

Statement of Community Involvement for Bearsted Primary and Snowfields Academies

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1.0 Executive summary

This Statement of Community Involvement has been prepared on behalf of Bowmer + Kirkland by Stonyrock. It supports the application for Bearsted Primary and Snowfields Academies, two new co-located schools at Pope's Field on Bearsted Road.

In summary:

- The project team have engaged with the local community on proposals for the schools whilst technical consultants have also held meetings with statutory consultees and relevant authorities that are detailed in separate application documents.
- The community engagement strategy has been to involve a range of stakeholders, including:
 - Neighbours of the site
 - Parish and Borough councillors
 - Maidstone Borough community
- Our engagement activity included:
 - Meetings with Borough councillors
 - Meetings with the Parish Council
 - A public exhibition with feedback forms
 - Distribution of a flyer, press releases, posters and emails
 - A project website with feedback mechanism
 - Opportunity to send feedback by freepost and dedicated information email
 - Collation and analysis of survey feedback.
- The feedback forms allowed local people to share their views on the plans. The survey could be returned by Freepost, at the exhibition or filled in on the project website.
- **Headline figures from the community engagement;**
 - 92 people attended the exhibition
 - The flyer was distributed to 1500 addresses
 - 193 survey responses were received by the closing date
 - 43% of respondents support the plans for new Primary and SEN schools at the proposed site.
- Question 3 from the survey asked which three elements of the proposals respondents would consider to be the most important. The highest scoring were;
 - Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site – 78%

- Primary and SEN school places – 57%
 - Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools – 25%
 - Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings – 23%
- Whilst the community engagement showed general support for both new schools it also identified concerns regarding localised traffic, current issues on Bearsted Road, and access to the site. These comments are responded to in Section 5.2.
 - In their undertaking of community engagement for the schools, Stonyrock have followed best practice, the guidance provided by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Maidstone Borough Council's Statement of Community Involvement.



Newsletter and exhibition boards (all engagement tools are shown in Annexe One)



2.0 Introduction

The scope of the engagement exercise was to inform local residents and stakeholders about the new schools plans and to seek their feedback. The exercise complemented the consultations undertaken by other members of the project team who continue to liaise with statutory consultees through the planning application process.

In addition to detailing the engagement undertaken, this document provides analysis of all responses received. The full feedback responses are contained in Annexe Two and have been carefully considered by the project team.

2.2 Development site

The Pope's Field site is located in Maidstone North ward, on Bearsted Road.

The site is currently allocated as a 'Landscape Area' in the Local Plan as part of the wider Kent Medical Campus planning permission. This allocation secures use of the site as a Nature Reserve, to deliver ecological enhancements as part of that strategic development.

It is proposed to provide an equivalent Landscape Area on land to the north and for this to be delivered alongside the school development, ensuring that these wider benefits will remain. This will be secured via an amendment to the existing legal agreement and that land will be actively managed to maximise biodiversity gains.



Pope's Field site outline with new Landscape Area outline to the north

2.3 Proposed development

It is proposed that Bearsted Primary would provide 420 places (including 26 nursery places). Snowfields will provide 140 secondary Specialist Education Need (SEN) places. The plans have been carefully considered to take into account known concerns locally regarding traffic and development. They include;

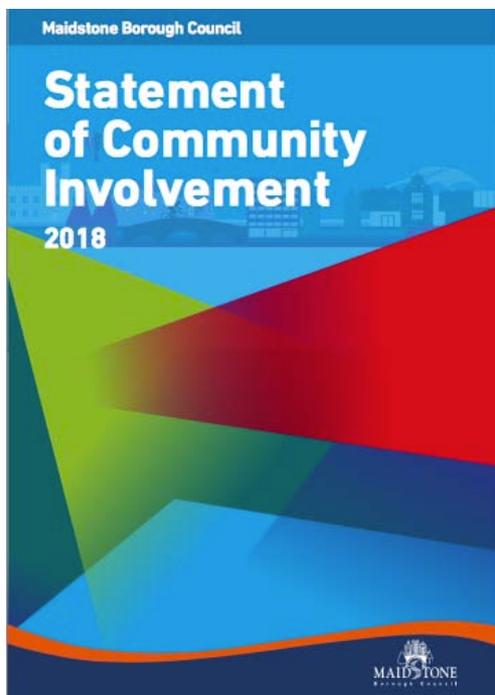
- **Primary and secondary SEN places** – KCC predicts a growing need for places with above national and regional average population growth in Maidstone.
- **Community use of facilities** – New sports facilities (including a sports hall, MUGAs and football pitch) studio and hall hire.
- **Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools** – the schools are linked through shared facilities but both are provided with their own separate identity and entrances to balance advantages of co-location with need for autonomy for both schools.
- **High quality design standards** – Our architects have followed a comprehensive set of design principles in order to deliver an inspiring and sustainable place to learn and teach.
- **Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site** – The plans include sufficient parking and drop-off facilities on-site to avoid impact on the surrounding area. Highways, footpath and crossing improvements on Bearsted Road to enable better site access and approaches for all road users.
- **Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings** – An attractive landscaped approach, good use of site's existing topography and 15m buffer to north and east boundaries.
- **Support for local economy** – new schools add to the vibrancy of communities, with new customers for local businesses, and opportunities for local suppliers.
- **Job creation** – once the schools reach capacity they will have built teams of teaching and non-teaching staff. Jobs will also be created during construction of the school.

In response to feedback from the community and from pre-application discussions with the planning and highways authorities amendments have been made to the highways improvements shown at the public exhibitions. These changes are covered in Section 5.2 of this document.

3.0 Policy context

3.1 Local policy context

The Maidstone Borough Council SCI 2018 replaces the Statement of Community Involvement 2013 and was effective from 4th December 2018. The SCI sets out how/when communities can be involved in the preparation of plans and the determination of planning applications.



Page 21 includes advice on Pre-application Engagement.

“In addition to statutory consultees all applicants are encouraged to consult with adjoining owners or occupiers prior to submitting a planning application. This is strongly encouraged and advocated by the NPPF through formal pre-application correspondence and/or discussions and, in particular, through planning performance agreements on major proposed development [dependent on the nature and location of development]. In connection with planning performance agreements, these will include at least a pre-application meeting with Councillors. However, for all significant proposals, there will be an expectation that there is engagement with Councillors, the local community and relevant organisations.”

3.2 National policy context

The National Planning Policy Framework was published on 27th March 2012 and revised on 24th July 2018. It sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. With regard to pre-application engagement it states:



“Pre-application engagement by prospective applicants offers significant potential to improve both the efficiency and effectiveness of the planning application system and improve the quality of planning applications and their likelihood of success. This can be achieved by:

- *providing an understanding of the relevant planning policies and other material considerations associated with a proposed development*
- *working collaboratively and openly with interested parties at an early stage to identify, understand and seek to resolve issues associated with a proposed development*
- *discussing the possible mitigation of the impact of a proposed development, including any planning conditions*
- *identifying the information required to accompany a formal planning application, thus reducing the likelihood of delays at the validation stage. The information requested must be reasonable*
- *putting in place a Planning Performance Agreement where this would help with managing the process and agreeing any dedicated resources for progressing the application*

The approach to pre-application engagement needs to be tailored to the nature of the proposed development and the issues to be addressed.”

4.0 Community engagement

4.1 Engagement plan

The open and collaborative engagement programme was designed to:

- Identify different stakeholder groups
- Establish a collaborative relationship with all stakeholders
- Present the new schools plans clearly and widely
- Listen to views from the community
- Adapt plans and respond to any issues raised.

Communications tools used to deliver the engagement plan included:

- Emails and meetings with Borough and Parish Councillors
- A project website with have your say function and info@ email address
- Posters and press releases
- A flyer advertising the public exhibition distributed to 1500 addresses around the site
- Public exhibition on a Tuesday afternoon and evening
- Exhibition materials included the new school plans on display, a video fly through, virtual reality presentation of internal and external design, a scale model of the building, presentation by the Trust regarding the management of the new schools
- Feedback form with opportunity to send response by Freepost

Further activity will be undertaken beyond submission to include:

- Update emails to subscribers
- Newsletter summarising submission
- Website updates
- Guidance on how to comment on the planning application
- Sharing information on committee outcome, programme update and next steps.

See Annexe One for full details of the consultation materials.

4.2 Consultation area

Emails, posters, a website, press releases and adverts were all used to encourage people to comment on the new schools plans. A flyer was also delivered to the area shown on the map below publicising the public exhibition.



4.3 Engagement programme

The engagement programme following appointment of the Bowmer + Kirkland project team included the following;

Activity	Date 2018
Flyer invitation to public exhibition delivered to 1500 neighbours of site	23 rd November
Email invitation to exhibition for key stakeholders	23 rd November
Parish notice of public exhibition	26 th November
Councillor briefing at Maidstone Borough Council	3 rd December
Presentation to Boxley Parish Council public meeting	3 rd December
PUBLIC EXHIBITION	4th December
Website launch (all exhibition presentation material available and have your say function)	4 th December
Press Release 1	6 th December
Update email to subscribers	At submission

4.5 Public exhibition

The exhibition was held in the Bluebell and Larkfield Suites in the Hilton Hotel, Maidstone on Tuesday 4th December, 2-8pm.

92 people came along. The display included banners on the new schools plans, a model of the proposed new school buildings, VR walk through of the internal plans, a video fly through of the external building design and information from Leigh Academies Trust on the proposed management of the schools. The information presented was made available on the website after the exhibitions for those unable to attend. Attendees were encouraged to provide feedback using the feedback forms. Members of the project team were available to answer questions, including:

- Contractor - Bowmer + Kirkland
- Project Leaders – Department of Education
- Planning Consultants – DHA Planning
- Architects – CPMG
- Landscape Architects – Ares
- Transport Consultants – DHA Transport
- Project Management – Mot Mac Engineering
- New schools leadership team - Leigh Academies Trust
- Community Engagement - Stonyrock

Photos of the Public Exhibition



5.0 Feedback

5.1 Summary of responses

Feedback forms were available at the public exhibition and on the project website. In total, 193 feedback forms were returned either by Freepost, at the exhibition or online. All of the responses have been anonymised and are contained in Annexe Two. Summaries of the responses received are listed below:

Question 1. About you.

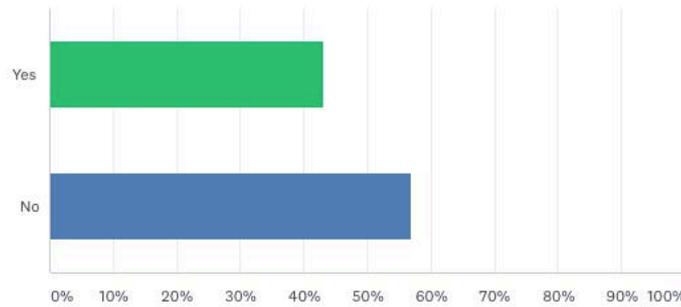
People were asked to fill in their name, address, postcode and email address. The maps below pinpoint the postcode information that was given by the 82 who support (green) and the 108 who do not support (yellow) plans for Primary and SEN schools at the proposed site.



