

Notes

Schools Partnership Meeting – Knutsford

Appendix 7c

Date: 31st October 2012

Present:

Schools	Caroline Johnstone – Little Bollington CE
	Julie Eadie- Mobberley CE
	Gavin Mendham – ECAPH Chairperson
	Sarah Greensides – Manor Park
	Roisin Moores – St Vincent De Paul
	Alison Hooper – Egerton
	Paul Dolan - Bexton
LA Officers	Rob Hyde
	Barbara Dale
	Ken White
	Val Simons

Introductions

Presentation:

Statutory process considered including timescales for proposed expansion
Mobberley CE

Information re: forecasts for Knutsford shared and discussion about the need to continue to review provision and ensure future demand and respond to parental preferences.

DfE presumption in favour of expansion of popular and successful schools and risks in relation to potential increase in the number of 'independent' schools (Academies/Free Schools)

Discussed operational surplus – local level 4%, CE level 10%

BD presented data and illustrated shortfalls for Knutsford by 2017.

Temporary measures already taken to get local children into local schools.

Processes for considering options was explained. RH explained that Mobberley CE expansion requires land acquisition.

Proposed expansion of Mobberley.

Statutory process involved

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Timetable for Mobberley CE proposal

Forecasting methodology currently being reviewed Pre school (NEG) data needed earlier in the process, GP data may be option.

Financial implications.

Draft Town strategy and future housing developments. Confirmed any pupil yield is additional to the forecast shortfall that is already indicated.

Section 106 process

Feedback:

Seems sensible to expand Mobberley would have been right a couple of years ago. But next issue is the town area itself.

Is planned expansion taking into account extra re: hall and kitchen?

If additional housing on the existing Ilford Site can Mobberley cope, seems no scope for further expansion.

Is it correct that Mobberley can't grow anymore but that Ilford site would not be enough to warrant a new school in itself.

Concerns for nearby school.

Could be that catchment areas need reviewing.

Is the intention that the additional places would be gradual increase

Concerns that could be detrimental to nearby schools for next couple of years.

Potential impact on other schools for the interim years if Mobberley CE is extended and has the additional accommodation in place - will families move schools resulting in other local schools losing children

Increasing by 10 per year groups in Mobberley is not going to solve Knutsford town issues.

Although notes taken from this meeting those present were urged to visit the web site read the information and complete the consultation feedback form