

Response Form

Pre-Statutory Consultation
Proposed Permanent Expansion of Abbey Meads, Catherine Wayte and Haydonleigh Primary Schools

Name:

Address:

..... Postcode:

Please tick:

Parent ☐ Governor ☐ Staff ☐

Please state which school:

Abbey Meads ☐ Catherine Wayte ☐ Haydonleigh ☐

Do you support the proposal to expand Abbey Meads School? Yes ☐ No ☐

Comments:
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Do you support the proposal to expand Catherine Wayte School? Yes ☐ No ☐

Comments:
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Do you support the proposal to expand Haydonleigh Primary School? Yes ☐ No ☐

Comments:
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Sign:

Responses must be received by 18th January 2008.

Please return Response Forms either to the School Office, or by post to:
Gareth Cheal
Children Services, Swindon Borough Council
Sanford House, Sanford Street
Swindon SN1 1QH

Data Protection
The information you provide will be used for the analysis of responses received as part of the Pre-Statutory consultation on the proposal to expand Abbey Meads, Catherine Wayte and Haydonleigh Primary Schools for the purposes of compiling recommendations for Cabinet. Personal information will not be shared with any other sections of the Council.



The Objectives of the Proposal

The principal aim of the proposed expansion is to provide sufficient classroom space at Abbey Meads and Catherine Wayte to sustain a long-term increase in admission numbers after the end of the academic year 2010/11. From September 2011, an additional two class spaces in each case will therefore be needed in order to enable there to be a long-term admission number of 60. The overall capacity of the schools would increase to 420 in each case.

Similarly, there is only sufficient classroom space at Haydonleigh to sustain a long-term increase in the admission number of 60 until the end of the 2007/2008 academic year. After September 2008, two extra classrooms will be needed in order to enable there to be a long-term admission number of 60 at the school. The overall capacity at the school would then increase to 420.

The Local Authority is able to decide this locally. The attached expected timeline sets out the various stages of the decision making process. The views expressed by parents/carers, staff and governors will be reported to Cabinet. This meeting is open to members of the public.

It is important the process is completed by 2008 to enable the Local Authority to determine admission numbers for the 3 schools for September 2009, which will be put into the admission arrangement scheme.

We would be very interested to know your views about the proposed expansion. Please complete the attached Response Form and return it to us by **18th January 2008**.

Thank you.

Timeline - Expected Key Dates in the Decision Making Process

5 th December 2007	Pre Statutory Consultation begins
18 th January 2008	Pre Statutory Consultation ends
31 st January 2008	Cabinet Report available on www.swindon.gov.uk
13 th February 2008	Cabinet meeting to consider Report
18 th February 2008	Swindon Borough Council Scrutiny Meeting to review Cabinet recommendations

If the proposal proceeds:

25 th February 2008	Statutory Notices are published
25 th February 2008	Statutory Consultation period begins
5 th April 2008	Statutory Consultation period ends
April/May (tbc)	A panel of cabinet makes final Decision



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Proposal to Permanently Expand of
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Contact: Gareth Cheal
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Dear Parents/Carers, Staff and Governors of Abbey Meads, Catherine Wayte and Haydonleigh Primary Schools

By law the Local Authority is required to consult on Abbey Meads, Catherine Wayte and Haydonleigh Primary Schools becoming 2 form entry schools on a permanent basis.

In each case:

- a temporary increase has been established for September 2007 by providing an extra reception class;
- for a permanent increase the school will require 2 additional classrooms

Do you support this permanent increase?

If not supported, it will mean that Abbey Meads and Catherine Wayte Primary Schools will only be able to support 2 forms of entry at reception until the end of the academic year 2010/11 and Haydonleigh Primary School will only be able to support 2 forms of entry at reception until the end of the academic year 2007/2008

Please see enclosed information about Swindon Borough Council’s (the Local Authority) proposal to expand Abbey Meads, Catherine Wayte and Haydonleigh Primary Schools.You are invited to let the Council know your views about this proposal.