Question 2.

Do you support the plans for new Primary and SEN schools at the proposed site?

Answered: 190 Skipped: 3



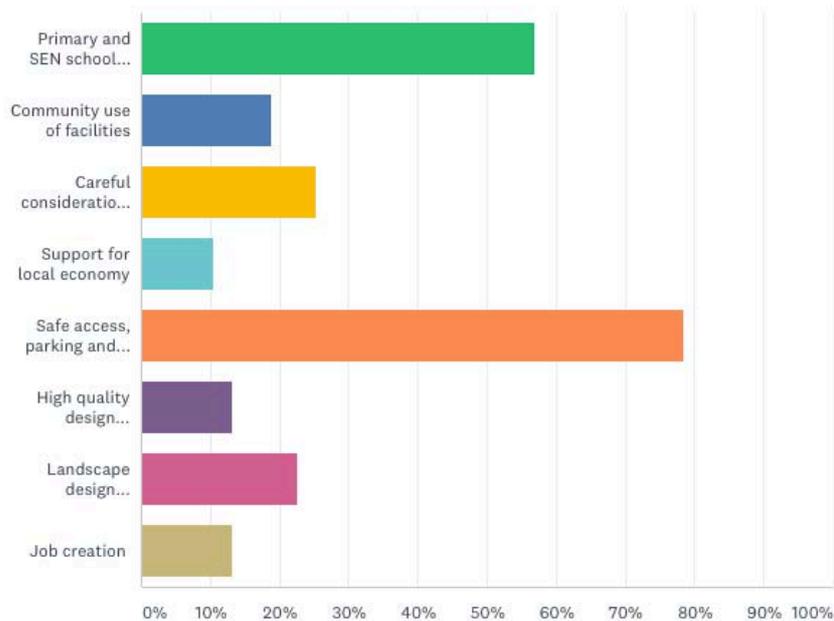
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	43.16%	82
No	56.84%	108
TOTAL		190

Question 2 – Summary of responses
Of those who responded 'no' to question 2 many suggested in their comments to question 5 that they might support the project with further highways and access improvements.

Question 3.

Which elements of our proposal would you consider to be the most important?(Please tick no more than three boxes)

Answered: 181 Skipped: 12



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Primary and SEN school places	56.91% 103
▼ Community use of facilities	18.78% 34
▼ Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools	25.41% 46
▼ Support for local economy	10.50% 19
▼ Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site	78.45% 142
▼ High quality design standards	13.26% 24
▼ Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings	22.65% 41
▼ Job creation	13.26% 24
Total Respondents: 181	

Question 3 – Summary of responses

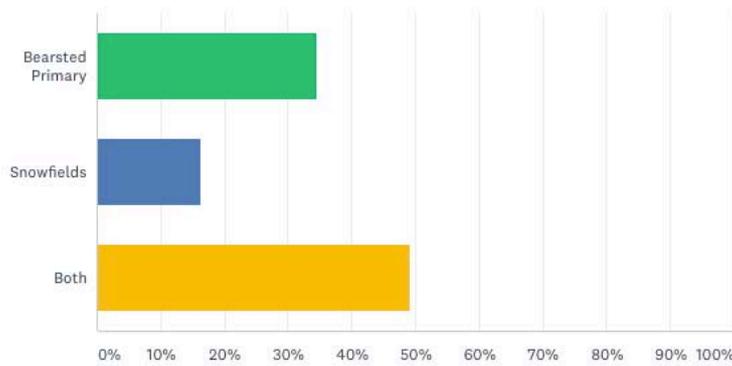
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Question 4.

If you are a parent or carer are you most interested in:

Answered: 61 Skipped: 132



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Bearsted Primary	34.43% 21
▼ Snowfields	16.39% 10
▼ Both	49.18% 30
TOTAL	61

Question 4 – Summary of responses
 61 parents and carers shared their interest in Bearsted Primary and Snowfields Academies with many having an interest in both Primary and SEN schools.

Question 5. Do you have any other comments?

162 people gave responses to question 5, some in great detail, their answers are included in Annexe Two. All the comments received have been reviewed, analysed and categorised in order for the project team to be able to understand priority areas for the community.

<i>Category</i>	<i>Number of comments</i>
Traffic	103
Access	89
Bearsted Road	71
School places	61
Pedestrians	42
KIMS access	41
Drop-off	37
Parking	32
SEN places	24
Cottages parking	19
Design and landscaping	12
Site layout	7
Pollution	6
Cygnets Hospital	5
Open space	5
Alternative sites	4
Community use	3
Jobs	2
Different school name for Bearsted Primary	1

Question 5 – Summary of responses

As with question 3, the community responses are heavily focussed on traffic and access arrangements although many support the creation of new school places.

There were many comments asking for improvements on Bearsted Road for pedestrians to encourage walking to school and suggestions for the access to be moved to the KIMS site.

The top ten categories are responded to in section 5.2.

Question 6.

Finally we asked if respondents would like to subscribe to updates about our proposal. 157 people asked to be kept updated. Update emails will be sent to them as the project progresses.

5.2 Responding to the feedback

The project team have reviewed each individual comment received. We have detailed below the top ten feedback categories and the responses from our technical consultants. These have been considered in conjunction with feedback received from Council officers and other statutory consultees. The Transport Assessment contains more detail on the response to the most popular feedback issues.

Feedback	Response
<p>Traffic: 103 people raised concern with congestion already being bad in the area and infrastructure not able to support further road users particularly when there are roadworks on the M20.</p>	<p>We recognise that local residents will have concerns about traffic.</p> <p>Taking into consideration both KCC highways advice and feedback received from the community our transport consultants are proposing the following additional measures to those presented at the public exhibition;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The central crossing is now proposed to be controlled • Pedestrian footways and crossings south and east of the KIMS roundabout are now proposed to provide a more direct route from New Cut • With removal of the cottages parking and to avoid any impact on Ancient Woodland, two build-outs are proposed to provide formal crossing points and traffic calming • It is proposed to provide a formal surfaced route from Grove Green across Weaving Heath – this land is owned by MBC and can be secured via a s106 agreement. <p>The highways improvements proposed at the public exhibition remain and include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 81 parking and 49 drop-off spaces are provided on-site to avoid impact on the surrounding area. • The existing 30mph speed limit will be extended to the Kent Medical Campus roundabout, to encompass the site frontage. • The pedestrian footway on Bearsted Road will be widened where possible to enhance pedestrian

	<p>safety.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three existing crossing points on Bearsted Road will be enhanced through the provision of tactile paving. Improvements will also be made to the existing public footpath onto Weaving Heath. • The site access considers all users: pedestrians, cyclists, deliveries, minibus provision and parent drop-off. • A school Travel Plan will target a reduction in the use of the car and will encourage sustainable travel. • A car park management plan will include measures to manage parking and drop-off, and the behaviour of staff and parents.
<p>Access: 89 local people have concerns over the access arrangements on Bearsted Road.</p>	<p>Careful planning of the main entrance considers all users; pedestrians, cyclists, deliveries, minibus provision and parent drop-off.</p> <p>KCC have confirmed that there is no need for a right turn lane at the access. As part of the TA the access will be modelled to ensure it works effectively.</p>
<p>Bearsted Road: 71 people raised current congestion on Bearsted Road particularly during peak hours</p>	<p>See traffic response above.</p>
<p>School Places: 61 comments came from people who welcome Bearsted Primary and Snowfields Academies contribution to primary and secondary SEN school places in the Borough.</p>	<p>Bearsted Primary will provide 420 places including 26 nursery places.</p> <p>Kent County Council predicts a growing need for school places with above national and regional average population growth in Maidstone. This is particularly acute within Maidstone North area where reception year children are having to travel out of the area for a school place and there are no places for in-year transfer or late applications.</p>
<p>Pedestrians: 42 people were particularly interested in encouraging walking to school</p>	<p>See traffic response above.</p>

<p>through improvements to footpaths, speed limits, street lighting and crossing points.</p>	
<p>KIMS access: 41 people suggested that the site access could be via the KIMS site.</p>	<p>The land identified by residents as a possible alternative access point has planning consent for employment and medical use as part of the Kent Medical Campus enterprise zone.</p>
<p>Drop-off: 37 comments questioned if drop-off provision was sufficient for a primary school. And that pick-up times could be worse.</p>	<p>The proposed number of parking spaces has been calculated on the estimated mode share, vehicle occupancy and when the pickup and drop off times will take place.</p> <p>The schools will have Travel Plans to target a reduction in car use by pupils and staff and will encourage sustainable travel.</p>
<p>Parking: 32 responses questioned if parking allocation was sufficient for both schools plus staff.</p> <p>Risk that parking would overspill onto Bearsted Road.</p>	<p>The proposed number of parking spaces has been calculated on the estimated mode share, vehicle occupancy and when the pickup and drop off times will take place.</p> <p>The schools will have Travel Plans to target a reduction in car use by pupils and staff and will encourage sustainable travel.</p>
<p>SEN places: 24 comments were made in support of need for SEN places.</p>	<p>Snowfields will provide 106 specialist education need places for 11-18 year olds.</p> <p>Forecasts indicate that there will be a need for 900 new specialist school places in Kent, with 406 additional specialist places for secondary aged pupils. This includes provision of places for pupils currently in mainstream schools, with notable growth in the number of pupils with Statement/EHCP in Maidstone.</p>
<p>Cottages parking: 19 people mentioned the parking in front of Gidds Pond Cottages as already causing traffic problems.</p>	<p>Parking for Gidds Pond Cottages is due to be moved to the rear of the properties on land provided as part of the S106 agreement for KIMS which will ease congestion on Bearsted Road.</p>

6.0 Conclusions and next steps

6.1 Consultation summary

- Key activities in the community engagement programme for Bearsted Primary and Snowfields Academies have included political stakeholder meetings, a public exhibition, flyers, a dedicated project website and a community survey.
- The project team have carefully reviewed the community's response and are pleased that 193 residents have taken part in the consultation.
- Although 57% of respondents did not support the proposals on Pope's Field the results also show that with the planned highways improvements more people will be content with the site.
- The majority of people agree that there is a need for new school places in the Borough.
- The planning application carefully brings together the requirements of Bearsted Primary and Snowfields Academies, the DfE, Maidstone Borough Council, Kent County Council, communities neighbouring the site and prospective parents of both schools.

6.2 Ongoing engagement

Following the submission of the planning application Bowmer + Kirkland is committed to continuing dialogue with local residents and stakeholders. We will maintain the dedicated website and email updates throughout the planning process and if planning permission is granted throughout construction.

Annexe One: Engagement tools

1.0 Flyer invitation to public exhibition



Leigh Academies Trust and
the Department for Education would like to invite you to a

Public Consultation Event

Tuesday 4th December | 2.00pm to 8.00pm

to be held at
the Bluebell and Larkfield Suites,
Hilton Hotel, Bearsted Road, Maidstone, ME14 5AA

As a member of the local community you are invited to attend the public consultation event to view and discuss the proposed scheme for the new school development.



