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Subject: RE: BRACKNELL FOREST CONSULTATION
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Dear Keith,

Many thanks for your response to the consultation, this will be put forward for consideration.

We wanted to address your concern over the protecting sibling status, we just wanted to let you know the current admission arrangements already protect this status, and will continue to do so in the proposed admission arrangements. Please see this information confirmed below:

'Parents of children attending a school that was their designated area school at the time of processing the application but where the designated area has changed will have a protection for any younger siblings. The younger sibling's application will be processed as living in the designated area of the same school as the older sibling is attending even though the designated area has changed.'

*It is the parent's responsibility to inform the School Admissions Team on their application that they fulfil this criterion. This information will then be verified by the School Admissions Team. Parents **must** enclose a copy of their current council tax notice.*

The child must still be living at the address within the original designated area from where the parents applied for the older sibling. If a child's address has changed then this criterion will not be applied.

The older sibling must also still be attending the school where the protected sibling status is being requested.

Note that in all cases the normal admission process will be followed and there will be no guarantee of a place at the school.'

Kind regards,

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Hello

I am writing on behalf of Garth Hill College in response to the proposed change to reduce the designated / catchment area for Garth Hill College to remove it from the shared area with King's Academy Binfield, creating a separate designated area for each school in 2023-24. After careful reflection and much discussion, including with senior colleagues and governors, we write in support of the proposed change.

The main reason for supporting the change is due to the much greater number of children living in the Garth Hill half of the shared designated area currently attending Kings Academy. This is because parents living in the shared area currently enjoy priority for both schools (unlike parents/carers in other catchment areas in Bracknell Forest).

Creating a separate designated area for each school will not, in itself, likely result in the gap widening between the numbers of pupils attending a school in the other half of the shared designated area to the one in which they reside, and it may positively influence some of those parents who might otherwise have returned a preference for Kings Academy over Garth Hill. If there is no longer a shared designated area, there is a possibility that a number of these parents/carers may return a preference for Garth Hill as they would only 'enjoy priority' at Garth Hill College.

If the proposed change is adopted, we strongly request that the Local Authority 'protect' the status of siblings who would no longer 'enjoy priority' at Garth Hill College due to residing outside the proposed separate designated area from 2023-24. The admissions criteria for Kings Academy affords the same status to all siblings, and does not differentiate between siblings in designated area and siblings in non-designated area.

In any case, status quo or otherwise, it will be other factors, including housing developments, that will more likely have a far greater impact on determining school admissions in North Bracknell in the future.

Kind regards
Keith Grainger
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