based % surplus / deficit capacity summary (Year R)’ predicts a deficit of school places from -0.6% peaking at -11.7% for the planning group of schools. These figures do not account for pressures arising from new housing developments.

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<th>Planning Group</th>
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Objectives
This proposal will create an additional 210 places at Headcorn (Community) Primary School for primary aged children in line with the 'Commissioning Plan for Education – Kent' (2016 – 2020). This Commissioning Plan can be viewed at: [www.kent.gov.uk/educationprovision](http://www.kent.gov.uk/educationprovision) This proposal would enable the school to operate as a two form entry school. Increasing the pupil...
numbers at the school will mean that the school will receive more funding helping it to sustain high quality education in the future.

The school has a strong ethos making a valuable contribution to supporting parental choice in the area. These proposals will help to secure Kent’s ambition “to ensure that Kent’s young people have access to the education, work and skills opportunities necessary to support Kent business to grow and be increasingly competitive in the national and international economy” as set out in ‘Increasing Opportunities, Improving Outcomes: Kent County Council’s Strategic Statement (2015-2020)’. [http://www.kent.gov.uk/about-thecouncil/strategies-and-policies/corporate-policies/increasing-opportunitiesimproving-outcomes](http://www.kent.gov.uk/about-thecouncil/strategies-and-policies/corporate-policies/increasing-opportunitiesimproving-outcomes)

**The effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area**

KCC does not foresee significant adverse impact on neighbouring schools or the local community. Although it is proposed that the school will be opening with 60 Reception year places in September 2017 it will grow incrementally over a period of 7 years. This will ensure that the school will increase in size in a careful, managed way that allows staff numbers to increase in line with the additional pupils each year.

**Project costs and indication of how these will be met, including how long term value for money will be achieved:**

**Capital**

The proposed project is for 1FE expansion of the school to be built on the existing school site. The total cost is estimated to be in the region of £2.6 million. The costs of the project are to be allocated from KCC’s Basic Needs capital budget which will be offset by substantial Developer Contributions. The costs are estimates and these may increase as the project is developed.

**Revenue**

i. The school will receive increased funding through the Delegated Budget on a ‘per pupil’ basis.

ii. Growth funding will be provided annually for the new Reception Year class for three years. This will include a £6,000 contribution towards the set up costs of each class.

**Human**

Headcorn (Community) Primary School will appoint additional teachers and support staff, as the school size increases and the need arises.

The new accommodation and better facilities will have a positive impact on students and staff through the improvement of the learning environment.

**Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation**

Following the end of the public notice period, should the Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform confirm his Decision No 16/00031 taken on 17/05/16 that the proposal can go ahead, the expansion will take effect from 1 September 2017.

**Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision**

KCC have produced a Strategy that sets out our plans for children with SEN and Disabilities (SEND). It is available on the website at: [www.kent.gov.uk/sendstrategy](http://www.kent.gov.uk/sendstrategy)

This proposal will lead to improvements in the standard, quality, and range of the educational provision for SEN children. It is anticipated that this proposal will enhance the quality of
education provided through the sharing of skills and expertise, enable the curriculum to be broadened and enhance the extra-curricular opportunities.

**Travel**
Traffic and parking assessments have been carried out as part of the design and planning process. If the proposal goes ahead the school's travel plan would be updated and would be utilised by the school to encourage families to find alternative ways of travelling to school in order to minimise the number of car journeys.

**Consultation**
KCC recognises the significant importance given to parent/carer views. All applicable statutory requirements to consult in relation to these proposals have been complied with. A public consultation was carried out by the Local Authority from 25 February 2016 until 24 March 2016. The Consultation documentation was produced together with an Equality Impact Assessment. These documents can be obtained from KCC’s school consultation website: 
https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-consultations

The consultation documents were distributed to statutory stakeholders, including but not limited to the following groups:
- The parents/carers of all pupils attending Headcorn (Community) Primary School via their pupil’s, school staff and governors
- The Department for Education
- The Dioceses
- Chief Executive and Leader of Maidstone Borough Council (MBC)
- Elected Members (Kent County Council, MBC)
- Maidstone Parish Councils
- Local MP
- Schools in Maidstone area
- Special schools in Kent
- Local Libraries in the Maidstone area
- All stakeholders were able to access copies of these documents on the KCC website.

An information drop-in session for parents was held at Headcorn (Community) Primary School on 7 March between 4.00 and 5.30pm, from 4.30 – 5.30pm, the session was open to the general public. The outcome of the consultation was discussed at the Education and Young People’s Cabinet Committee on 11 May 2016 which resolved to endorse the recommendations. The Cabinet Member for Education and Health Reform took the decision to proceed with the proposals on 17 May 2016.

**The procedure for responses: support; objections and comments**
A Public Notice was published in a local newspaper on 10 June 2016. The notice is available on KCC’s website: www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations

Within four weeks from the date of publication, any person may send in a response supporting, objecting or commenting on the proposal to Jared Nehra, Area Education Officer (West Kent), Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XQ. Tel: 03000 412209 or email school.consultations@kent.gov.uk. The final date for sending in written representations is 8 July 2016.