Bearsted Primary Academy and Snowfields Academy*
Pope's Field, Bearsted Road

* Snowfields Academy is a secondary-age special school for students whose primary need is autism.

 Department for Education

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 LEIGH Academies Trust

2.0 Boxley Parish Council notice



Boxley Parish Council

November 26 at 12:07 PM · 🌐



New School Development land adjacent to KIMS Beareted Road.

Public Consultation Event. Tuesday 4 December 2pm - 8pm The Bluebell and Larkfield Suites, Hilton Hotel Bearsted Road.

The parish council has been informed that approx.1,500 flyers, notifying residents of the public consultation, have been delivered to properties in the area around the proposed development site but it is not known which properties received them so the parish council is publicising the event as well. Further details can be found on the parish council website

www.boxleyparishcouncil.org.uk

3.0 Exhibition boards




Welcome



Aerial view of proposals from the south

The project team behind plans for Bearsted Primary and Snowfields Academies are delighted to share their vision for the schools with you today. The creation of the co-located schools is a major investment for the community.

The new schools will support Kent County Council in meeting forecast demand for Primary and Special Education Needs (SEN) school places. Working closely with the Department for Education (DfE) and Leigh Academies Trust, we have developed a proposal with a calm and sophisticated learning and teaching environment, reinforcing the traditional values and high expectations of Leigh Academies Trust.

Before we submit our planning application we welcome feedback from the community. Members of the project team are here to chat about the plans. Please then share your views via our website or by filling in one of the feedback forms available here today.

If you have friends or family who were unable to attend, the exhibition display will be available on our website after the exhibitions.

"Bearsted Primary and Snowfields Academies are part of Leigh Academies Trust, which exists to support and assist schools to build upon their existing strengths and to help them achieve rapid educational transformation. Our mission is: *Shaping Lives, Transforming Communities*."

Neil Willis, Deputy Chief Executive, Leigh Academies Trust.

Our proposal

 Primary and SEN school places	 Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site
 Community use of facilities	 High quality design standards
 Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools	 Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings
 Support for local economy	 Job creation

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Project team



Aerial view of proposals from the south-west



Leigh Academies Trust is a multi-academy trust comprised of primary, secondary and special academies. Formed in 2008 it is now comprised of 18 academies in north and central West, Greater and south-east London. Everyone in the trust is passionate about shaping children's lives through high quality education and care. In doing so we aim to transform the communities in which they live as children, and will continue as adults, so that the life chances of future generations are enhanced by a strong legacy handed down from those who have gone before them.



Bearsted Primary Academy – Bearsted Primary Academy will provide a nursery and two form entry primary school. Literacy and numeracy will always be at the core of the school's child-centred approach. Despite this, our ambition is to provide young people with a well-rounded, full educational experience which develops all of their talents.



Snowfields Academy – Snowfields Academy has been created for pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) aged 11-18 years. We will develop two centres of vocational excellence, horticulture and catering. Each will be provided with exceptional resources to facilitate this and ensure young people can go on to achieve their aspirations. The outstanding curriculum will ensure that there are opportunities for every student to learn to live well with their autism, enabling them to thrive academically and personally.



Department for Education – The Department for Education (DfE) is responsible for children's services and education, including early years, schools, higher and further education policy, apprenticeships and wider skills in England. The Bearsted Primary and Snowfields Academies built projects will be managed and funded by Free Schools Capital, part of the Capital Group Operations Directorate, within the DfE.



Bowmer + Kirkland are appointed to the DfE's national construction framework and are the contractor selected under this framework to construct the Bearsted and Snowfields project. Bowmer + Kirkland are one of the UK's largest privately owned construction contractors and are active in most market sectors, including education. As main contractor for the scheme Bowmer + Kirkland will manage all aspects of the project to ensure the works are carried out safely, on time, to the right quality and with the least disruption possible to neighbours.



The DfE Group is a multidisciplinary company based in Middlesbrough, specialising in providing technical consultancy advice in both planning and transport fields. DfE are advising the project team on the proposals for the new schools. Their role is to manage the Planning process, advising on planning and Highway (hours related) and liaising directly with Planning Officers from Middlesbrough Borough Council, Highway Officers from Kent County Council and other key stakeholders.



CPMG Architects have significant expertise in the design of learning environments and collaborate closely with Bowmer + Kirkland. Their approach is centred on listening and understanding, to ensure that they tailor their designs to the needs and aspirations of the schools, and to respond to the individual constraints and opportunities of each particular site.



Ares Landscape Architects have worked with Bowmer + Kirkland in collaboration with the DfE for many years to develop and create site masterplans and successful educational external spaces throughout the UK. Ares have forged a relationship with Bowmer + Kirkland that has helped define effective and successful educational sites that unique for the individual schools' needs. Working very closely with CPMG and the design team, Ares have developed a scheme for Bearsted Primary and Snowfields Academies that has maximised the potential of the site and delivers on the aspirations of the schools.



Stonyrock are working with Bearsted Primary and Snowfields Academies, the DfE and Bowmer + Kirkland to facilitate the community engagement on the proposals. Stonyrock provide clients with the tools to engage with neighbourhoods throughout the planning process from scheme conception to completion. By enabling conversations we help the project team understand the views of residents and other stakeholders.

Site layout



The proposed layout of the site has been carefully considered during the initial design process. The two schools are linked through shared facilities but both are provided with their own separate identity. The site layout includes the following elements;

- 1 individual building entrances for the two schools
- 2 generous external social and play areas
- 3 81 parking spaces and 49 drop off spaces for cars, taxis and minibuses on-site
- 4 a sheltered south-east facing courtyard space
- 5 an attractive landscaped approach
- 6 good use of existing topography and 15m buffer to north and east boundaries

Landscape design

Leigh Academies Trust have asked for a 'forest school' ethos to influence the design of play spaces by landscape designers



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School place demand

Maidstone's population is growing more than the average Kent and national birth rates. This growth is driving demand for primary school provision and is particularly acute within the Maidstone North area where some reception year children are having to travel out of the area for a school place.

The expansion of existing schools was considered and ruled out, due to significant planning constraints and inability to accommodate expansion. Kent County Council's short-term strategic response to the demand for further primary school places in Maidstone North is therefore Bearsted Primary Academy, which will provide 420 primary and 26 nursery places.

Kent County Council also plans to create over 900 new specialist school places to address the forecast growth in pupil numbers and provide places for pupils currently in mainstream schools for whom specialist provision would be more appropriate. Therefore, Snowfields Academy responds to this identified SEN demand with 140 11-18 years places.



Photograph of Leigh Academies North's school

Site selection

After Kent County Council identified the need for school places, they then collaborated with Maidstone Borough Council and the Department for Education to identify a suitable site for the proposed new schools.

During site selection, the DfE undertook a number of site search exercises to establish the best deliverable location in the Borough for the new schools.

In all, 26 sites have been identified through various means, including sites suggested by Maidstone Borough Council and members. Each site has been explored to establish availability and deliverability within a timescale to meet the pressing need. A number of the sites considered were too small to accommodate the schools, poorly located relative to the need, unavailable or unaffordable due to their allocation in the Local Plan for residential or employment development.

The planning application will be accompanied by an Alternative Site Assessment detailing the other sites considered.

Internal design



Design direction of Bearsted library and breakfast hall/cafeteria

The project team has responded to the unique requirements of each academy, tailoring the designs to deliver the following priorities:

- Welcoming and secure academy entrances
- Dedicated access for the nursery provision
- Generous and well-considered circulation
- Opportunities for age and stage progression
- Shared access to management offices and kitchen
- Optimised, flexible teaching spaces
- Strong connectivity to outdoor spaces
- Excellent pastoral support and supervision
- Maximum opportunities for events and community use
- Well-defined out-of-hours zone for sports facilities



Community use in design

The schools will act as a community resource, the layouts have been carefully considered to maximise potential for wider community use.

The Snowfields Sports Centre will offer indoor and outdoor facilities, including badminton and basketball, with access to the associated changing rooms.

Zoning will support a variety of events and performances in both main halls and the Snowfields dining heart space.

Snowfields Academy Interiors Inspiration

Primary Academy Interiors Inspiration



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Next steps

The information provided here today will be available on the website after the exhibitions.

The closing date to share your views is 10th December 2018 as we are aiming to submit our plans before the end of December.

We will review all feedback received beyond this date into 2019 and right up to when the plans are considered by the Planning Committee.

After validating our application Maldstone Borough Council will make the detailed planning application documents available on their website for you to comment on.

We will provide a link to the finalised plans via our update email and on our project website with guidance on submitting your comments.

If the Council approve our proposals we plan to open the schools in September 2020.

Community partners

The new schools will have a variety of facilities available for wider community use. We are asking groups to register their interest so we can maximise the wider public benefit. If you run or are involved in a sports, dance, drama or any other kind of club please let us know more about how use of these amenities (sports fields, drama studios, halls etc) would most benefit your organisation.

Please share your views

Please provide your comments on the feedback form provided here today or online at bearstedandsnowfieldsplans.co.uk

You can also register to receive update emails on our plans via info@bearstedandsnowfieldsplans.co.uk

Thank you for coming to our exhibition.



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Plans for Bearsted Primary and Snowfields Academies

Introduction



Aerial view of proposals from the south

The project team behind plans for Bearsted Primary and Snowfields Academies are delighted to share their vision for the schools. The creation of the co-located schools is a major investment for the community.

Working closely with the Department for Education (DfE) and Leigh Academies Trust, we have developed a proposal with a calm and sophisticated learning and teaching environment, reinforcing the traditional values and high expectations of Leigh Academies Trust. The new schools will support Kent County Council in meeting forecast demand for Primary and Special Education Needs (SEN) school places.

Our proposal

- Primary and SEN school places
- Community use of facilities
- Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools
- Support for local economy
- Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site
- High quality design standards
- Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings
- Job creation

Site layout

The proposed layout of the site has been carefully considered during the initial design process. The two schools are linked through shared facilities but both are provided with their own separate identity. The site layout includes the following elements;



- individual building entrances for the two schools
- 81 parking spaces and 49 drop off spaces for cars, taxis and minibuses on-site
- an attractive landscaped approach
- generous external social and play areas
- sheltered south-east facing courtyard space
- good use of existing topography and 15m buffer to north and east boundaries

Next steps

1. The information provided at our exhibition is also available on the website.
2. The closing date to share your views is 10th December 2018.
3. We will continue to review all feedback received beyond this date into 2019.
4. After validating our plans Maidstone Borough Council will make the application documents available on their website for you to comment on.
5. You can subscribe to receive updates from us by filling in the form overleaf.
6. If the Council approve our proposals we plan to open the schools in September 2020.