You are encouraged to complete the enclosed Response Form so that the views both for and against the proposal can be reported to the Council’s Cabinet.The Cabinet will take all views into account before deciding whether or not to take this proposal on to the next stage of consultation involving the publication of a ‘Statutory Notice’ – this is known as the formal consultation stage.

Completed forms should be returned by **18th January 2008** to the school office or by post to Gareth Cheal, Children Services, Swindon Borough Council, Sanford House, Sanford Street, Swindon, SN1 1QH.

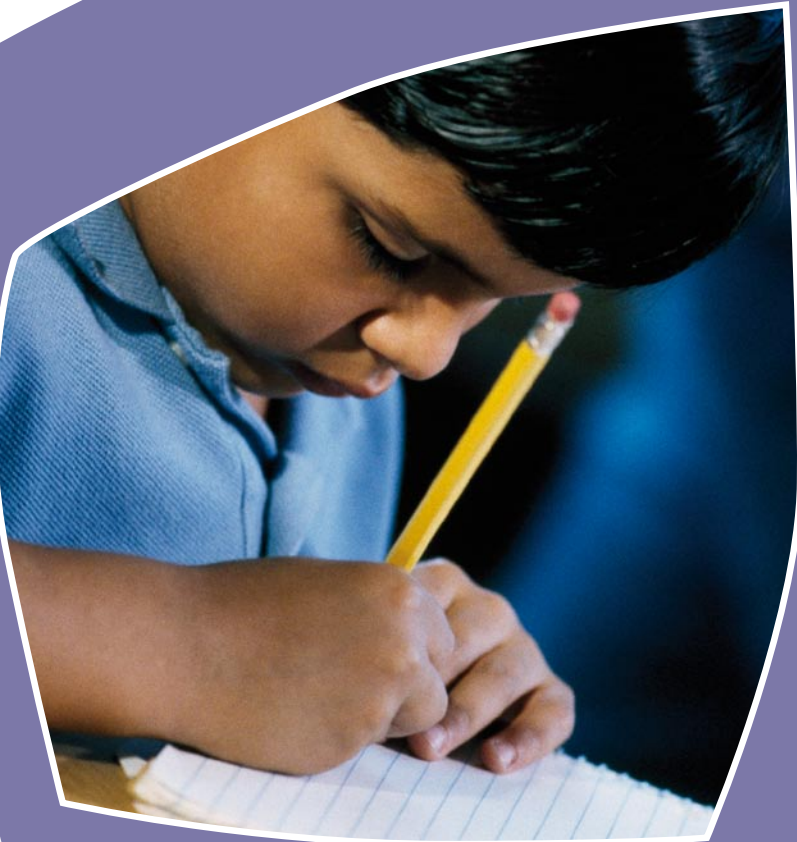
We welcome your views on this proposal. If you have any questions that you would like to ask about this proposal, or if there is anything you would like explained in more detail, please contact Gareth Cheal on 01793 465769 or gcheal@swindon.gov.uk or bring your questions to the meetings.

Background

At present, there are 11 forms of entry in the Northern Sector, an increase of 3 forms of entry from the September 2007 intake. However, based on the existing school population and projections of growth in the Northern Sector, it is currently estimated that there is likely to be a need for up to 15 forms of entry by 2011 when the current programme of house building is expected to be complete. It should be stressed that these are of course forecasted not actual pupil numbers, although there is substantial evidence about expected future levels of demand for school places as shown below.

Whilst there is therefore an overall estimated shortfall of up to 4 forms of entry at primary level by 2011, there is already significant pressure on school places in the area, especially around Oakhurst, with a requirement ideally of providing up to an extra 2 or 3 forms of entry in the medium term. This is demonstrated in the table below.

Reception Year	Sept 2008	Sept 2009	Sept 2010	Sept 2011
Children in area as at 31/08/07	341	350	387	427
Forms of Entry (FE)	12	12	13	15



This information about the Proposal to Permanently Expand of Abbey Meads, Catherine Wayte and Haydonleigh Primary Schools is available on request. It can be produced in a range of languages and formats (such as large print, Braille or other accessible formats) by contacting the Customer Services Department.

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