

PCSfC : CONSULTATION

Children, Young People and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Context

Members of the panel sought clarification on the matter of consultation for the Primary Capital Strategy for Change, specifically for Crown Wood School.

Response

The aim of our consultation is to focus on the four, specific schools, highlighted for phase one of the programme. In the first instance, we work with the Headteacher and Chairs of Governors, Schools Bursars to scope the anticipated development. This is the very early stages of the project. Typically we would be looking at the options available at each site, together with the aspirations of the school. Once we have an outline plan, the Chair and Headteacher, take the proposals to the School Governing Body. Once the school is happy to sign off the plans, we seek wider consultation with parents, young people, the school community, key stakeholders, Ward Councillors.

The consultation takes the form of questionnaires, leaflets and open meetings. These formal sessions are part of the planning application.

To date, we have undertaken three separate consultations on the future development of Sandy Lane Primary School; Holly Spring Infant and Junior Schools and Meadow Vale Primary School. These were undertaken before Christmas. Response to these consultations has been positive. Indeed Sandy Lane Primary School planning application was approved recently.

Specifically for Crown Wood, we are currently working with the Headteacher and Chair of Governors to develop a plan which we will use to consult the group mentioned previously. This is planned to take place next term.

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