To contact the project team direct please email info@bearstedandsnowfieldsplans.co.uk

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Feedback form

We welcome your views on the revised plans, please complete the form below and hand it in today. It is also available to fill in online at bearstedandsnowfieldsplans.co.uk or by sending it Freepost to:
Freeport RTYB-TUJS-LKLU, BEARSTED PRIMARY AND SNOWFIELDS ACADEMIES,
Stonyrock, 26a Childs Hall Road, Bookham, Leatherhead KT23 2QG

1. About you (Please write block capitals)

Name

Address

Postcode

E-mail

2. Do you support the plans for new Primary and SEN schools at the proposed site?

Yes No

3. Which elements of our proposal would you consider to be the most important?

(Please choose your top three)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Primary and SEN school places | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community use of facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> High quality design standards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support for local economy | <input type="checkbox"/> Job creation |

2. If you are a parent or carer are you most interested in:

Bearsted Primary Snowfields both

4. Do you have any other comments on our proposals?

(More space for comments is available online bearstedandsnowfieldsplans.co.uk)

If you would like to subscribe for updates about our proposal please tick this box.

Anonymised copies of the responses will be shared with the Council as part of the planning submission. By providing your details you therefore agree to your response being forwarded to Maidstone Borough Council solely in relation to this project.
Under the Data Protection Act 2000 and GDPR regulation we have a duty to protect any personal information we collect from you. As such, we will not pass your details to other third parties. The full privacy statement for this project is available at www.bearstedandsnowfieldsplans.co.uk

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5.0 Example website pages



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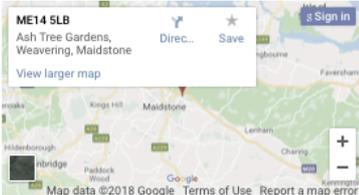
Plans for Bearsted Primary and Snowfields Academies



This website helps support our programme of community engagement on plans for Bearsted and Snowfields Primary Academies. It will be updated as plans progress.

Please go to our news page for latest updates. All of the materials presented at the public exhibition can be found here.

Once you have had the opportunity to review the plans please share your feedback via the form [here](#).



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6.0 Press release

PRESS RELEASE: Immediate.

DATE – Thursday 6th December 2018

Plans for Bearsted Primary and Snowfields Academies

The project team behind plans for Bearsted Primary and Snowfields Academies have this week shared their plans with the community.

Almost 100 local residents attended the public exhibition on Tuesday evening and many people have shared their views on the proposals via the project website bearstedandsnowfieldsplans.co.uk where you can also learn more about the co-located schools.

The plans include;

- primary and SEN school places (to help support KCC in meeting forecast demand in Maidstone North)
- community use of facilities (new sports hall, pitches, courts, drama and music studios)
- 81 on-site parking spaces and 49 on-site drop-off spaces
- highways improvements including pavement widening, new marked crossing points and reduction in speed limit on Bearsted Road
- high quality building and landscape design.

Edwin Sutton from Bowmer + Kirkland (main contractor for the project) said, "Bearsted Primary and Snowfields Academies represent a major investment for the Maidstone North community and it has been my pleasure to speak to residents about the project this week. We are reviewing all of the feedback received before we submit our planning application and will update the community on our finalised plans early in the new year."

Negotiations with statutory consultees such as Kent County Council Highways department will be on-going throughout the planning application process. Once the application has been submitted there will be a further opportunity to share comments direct to the planning authority.

You can subscribe to be kept informed about the plans as they evolve on the project website.

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BEARSTED PRIMARY AND SNOWFIELDS ACADEMIES SCI ANNEXE TWO - INDIVIDUAL FEEDBACK RESPONSES (ANONYMISED)													
QUESTION 1	QUESTION 2	QUESTION 3								QUESTION 4	QUESTION 5	QUESTION 6	
	Do you support the plans for new Primary and SEN schools at the proposed site?	Which elements of our proposal would you consider to be the most important?(Please tick no more than three boxes)								If you are a parent or carer are you most interested in:	Do you have any other comments on our proposals?	Do you wish to be kept updated about our proposal?	
Post Code	Response	Primary and SEN school places	Community use of facilities	Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools	Support for local economy	Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site	High quality design standards	Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings	Job creation	Response	Open-Ended Response	Response	
ME145LA	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					The location of the schools will cause gridlock on all the surrounding roads. The site is too small for the proposed buildings. Parents will park where they shouldn't and cause accidents. The surrounding roads cannot cope especially when Ware Street is used by all the motorway traffic when the M20 has problems. The traffic queues on Ware Street on many mornings especially when it is raining. The road past the crematorium is a bottle neck and cannot cope now!!!! Very bad planning to place 2 schools on the suggested site!!	Yes	
ME14.4HN						Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings			My comments relate to the access which as shown off the Bearsted Road is verging on lunacy both with regard to pedestrians, CHILDREN and congestion on the main highway. If this site is to be used access must be off KIMS roundabout for safety and to contain queues off the main highway.		
ME14.5U4	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					Change entrance road to site from Bearsted Road to a new road coming off KIMS road. At present road junction is dangerous. Bearsted Road not wide enough. No parking for parent picking up children. Drop offs will never work. If road comes of KIMS complex I will be happy for development to go through.		
ME14.5UU	No			Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools	Support for local economy	Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					Understanding that more schools are needed in this area. The site for this school is totally inappropriate due to poor accessibility from Bearsted Road. Bearsted Road is not designed to cope with current traffic volume. Added traffic from this school will make the area dangerous and intolerable.	Yes	
ME15.8LF	Yes	Primary and SEN school places	Community use of facilities			Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					Note: schools are in Boxley Parish and the Primary School will mostly serve families in Boxley Parish (Weaving and Grove Green) so school must be renamed but not as Boxley Primary even Leigh Primary would be better. Access is very important - Bearsted Road is heavily trafficked - as mentioned support dedicated right turn lane into the schools off Bearsted Road - only left turn out of schools to little round about and off road parking provided at Gibbs Pond Cottages.	Yes	
ME14.5UL	No	Primary and SEN school places	Community use of facilities			Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					Agree that these schools are needed in this area. Plans for access from Bearsted Road totally unsuitable. The road is far too narrow, unit and dangerous to walk along. A windy country road. Traffic along approach roads is already at breaking point and parking on Grove Green due to a) closure of Sittingbourne Road Park and Ride; b) Housing developments at Langley Park and TV Studios; c) building of Stem School on New Cut Road; d) Proposed development near Kent Show Ground.		
ME14.5UU	No	Primary and SEN school places	Community use of facilities			Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					Following attendance at a 'consultation event' I was dismayed to be told that the proposed site and access is 'safe' - it is not. No self-respecting professional can claim that little children will not be at risk of significant harm simply trying to walk to school. This is a dangerous road and no amount of 'traffic calming' can mitigate such risks.	No	
DA13.0RE	Yes	Primary and SEN school places	Community use of facilities		Support for local economy							No	
ME15.9AY	Yes	Primary and SEN school places				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site			Job creation	Both		Yes	
ME15.8hf	No			Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings		Both	I think access and parking will be an issue. Also I saw a plan circulating in Facebook where it looked like the children using the drop off area would need to cross the main access road to get to the school - which seems silly - it will cause a lot of congestion and there would be a higher risk of accidents. Surely the road should run around the perimeter and the drop off zones be on the same side as the school?	Yes	
ME14.5SE	No										The traffic impact. Ware Street can barely cope currently with the volume of traffic, adding 2 schools in that location will cause a lot more.	Yes	
ME14.4PU	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					Having the access to the new school from Bearsted road will cause considerable traffic problems to this narrow country lane, although it provides parking spaces for parents to drop off and pick up the pupils. Unfortunately they will still park on this narrow two lane road, thus causing the road to be virtually a one lane road. Also where will the parents turn their cars around to go back to where they arrived from. WHY cannot the access to the site be from the road that lead to the Kims Hospital, thus leaving the Bearsted road free of any traffic congestion.	Yes	
ME159BD	Yes	Primary and SEN school places	Community use of facilities						Job creation			Yes	
ME142QS	Yes	Primary and SEN school places		Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools				Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings				No	
ME14.4AR	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings			The entrance into and out the site is in a dangerous position. Bearsted road is very busy and is already over congested without the schools adding to it. The traffic in this area is already becoming intolerable. It is having an impact on the local residents quality of life, with Bearsted and Delling becoming rat runs, which will only get worse with more people travelling to the schools. The traffic situation is reducing productivity for people who travel for their job. Surely the people supporting this development don't drive along this road on a daily basis?! There are already frequent episodes of road rage by Gidds Ponds Cottages, which will only get worse with an increased volume of traffic. The amount of parking does not look sufficient for the size of the schools, in which case people will park in surrounding areas adding to the traffic woes. I also do not understand the logic of building schools next to a high security mental health facility that is rumored to house sex offenders. It will be another green area destroyed by building.	Yes	
ME14.5SE	Yes	Primary and SEN school places			Support for local economy				Job creation	Both		Yes	
ME14.4PT	No	Primary and SEN school places		Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					Your brochure mentions adding school places to the Maidstone North community when surely the school is located in Maidstone East as defined by the Commissioning Plan for School Provision in Kent.	No	
maidstone	Yes	Primary and SEN school places								Bearsted Primary	Yes - a new primary school here is desperately needed. I live at the top of Vinters Park- and thanks to the new development at the TV studios, there is likely to be absolutely no school provision for my children (2 and newborn) when they start school. It is highly likely we will no longer get into St John's due to the new development, which seems to have been done with no school provision even considered. We are too far from Thurnham, St Paul's and Sandling, and out of catchment for Eastborough. We badly need a new school, it's been needed for ages, and need it where it has been planned for. Otherwise you leave children to the north of the Community Centre on Vinters Park with no school to go to at all.	Yes	
ME14.4pu	Yes			Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools	Support for local economy	Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site				Bearsted Primary	Worried about parents' staff using Bearsted Residential Park as parking/ drop off for school. Would you consider yellow lines in these areas?? Also the cottages along Wear Street already create a back log.... And the paths and lighting along the road isn't very suitable. How long we residents be disrupted for?? Just more info on the project for near by residents please. Please do not use my details for anything else. Many thanks	Yes	
ME15.7ND	Yes				Support for local economy	Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site			Job creation			Yes	
ME14.4PX	No	Primary and SEN school places	Community use of facilities			Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site				Bearsted Primary	The road outside of the proposed site currently is, frankly a joke in a morning. Often from 7:50 to 9:00AM the road is backed up at least to Avenches road (taking a good 10 - 15mins to get to the KIMS round about). Adding a school, with parking and all that entails will increase the traffic significantly and cause even longer delays. I think the road outside the site should either be fully double yellow lines or a better proposal would be to move the entrance to via Kims. As it stands whilst the principle of the school is a great idea, its not well considered for access purposes.	Yes	
ME15.7ND	Yes	Primary and SEN school places	Community use of facilities					Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings				Yes	

ME14 5SU	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site						The plans show the entrance to the school off Bearsted Road which is completely unacceptable as the road is single lane two-way traffic. Any traffic accessing or leaving the site that needs to turn right would cause problems for traffic on Bearsted Road, which is already heavily congested at peak times. The obvious solution would be to have the access to and from the site via the KIMS roundabout with a road to the rear of the school linking to the turnaround point as shown on the site plans. It has been indicated that parents picking their children up would have to use the drop-off areas. This may be satisfactory for morning drop-off but would cause difficulties for the afternoon pick-up as parents will need to be on site prior to the time of children coming out. This indicates that the parking facilities will not be sufficient as parents will need to arrive prior to the school finish time to ensure they are able to park and make their way to pick up their children safely. When events are being held at the school, what will be the procedure for parents parking? If there is insufficient parking will parents be forced to park along Bearsted Road? Has the effect of the large amount of building work currently in place and more planned in this area, been taken into account with regard to residents already living in this area who are already greatly affected by the vast amount of extra traffic, particularly lorries? We feel that there is a huge amount of building planned and already taking place in this area. It seems that the people involved in planning applications are looking at each site individually and not taking account of the affect the total amount of building work and huge amount of extra traffic as a result. It seems that the overall affect for local residents is not given any importance. Local residents are unable to even consider relocating out of area as the house have considerably dropped in value due to the volume of traffic which will soon be considerable higher.	Yes
ME15 9ZX	Yes	Primary and SEN school places			Support for local economy				Job creation	Both			
ME141EY	Yes	Primary and SEN school places	Community use of facilities			Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site				Snowfields		The plans for these schools are fantastic and I support whole heartedly. My son is awaiting assessment for Autism and I have learnt through the last year the dire need of schools that cater for Autism spectrum pupils. I have home schooled my son for the last year due to difficulties and it is very hard and testing on the whole family. These schools will be a very much needed lifeline my family and to families who are awaiting a school like these for their children. The plans look sympathetic to the surroundings and parking has been considered carefully. I back these proposed plans 100%	Yes
ME14 5UN	No	Primary and SEN school places		Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site						Access MUST be from the hospital roundabout or the proposal is ridiculous. Bearsted Road is massively congested with the current traffic and the idea that parents will walk their children from Bearsted, crossing the road three times to access the footpath is laughable. Why weren't people on Grove Green informed about the meeting to share the proposals?	Yes
ME15 8PE	Yes	Primary and SEN school places											
ME158HL	Yes	Primary and SEN school places					High quality design standards		Job creation	Both			
ME17 4GJ	Yes	Primary and SEN school places				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site							
ME17 4UW	Yes	Primary and SEN school places				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings		Bearsted Primary		Most primary schools in the area are over subscribed Amanda knowing how hard it has been to get my child into a local school this can only be a benefit for the local area.	Yes
ME169AS	Yes	Primary and SEN school places				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site			Job creation				
ME14 4NJ	Yes	Primary and SEN school places				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site	High quality design standards					Excellent design and great opportunity to meet local need	No
ME17 2NB	Yes	Primary and SEN school places			Support for local economy				Job creation				Yes
Me157bf	Yes	Primary and SEN school places	Community use of facilities						Job creation				No
Me14 4aw	No	Primary and SEN school places	Community use of facilities			Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site				Bearsted Primary		I do support the plans, but as they stand they will cause intolerable congestion in the area. Drop off spaces are not enough for a large primary and Bearsted Road is wholly unsuitable to service a busy school entrance. As they stand the plans are a disaster for an already horrendously congested area.	Yes
ME3 8UF	Yes	Primary and SEN school places				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings	Job creation				Yes
da11pg	Yes	Primary and SEN school places			Support for local economy	Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site				Snowfields			No
BR8 8HW	Yes	Primary and SEN school places	Community use of facilities			Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site							No
ME14 4JR	No			Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site	High quality design standards			Both		Whilst as a parent of 3 infant and primary age children and a bearsted resident, I fully agree with the need for more school places. However, the current proposal on ware street is both impractical and not thought through. Access should only be granted via the Kim junction at the main roundabout. Consideration of any number of cars accessing and exiting via ware street will only add to the existing issues of that road and will create dangerous conditions for both road users and pedestrian during peak times. If access via Kim isn't available, perhaps a more suitable location would be near junction 8 in bearsted, where the farmer has been looking to develop his land for many years. Refer to the previous big development proposals. Perhaps this area would prove more suitable with a much more accessible site and a landowner keen to sell. It would also service neighbouring villages who also need additional spaces such as Hollingbourne and Thurtham	Yes
ME14 4BW	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site						The need for a school is undeniable and prima facie should be supportable but access via Bearsted Rd / Ware St, despite some attempts to address this, will only increase congestion along what is already a narrow and congested road. We can see the impact of congestion along the Landway (Thurnha and Roseacre) and Huntsman Lane (Invicta and Valley) and so I think it is obvious as to what can be expected here. I see a golden opportunity to seek access via the KIMS roundabout. Should the access not be changed then at the very least double RED lines should be introduced.	No
ME144HD	No	Primary and SEN school places		Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site				Both		As a local resident with small children, for whom I had to wait 13 months to attend a local school I appreciate more than most that school places are lacking in the area. New schools are therefore imperative to support local children and reduce parents having to commute further afield with all the problems this entails. However, the position of the new schools proposed, and the site access is quite frankly a joke. Both myself and husband commute for work and Ware Street is a shocking traffic jam almost daily. The road network cannot cope now (especially with any motorway issues) and the additional road usage for the new schools will clearly be too much. Access from Ware Street will be irresponsible and dangerous for those wishing to access the site, and for those who need to pass through what will be absolute gridlock between 8am and 10am and then again at school end times! I cannot also fathom how primary school children will be expected to be left at a 'drop off' or older SEN children for that matter. My primary school children are walked by me to the gate and released to the teacher, and I would never be happy to just drop and drive away. I don't think enough consideration is being given to the local residents who have to live in the area, and I have heard no positive views so far as locals know the difficulties that this will bring. Widening the road will only cause further problems by the cottages due to the residents parking their cars there. Unless of course the parking spaces are due to be removed.	Yes
ME1 3JN	Yes	Primary and SEN school places	Community use of facilities	Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools	Support for local economy	Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site	Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings		Job creation				Yes
RH4 2FT	Yes	Primary and SEN school places				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site						The need for the school places created by this project is clear and the proposal balances the need for places with a sympathetic impact on the surrounding community	Yes
DA11 8RZ	Yes	Primary and SEN school places										I believe the school will be fantastic in offering education to students with SEN needs.	Yes
ME15 9FX	Yes	Primary and SEN school places				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site			Job creation	Both			Yes
ME10 1PT	Yes	Primary and SEN school places				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site	High quality design standards			Both			Yes
ME14 3lb	Yes	Primary and SEN school places		Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site				Bearsted Primary		You need to make the vehicle access for drop off and pick up much better planned than it looks currently	Yes

ME14 5JS	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site				Both	I object to this proposal. This area of Bearsted is already so congested especially during the time children would be dropped off in the morning, the infrastructure cannot cope at present and the addition of several hundred more cars at this time is poorly considered by the council. To have access off Ware street/Bearsted road is also a terrible idea as this road is dangerous anyway, it would be better to access any school from the existing Kim's road.	Yes
ME14 5JS	No										Yes, it is not the right place. The access road is already extremely busy and our roads cannot cope currently that is without the new secondary school being built nearby and proposed school at Detling. I understand the need for school places but you are proposing just off a very busy motorway junction along from what was a small village.	Yes
ME14 4BB	Yes					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site	High quality design standards	Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings			The present access proposal is ridiculous. It is unsafe and congestion will be alarming. Safe access should be made via the Kims entrance/ access. It is safe, obvious and all ready partly constructed at the entry off the roundabout. This keeps children away from Bearsted Road which is cancerous and too fast and narrow at the best of times, at present without schooltime traffic adding mayhem to it.	Yes
ME14 4DN	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					Absolutely agree that there is a shortage of schools and limited sites to build them on. Cannot believe anyone can seriously think access from Bearsted Road is viable. The traffic along Ware Street/Bearsted Road is already impossible at times (30 minutes from Bearsted Green to the Notcutts roundabout). Surely if the schools are to be located on this site, access needs to be via the KIMS site and work done on that roundabout?	Yes
Me144lh	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					Traffic is already a nightmare, especially with the people parking outside there houses along the Bearsted Road. Access should only be available via Kim's roundabout.	Yes
ME14 4DR	Yes	Primary and SEN school places								Both	The access on Bearsted Road will NOT work. 30 MPG will make no difference. The access is dangerous due to its proximity and the amount of extra traffic will cause huge issues on the Bearsted Road. This road comes to a slow crawl every morning and just trailing right back to Bearsted Village. I live on the green and often can't get out of my driveway due to the traffic at a stand still through the village! The proposed entrance is insane!!!!	Yes
ME145TF		Primary and SEN school places				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings			As a resident near the site I am concerned about traffic and access to the schools As there seems to be congestion for much of the day	Yes
ME14 4PY	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					The main entrance to the school is on a narrow unlit main road into Bearsted, with staggered pathways. There is insufficient parking on site and with between 400 - 500 cars parked with parents waiting to collect their children from school at end of day will cause gridlock on both Bearsted road & Ware Street putting children in danger. An application has already been put forward for a new primary school near by with access via Ware Street. Neither of these schools are accessible by public transport and the vicinity can not cope with the sheer volume of traffic. A danger to both pupils, drivers and pedestrians alike.	Yes
ME14 4RD	Yes			Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					The access and parking are a real concern. No less than twice a week it can take me 30 minutes to get from Edelin Road to the kims roundabout as it is. No thought has gone into the extra 400 cars and impact it will have on locals trying to get to work. As it is primary parents will also need to walk their children to the school not just drop off so parking is a real worry.	Yes
ME14 4PS	No			Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings			Ware st is impossible as is, how on earth can two new schools and the accompanying traffic work? There is also no demand for another primary school in the immediate area meaning all pupils will arrive by road.	Yes
Me144jy	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					The access to this site can not be as proposed. Such a dangerous, slow road that is already overused and busy.	No
ME14 4AH	No		Community use of facilities							Snowfields	I have concerns about the infrastructure plans to support the influx of traffic associated with these developments as the current situation in Bearsted is unsustainable.	Yes
	Yes	Primary and SEN school places									I'm very concerned about the access being on bearsted road, the landway gets so congested at school pick up and drop off with arguments and road rage as well as dangerous parking. I really think parents will be parking along bearsted road and walking into the site, the site will get so congested and too slow to drop and leave. I think it will be a disaster to the community and access. 49 spaces will just not be enough.	No
											I am very concerned by the proposed access to be via Bearsted road. I live on Ware Street near The Ball and often find that the traffic is back up passed my house. I am very worried about the potential for 500 more cars on this stretch of road every morning. I know there are plans to improve the road infrastructure between KIMS and the A249 roundabout and I support this, but this doesn't help additional volume of traffic on Bearsted Road, particularly vehicles turning right. I take my daughter to pre-school at Pennies Nursery in Newnham Court in the morning. I drive as it is far too unsafe to walk due to volume and speed of traffic (vehicles regularly don't stop at the pedestrian crossing by Edelin Road) and the need to cross the road numerous times. I have to be at Pennies for 9am and often have to leave the house at 8:40 to get there on time due to the traffic outside my house. This journey should take under 5 minutes. I am really concerned how long this will take when the new schools are built. Due to the dangerous nature of the road and potential catchment area, I cannot believe many children will walk to school. I am not someone who complains for the sake of complaining and would never normally give feedback on something like this but it has concerned me enough that I feel I have to and I urge you to listen to the local residents to find a solution that doesn't impact on the community	Yes
ME14 4PG	No		Community use of facilities	Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site				Bearsted Primary	I understand the need for these schools and the facilities look excellent. However, the proposed access to and from the site and expected increase in traffic in an already busy area means that I do not support the proposals.	No
ME14 4BP	No	Primary and SEN school places		Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site				Bearsted Primary		
me144bb	Yes	Primary and SEN school places		Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools			High quality design standards			Bearsted Primary		
											Firstly, access to the site from Bearsted Road is not practical due to the amount of traffic that uses Bearsted Road. It already has traffic jams on it and extra traffic will be horrific. We would suggest that access comes from the roundabout and then behind KIMS to alleviate traffic problems. Also cars will be unable to turn right out of the suggested school access due to traffic and instead will just use our PRIVATE driveway to turn around in, which would be unacceptable. We would like a gate and sign erected on our driveway to prevent parents not only turning around but also parking on our PRIVATE driveway to drop their children off to avoid the school site. This gate would be at the cost of the developers. Secondly, it is very dark around this area due to no street lighting, therefore, if this proposal goes ahead, street lighting would be essential. Cars drive fast down this stretch of road (often breaking the speed limit) and without proper lighting, children will be at risk. Thirdly, we query whether building a school next to a mental hospital (which we are informed holds dangerous individuals) is advisable for the children's safety and the treatment of the patients. Fourthly, when we moved into Ash Tree Gardens, we were informed Pope's Field was going to be a nature reserve. Now apparently this is not so. How can change of usage happen without residents being informed or consulted? Fifthly, if the proposal goes ahead, we assume it would be let for the community to hire, which we would object to due to the disruption and noise in the evenings and over weekends. If however, our objections are ignored, we would like a curfew of 9pm due to us having children and any noise after 9pm would disrupt their sleeping.	Yes
ME14 5LB	No			Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings				
ME14 4LL	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings			Why have we closed schools in Maidstone sold land and now trying to put two schools in this location this would be madness.	Yes
											I entirely support the need to build more schools somewhere, and I agree that this plot of land would be suitable. However, ingress/egress to the school will have to be via the KIMS roundabout, because the Bearsted Road is a terribly busy commuter route (rat run) with narrow, dangerous pavements. I appreciate the plan makes provision for widening the pavements, but it is simply not viable to do this at the expense of narrowing the already terribly busy Bearsted road. It is also inconceivable that anyone should think that it would be acceptable to deliberately send an extra few hundred cars a day through the pinch point in the Bearsted road between the proposed school entrance and the KIMS roundabout (where the terraced cottages are). If my children went to this school I wouldn't allow them to walk to it via the proposed access.	Yes
ME158PH	No	Primary and SEN school places				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings		Bearsted Primary	The fact that two new schools are being built is great news and the designs look wonderful. However, it's the access road that concerns me. I use Bearsted Road twice daily and the traffic in the mornings is very busy. Surely access could be made from within the KIMS site? The Ashford Road is gridlocked and Bearsted Road will be too especially if cars are stopping to turn right.	Yes
ME15 8NX	No	Primary and SEN school places				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site	High quality design standards				The traffic from Bearsted Road is already too much and impact on local residents trying to move around the village is hard enough without this making a huge impact. Bearsted will be at a standstill. Ludicrous that this will be allowed.	Yes
Me14 4pu	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site				Bearsted Primary		
Me143jn	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site				Both		

Me144px	Yes	Primary and SEN school places				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site			Job creation	Bearsted Primary	Concerned about the parking situation and around drop off / pick up times how the local road network would be impacted. Ware Street is already a busy road in the mornings, if the entrance was off Ware Street then this would make the situation much worse for locals who use the road at those times	Yes
Me144pf	No										The access to the site has been proposed from Bearsted Road. This is a village access road which is gridlocked daily at rush hour already, without the proposed 400-500 additional vehicles travelling to and from the site. The access would seriously delay but only villagers travelling to & fro Bearsted village, but also sen pupils, causing additional journey time every day. This has not been thought through. A swift and efficient entry and exit to any sen school is necessary to avoid additional stress and upset to the pupils. The access via Bearsted road would cause significant delays every day to pupils and villagers alike. Travelling to the site can only be reached by car or taxi, causing pollution to the area, as there are no public transport links and walking would be dangerous given the pavements are very narrow. These cannot be widened as the roads are also narrow. We would strongly object to THE ACCESS being in Bearsted Road.	Yes
Me14 4qe	No	Primary and SEN school places	Community use of facilities			Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					I understand that due to the rapidly rising number of houses in bearsted another primary school is needed. However I do not think the proposed site is suitable. Most parents will drive their children to school because of the location. The Bearsted Road is already heavily congested every morning and afternoon during rush hour, often queuing past Hog Hill, all the way to the motorway at junction 7. Having the access to the new school on this road will result in many people parking as near to the school as possible adding to the already horrendous conditions of this small village. This is not only very unfair to local residents it also seems to be very unsafe.	Yes
Me145ua	No			Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site				Both	Extremely concerned re access from Bearsted Road. Traffic is already more congested on narrow road through the village and New Cut Road as well as from Junction 7 And Penenden Heath, even more so during peak times. Surely common sense must prevail for safety to all involved, either by relocating or providing safer access via the Kims road.	Yes
Me14 4pu	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					The access from Bearsted Road is a terrible decision. Have you seen that road in the morning. It already queues back from Kims to the Bell Pub. Add a school there with parent drop offs and you will grid lock the area. The road is a 40mph. It is narrow at times particularly by the cottages. Very badly designed. Please consider either another location or have access is the KIMS site.	Yes
ME14 5FL	Yes					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					The schools are needed, no question. The site is fine but the proposed access is not. It is imperative that parking and drop off is contained on site and that sufficient capacity is provided for this. The number of drop off points referred to sounds woefully inadequate for the numbers of children involved not least because I can foresee very few parents walking to that site. In addition, it is far from ideal that access is from the Bearsted Road and not via the medical campus as everyone had presumed when this site was first mooted. As I understand it, despite being called Bearsted Academy, the school will in fact, also be providing additional capacity for children from the new housing at the TV studios, from the north end of Vinters Park and the eastern parts of the Penenden Heath area who currently struggle to get places at their local schools. These parents will undoubtedly drive and if the access is as proposed then, as well as adding to the already congested roads, they will be trying to turn right across traffic approaching from the west to return home from the schools having dropped off/picked up. This will be carnage given the weight of traffic already using that road and would, I suggest, result in a log-jam of parents on the school site blocking the drop-off points irrespective of how you plan to stagger the arrival and departure times of the site users.	Yes
Me145ib	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings			This development does not have the support of local residents. The extra traffic, noise and pollution are unacceptable to an already dire situation. The proposed access road will cause havoc at peak times and increase pollution. Furthermore, building a school next to a mental hospital for criminals is a major cause for concern. KIMS have reneged on their planning permission to build a nature reserve on that piece of land, which was supposed to help block out the eyesore of their additional buildings. They are already defying a perfectly good idea from residents about vehicular access to the proposed schools through the KIMS entrance rather than from the Bearsted Road. This current proposal will cause havoc at peak times and add further to our misery (having lost the view over the field) we can now expect up to a further 500 vehicles a day using our private driveway to turnaround on, so they can travel back up to the KIMS roundabout as there will be no right turn out of the school access.	Yes
ME16 0ZS	Yes	Primary and SEN school places					High quality design standards		Job creation		I'm interested in job and career development opportunities at Bearsted primary. I think the school is in an ideal location for all stakeholders.	Yes
ME14 3JS	Yes	Primary and SEN school places								Bearsted Primary	Hello. Firstly I am so pleased that there are proposed plans for another primary school in Bearsted which following the expansion of the village and surrounding areas we are in dire need for. I have one question surrounding admission areas if you are able to give me more insight. I am currently a resident in Detling Village which as the crow flies is closer to the proposed site than most areas of Bearsted Unfortunately the children of the village are largely overlooked when school places are allocated as although we fall inside catchment for Thurham, Madgingford and St Johns we are rarely/never inside the admissions area. My question is then will children of Detling be given priority for places within the school? Thank you in advance for your attention.	Yes
ME15 8LL	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					I am incredibly concerned about the increased traffic and the entry point to the school being in the wrong place. This is NOT a site fit for 1 school let alone 2 schools. We do NOT need any more secondary schools in the area what needs to be done is bring ALL exciting secondary schools up to a higher standard then parents are more likely to be prepared to send the child to a school slightly further away. As for primary schools, we are very lucky to have some very good ones, and I understand they are over subscribed as they are so good, so yes I agree we do need another primary school but this is totally the wrong place to put one. Have you ever driven along this road in rush hour or school drop off or pick up? And not just once, you need to do it everyday say for at least a month. That way you'd get a proper picture of what it's like. The road would not be able to cope with this sort of traffic that the 2 schools would create. Everyone that could walk to the new proposed school live on grove green and they all seem to get into Thurham/ Roseacre or St John's so this is the wrong place for a primary school. It will create way too much traffic congestion and at the moment when I go down that road and that time of the morning I am queuing back to Averanches and taking 20 - 30 minutes to reach the KIMS / Notcutt roundabout (this I feel is already way too long for normally not even a 5 minute journey!). It's not just bearsted road it will cause congestion on all surrounding roads Ashford road / new cut road / ware street to name just a few. All developments need the road infrastructure in place before the work is started and if the road infrastructure can't take it the developments should not get the go aheads. Any new developments need to consider building a school, doctors and shops in the heart of the developments to accommodate needs of the residents. Please can I ask you all to OPEN YOUR EYES and look at the traffic this proposal will cause, the disruption to local residents and not look at the bank balance and the back handers you will receive. I AM TOTALLY AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL	Yes
ME15 8PP	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					There is little consideration for local residents and the impact of more traffic along Bearsted Rd., particularly during the rush hours and school drop off times. 90% of the time there are traffic jam outside our properties on Bearsted Rd., at these times, if this project is to go ahead I suggest that the road layout within the site be changed to make the road one way alongside the hedge line on the boundary and to go north and then south back in front of the school entrance. This would create double the drop off places and keep the traffic from waiting on Bearsted Rd. I also suggest there be a right filter lane facing west on Bearsted Rd. Better still move the school entrance further west to avoid constant traffic standstill outside of Ash Tree Gardens in the mornings. I have advised your plans to demonstrate this suggestion and will email them to you	Yes
ME14 5LB	No	Primary and SEN school places	Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools			Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings		Both	I agree with the need for more school places however I think that the current proposal to have access via Bearsted Road is severely flawed.	Yes
ME14 4QA	Yes					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site	High quality design standards	Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings			With the traffic flows, speed and site lines (visibility) on Bearsted Road, an alternative access point should be considered. From working within highways for 15 years, some of that being design related, I would have concerns over this access point with the volume of traffic that a school will attract. An alternative route should be considered for either the current KIMS site or maybe via Hockers Lane, both would allow safe access points	Yes
ME14 4PQ	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site				Bearsted Primary	I live in Edelin Road and the traffic at rush hour times is already horrendous, especially when there are problems on the motorway. To add two schools and the increase in traffic that will come with them is completely unacceptable. I have two young children that go to school in Bearsted and I understand that more school places are needed in Maidstone but this just is not a sensible site for them to be. It will be unsafe for children to be getting to school on such a busy road, particularly if the entrance has to be from the Bearsted Road. Why the schools couldn't be set further back towards KIMS and share access from there I don't know!	Yes
ME14 4RD	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings			We live in Edelin Road and the traffic on Bearsted road is a nightmare already. Building a school will make that 10 times worse and it is a ridiculous suggestion to build a school! There will be nowhere to park and traffic will be terrible getting in and out of Bearsted! We completely object to the building of a school on the site	Yes
Me14 4rd	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					Positive move forward to have mainstream and special schools on the same site. - inclusion and equality for all children no matter their needs	No
DA124TZ	Yes	Primary and SEN school places	Community use of facilities	Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools						Snowfields		

ME158NP	No	Primary and SEN school places	Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site				Both	I would support the need for new schools in the area but a revision of the entrance on Bearsted Road should be addressed as this Road is at a standstill most mornings currently. Also the pathways along the Bearsted road need to be continued on both sides to eliminate the need to cross twice to access from KIMS roundabout plus The road queues past the houses at the bottom of the road, widening the road where cars are parked would allow traffic to flow better. Get the infrastructure sorted first. I do not support these plans. The traffic along this road is terrible in the morning and it cannot sustain any further traffic, we will never get to work. This is not an accessible site for children to walk to school which is very bad for the environment and does not support children's health. The roads are already clogged, some days it takes me 20 mins to just get into the road. The site at KIMS is also increasing in size and there is an additional senior school so this cannot be the best site. Local schools are over subscribed but I believe not from people who live locally. I don't know anyone locally who didn't get their first choice of school in the last three years but this is due to the fact that the local schools are very high calibre and in demand. The site should be revisited and be positioned where it is needed. The consultation process has been very weak with local residents.	Yes
ME14 4PS	No				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings				Yes
Me158lu	Yes	Primary and SEN school places	Community use of facilities		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site	High quality design standards	Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings	Job creation	Both	Fantastic opportunity for the area to develop more inclusive and available high quality education.	Yes
Me144pu	No		Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings			I am a local resident and am particularly worried about the congestion which may be caused at drop off and pick up. Unless the site can accommodate all parent/carer cars during these times (and the current plans do not allow for this) the surrounding roads i.e. Bearsted Road are completely unsuitable. This is a main access road to the village and therefore cannot accommodate parking on it. There are already documented problems with cars parking increasingly on Ware Street. I do not object to the school being on this site if there is access from another road, more suitable to accommodate the additional traffic. To say, traffic free will be encouraged is admirable but naive. All schools in the area have parking problems at drop off and pick up times - please refer to local community police officer. The difference is, these are in residential areas. This proposed school sits on a narrow but main road which accesses the whole village. Safety must be primary concern.	Yes
SE3 0DX	Yes	Primary and SEN school places	Community use of facilities							The building and campus design look exciting and will provide an engaging learning environment for the students. It is evident that the local environment and surrounding area has been considered during the design phase as this is clearly reflected in the plans.	No
ME5 9JY	Yes	Primary and SEN school places	Community use of facilities		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site				Snowfields		No
ME158XN	Yes	Primary and SEN school places			Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site				Snowfields	The road access to the site is a concern if coming off of Bearsted road not sure the road will be able to take the daily extra traffic.	Yes
ME14 3PW	No	Primary and SEN school places		Support for local economy	Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					Road access should not be off Bearsted Road due to it being a narrow, extremely busy road. Even during normal usage at school times there are long queues on Bearsted Road. Re-routing the driveway out the back of the proposed site and linking up with the KIMS roundabout would be a much better proposal for everyone.	Yes
ME144HY	No				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings			Completely ridiculous to put two schools on a road that is already virtually impassable in the mornings. We are becoming trapped in Bearsted. You have no where near enough parking spaces, particularly as the ratio of staff to pupils is much higher in a SEN school. Also, I'm led to believe that there is not a shortage of school places in this area. It was only a few years ago that Detling school (about a mile away) was closed because there weren't enough pupils. Put the mainstream primary somewhere where it's actually needed, where there is suitable access and where there is enough space for parking and a decent playing field.	Yes
Me171JE	No			Support for local economy		High quality design standards				The building of these schools is just going to add more problems to the amount of traffic that already uses Bearsted Road and there will not be enough room to widen or add footpaths on Bearsted Road for children and adults to walk to the schools so parents will have to use their cars.	Yes
ME14 5JS	No	Primary and SEN school places	Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings			As a parent, I understand the need for more school places, however as working parents who use the M20 daily, my husband and I are very concerned about the amount of traffic already using the Bearsted road and congestion at the KIMS roundabout. I already try and avoid using these roads at rush hour and school drop off time, and I can only see that this will make the road virtually unusable. I have a further concern that the road is not currently fit to enable parents to walk their children to school - I avoid using this road to take my children to school in bearsted as it is very busy and dangerous, and on more than one occasion we have been absolutely soaked by inconsiderate drivers driving too close to the pavement in bad weather - this is partly due to the narrow lanes, the amount of traffic, and narrow pavements, with no-where to get out of the way of traffic hurtling along. Surely we would like to encourage parents to walk to the new schools, or even allow older children to walk by themselves, and I can't see that the current plans consider this option - I would suggest a bridge linking Weaving Heath to the new complex, with new footpaths over the Heath to grow green, to allow local parents safe access to the school - this would also reduce the amount of traffic and mitigate against further congestion on this road. I note from discussions that road access may be possible in the future from the KIMS roundabout which would be preferable, but I do think you should think more about helping parents to walk with their children - it is safer, healthier, better for the environment, and might mean that we can all still get to work on time.	Yes
ME14 4JH	No	Primary and SEN school places	Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings			Totally reject the access proposed from Bearsted Rd. Too narrow, too busy, too dangerous - please use the KMS site from the roundabout near Notcutts.	Yes
Me144bb	No		Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					Access leaving & entering the village would be very difficult at certain times of the day.	Yes
Me14 4bu	Yes				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings	Job creation	Both	Access from Bearsted Road - this road is quite narrow and gets busy at the best of times, can access not be from KIMS roundabout instead?	Yes
Me144PS	Yes		Community use of facilities	Support for local economy	Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					Feel that the provision for getting on/ off Bearsted Road are very poor. It is already a dangerous road to cross and provision of road surface would not make any difference	No
ME15 8PQ	Yes	Primary and SEN school places		Support for local economy	Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site				Bearsted Primary	The proposed access is bizarre and illogical and will be nightmare for parents and commuters. Bearsted Road is already a nightmare at certain times of day and when the the motorway is congested. It seems bizarre to not have access off the roundabout near KIMS. I think many locals support the school but do not support the access.	Yes
ME14 4BE	No				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site				Both	I feel that the new schools pose a risk to safety with extra motorist using this route. Drop off and pick up would be a danger zone. The area is already a busy site and more traffic is not going to help the area	Yes
ME14 4LI	No				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					This proposal is ridiculous that road is already very busy & by building a school this is just going to cause havoc & be very dangerous for the children being dropped off	Yes
ME14 4QL	No		Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					While new schools are important, the lack of thought over impact to Bearsted Road, traffic, lack of drop off for primary schools and unsafe walkway links to Grove Green and Vinters Park	Yes
ME144QL	No		Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					I have serious concerns regarding access to the schools as the road cannot take any more traffic as it is now and the idea that small children will be walking to the school will not happen. Go any morning or afternoon to The Landway and see the amount of badly parked cars for Thurnham and Roseacre and you will see that there is not enough space on Bearsted Road to take the amount of traffic plus parked cars the. Also is there a requirement for Bearsted to have any more schools as I understand that the three school in Bearsted meet capacity and will in the future? Surely there are other areas of Maidstone which are more needing in school spaces?	Yes
ME158UJ	Yes	Primary and SEN school places			Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site			Job creation		Access should be reviewed as the proposed access is ill thought out me the proposed mitigation measures are unlikely to improve the traffic issues in Bearsted Road.	Yes
ME14 4LT	No	Primary and SEN school places			Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site				Both	I am opposed to the proposal based on the access route indicated. Allowing the access from Bearsted Road is simply not justifiable - it's so dangerous and busy along that section already. It is not an area that parents can sit and wait for their children. The small number of parked cars outside Gidys Pond cottages already causes mayhem. The traffic should enter via the Kent Medical Campus road and have an access road of its own from there. I acknowledge a huge problem with school places in the area, however it is ironic to call it Bearsted primary school when it is situated outside of the village! Unless you create a preferential catchment zone for Bearsted families this school will cater for many children from across Maidstone that don't get a place at their local school - therefore increasing the traffic even more!	Yes
Me15 8np	No	Primary and SEN school places			Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					Having the entrance being off Bearsted road is absolutely ridiculous, it is a nightmare trying to get to the M20 in the mornings as it is using this road, if you then go and put the entrance to the schools on it then it will just make the problem even worse. Surely using Kims roundabout as the entrance would be far more sensible.	Yes

Me145jr	No	Primary and SEN school places	Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					I am in favour of the schools as we need school places, but the entrance to them is unrealistic and should be via the Kims site to avoid further traffic issues. This area already has to deal with heavy traffic, made worse by motorway issues when they occur. The entrance seems unworkable and will cause further delays.	No
ME14 4AR	No		Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					As a resident of Bearsted I wholeheartedly object to these proposals. The traffic in this area is already horrendous and building another school will make it so much worse. Bearsted already has a school with others close by and while I agree Maidstone need more schools I don't believe Bearsted is the best place for it. Bearsted is already a rat run and an additional school will make this worse particularly given that the proposed location is not walkable for almost anyone due to the dangers of the road, unlike Roseacre and Thurmanham	No
ME14 4QA	No				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					Bearsted Road is the main route in and out of the village, if there is not enough parking on site for drop off and staff parents will park on the main road which will cause disruption for local residents getting to work, with the M20 roadworks this is already happening and will be a constant problem. Bearsted Road is also a fast road with limited footpaths for children to walk and cross safely and for cars to pull in and out from the site.	Yes
ME14 4LH	No				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site	High quality design standards	Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings			I find that the access to the proposed site would be completely and utterly ridiculous on such a small already congested road. I also have concerns about having an ASD school next to a primary and with the adult 'personalities' disorder building next door. There's already 3+ schools in the area with another one being built by valley and another one being built in detting with the addition of 1,700 houses.	Yes
ME14 4QA	No	Support for local economy			Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings			We accept there is a shortage of school places, at all levels of education, in Kent but consideration must be always given to the infrastructure around any land chosen to accommodate new schools. This proposal does not appear to have taken into consideration the current enormous traffic problems in this area. The road from Kims roundabout, through the village of Bearsted out on to the main A20 is a busy road and also is regularly used by all types of transport, including lorries, whenever there is traffic congestion on the M20 and A20. Roadside parking outside Gidd's Pond Cottages adds to the chaos in this area. Adding an additional access/exit point on Bearsted Road to serve the proposed schools can only aggravate this situation as well as seriously compromising the safety of pedestrians, the majority of which will be children, due to the lack of suitable footpaths/road crossings and the narrow width of the road. Though parking and drop-off facilities are proposed this will not alleviate queuing, in both directions on Bearsted Road, to enter the site but also exiting the site will be almost impossible during the rush hours and in turn this will encourage busy working parents to drop their children outside the school grounds on Bearsted Road to avoid being caught up in the site traffic, thus adding to the congestion problems. An access road off Newham Court Way via Kims roundabout, with no vehicular access from Bearsted Road, could alleviate some of the traffic congestion but it is still our strong view that this site is not suitable for the proposed schools.	Yes
ME14 5SH	No									Nowhere on the feedback form is there space for anything but supportive comments, the 'consultation' appears to be biased; the proposals do not indicate how many pupils and staff would travel to and from the school each day; there is a development already taking place for a 1,200 pupil school a short walk away along New Cut Road, the adverse traffic implications from that development are expected to be significant; more school traffic at the same time of day will make an already bad situation worse; the suggestions of travel plans etc are simply a sop - the reality is that this is a dreadful location to walk to; building a school between a very busy motorway and a very busy A road will only result in children being exposed to excessive vehicle pollution; the Grove Green Estate is being converted into a massive school campus and yet the demographics of the estate are largely either retired couples or families with post school age children; if this is a Bearsted school, why not build it in Bearsted, not Boxley?.	Yes
Me14 5sh	No	Community use of facilities			Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					With the new school being erected at Valley Park (right behind our house) and the current traffic problems in the area before the school has even opened, 2 new schools in this area will create an even heavier burden on the roads in this area. Currently we have cars pulling up outside our house to drop children off to walk to valley Park school. The build requires careful consideration to keep the children walking to school safe, without the worry of additional traffic. The roads cannot cope with the traffic now let alone with 2 additional schools where the majority of the catchment will drive not walk to school.	Yes
ME144QA	No				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					I am a local resident living in Bearsted Park. I am deeply concerned about the locality of the proposed site and access point. The traffic along ware street at peak times is boarding on ludicrous at present, this becomes chaos when weather conditions are poor. It CANNOT sustain a site with potentially 500 pupils using Ware street to access it. In addition, the site is not an ideal locality for those in need of primary school places. The area which it will serve already has Thurman and St. John's primary school which has no problem gaining a school place. The residents near the village end of Bearsted are those in need of primary school places. Ware street is completely unsafe for pedestrians with inadequate pavements, crossing points and poor lighting. The allocated minimal parking for the site is a token gesture. This will result in parents parking along ware street causing more traffic and congestion. This is completely unfair to residents living in this community who need to be able to leave their house and commute with out the proposed disruption. It is also unfair on the children attending the school as they will have to rely mainly on cars to attend school. With a national obesity epidemic, we should be encouraging families to WALK to school, not sit in congested traffic on a daily basis. This will have a knock on effect on pollution levels and overall health and well-being of pupils and residents. In conclusion the proposal for the new schools are inadequate and unfit for purpose. The site needs to be located elsewhere due to the determination effects on local residents.	Yes
ME14 4QD	No				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site			Both		With regard to the safety of those accessing the site on a daily basis:- 1/ Parents delivering their children to school on foot will be required to negotiate the KIMS roundabout and three crossings of bearded rd en route to school. Imagine being a parent in charge of, say, three young children faced with keeping them safe under these circumstances. The road is to be narrowed to facilitate the widening of the footpath which will, inevitably, bring the traffic closer to pedestrians. The three road crossings are to be uncontrolled which, presumably, means zebra crossings without traffic lights. Clearly developers are aware of the amount of traffic using this road and the unacceptable level of congestion that traffic lights would cause. Traffic seems to be using Bearsted rd/Ware st to avoid the A20/Willington st junction. 2/ It would be naive to suppose that parents are going to exercise walking and car sharing to get their children to school. The reality is that every morning and afternoon something in excess of 300 cars/taxis/buses are going to access the site and attempt to park within it. In my opinion they will use Bearsted road to stop when the site is congested within. 3/ Currently the traffic is slowed by the parked cars outside the cottages on Bearsted rd. If these cars are relocated the traffic flow will be faster, posing a considerable hazard to the residents of the cottages when exiting onto such a narrow footpath. My conclusion, therefore, is that the access to the site at Popes Field makes it an unsuitable site for this development.	Yes
ME14 4QD	No				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					Bearsted Rd is already very busy with narrow footpaths on alternate sides of the road, requiring multiple crossings. There is insufficient parking and drop offs in your plan to cater for staff, taxis and cars for 586 children; there could potentially be more than 500 cars arriving at school start and finish. How will the 30 MPH restriction be policed? Widening of the footpath to cater for pedestrians will take away road width from an already narrow and very busy road and will still require multiple crossings on uncontrolled pedestrian crossings. Site access will be very dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists and car users. Your school travel plan will not work. Parents are not going to walk children to school along that busy road or allow them to cycle. Someone would be killed or injured within the first 6 months. Nor will car sharing take place as parents put convenience first. You do not explain how you will manage the behaviour of staff and parents in your car park management plan. The site is currently a 'Landscape Area' in the local plan as part of the Wider Kent Medical Campus planning permission - this should secure the site as a Nature Reserve and simply to try and shift that area elsewhere is not acceptable.	Yes
Me144qa	No		Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					Whilst I accept that schools are needed in Bearsted, the proposed site and access is a recipe for disaster. The road is incredibly busy enough at rush hour without adding school traffic to the mix. As soon as there is a problem on the motorway it can take 20 minutes to drive less than half a mile from Avenches to the KIMS roundabout (I know as I lived it one morning!), adding school traffic to a what can only be described as a Country Lane is ludicrous! It will be very unsafe for children and parents who may decide to walk, and those that will attempt to access those drop off spaces. Can you imagine the stress it will cause parents - they'll be arriving earlier and earlier to be able to park before dropping off and picking up. Parents that have done the school run know that happens! Increasing the footpath by Gidd's Pond cottages is frankly crazy. The parked cars create a traffic build up enough as it is, there's not enough room along the narrow lane, let alone moving them further into the road with the widening. I believe the residents experience clipped wing mirror damage etc. now this will only add to it. I don't understand why KIMS will not grant access or allow the schools to be built there, after all schools still offer employment which I believe is one of their reasons for denying it. I suggest at the very least a traffic survey is undertaken to understand the real problems, or YOU the planning committee and developers leave your offices and try for yourselves for a few weeks, and you'll understand how local residents feel!	Yes
ME14 5LE	No		Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings			1. Should not consider removal of Gidd's Cottages parking spaces UNTIL adjacent & secure parking spaces for residents and visitors have been established. Furthermore, widening of pathways will do nothing to relieve already congested adjacent roads, and there is no proposal for how additional traffic will be managed. 2. I would question the wisdom of locating primary & SEN schools next to Drug Rehab centre. Although supposedly secure this cannot be guaranteed (already experienced at least 1 "break-out" already). Don't think parents will be assured by this. 3. Immediate area already well-served by 3 existing schools at Grove Green (1 more to be built) and further 1 proposed for new Detting Hill residential development.	Yes

ME144JJ	Yes	Primary and SEN school places		Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					Both of these schools will provide much needed places in this part of Maidstone. After looking at the carefully thought through plans I can see the great benefits to the area that both schools will provide. In particular the specialist provision will meet the needs of young people on the autistic spectrum who are too vulnerable to be part of mainstream education. The right support for them to gain maximum benefit from their education is vital. There are also advantages in the community that the two schools together will create. The creation of places locally will be an excellent step forward so that young people with autism can be more independent in a setting as close as possible to their own community.	Yes
ME14 4HB	Yes	Primary and SEN school places	Community use of facilities								With an ever-increasing number of families with children moving into the local area, we really need more school places.	Yes
ME14 4HB	Yes	Primary and SEN school places					High quality design standards	Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings		Bearsted Primary		No
ME14 5AT	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					To have the access to this site on Bearsted Road is ludicrous. There is absolutely no way that parents of primary aged children will be able to just "drop off" their young children quickly so there will be extreme congestion. Collection time will probably be worse with many parents parking as close to the school as they can. I as an adult do not feel safe walking along this stretch of road into Bearsted, having to cross multiple times so how would a parent with a buggy (possibly double) and small children manage? One of your questions is to do with the community and this plan gives no thought whatsoever to the local community. Everyone who lives here is of the same opinion that the road is too dangerous and will cause further major congestion to what is already a congested area. There will be potentially a further 540 cars both morning and afternoon trying to squeeze through the narrow road, causing further tail backs and to assume that parents will walk is ridiculous when the road is so incredibly dangerous. No doubt this will all go ahead anyway despite the concerns of the community but in my opinion it will be a case of an accident waiting to happen!!	Yes
ME14 5TP	No										The pinch point @ Gidds Pond Cottages must be reclassified before the schools are built. The catchment area does not have enough houses contained within it to ensure pupils are walked to the schools. Vehicle numbers will be high thereby making the local roads much busier than they already are.	Yes
ME14 4QA	No	Primary and SEN school places	Community use of facilities	Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools							I cannot think of a more inappropriate and illogical site to locate these schools in regard to the communities they will serve. No parent will allow their kids to walk along Bearsted road - let alone cross it! Most kids will come by car. Much more dropping off areas are essential plus left turn and right turn slip roads. Footpaths along Bearsted Road need widening and, in places, provided.	
ME15 8NW	No			Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					Traffic impact along Bearsted Rod. Already very busy & a pinch point at peak times. Viat school nearby + increase in traffic @ junction off M20 = complete overload. Maidstone is already at gridlock, this can only compound it.	Yes
ME14 4PU	Yes	Primary and SEN school places		Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					In an ideal world access should not be from Bearsted Road. This road is congested at key times for school attendance and will be further affected by the additional school traffic on the Bearsted Road. I have some concerns for the pedestrian traffic. Uncontrolled pedestrian crossings will add to the traffic congestion at key times - consider pelican crossings so at least some traffic flow is maintained. With improved pedestrian access from Grove Green, consider having foot bridge access rather than having ground level crossings. I think drop off access on the site - on current plans - will not meet the volume of traffic when both schools are up and running. The work must ensure access to the Kim's site from road system. The plan does not anticipate motorway accidents when Bearsted Road is a rat run	Yes
ME16 0HX	Yes	Primary and SEN school places	Community use of facilities		Support for local economy						This is an excellent opportunity for local children. It will mean more children will be able to attend a local school and especially important for those with SEN. Being a part of a strong trust with a good reputation will ensure the students of these schools will be given excellent education provision.	No
ME9 8NY	Yes	Primary and SEN school places								Snowfields	SEN school placements are very much in need, currently children are being let down by having to attend schools far away from home or attend main-stream schools. I would prefer the school to be armed at SLCN parallel to ASD to meet the need for children with other SLCN needs.	Yes
	Yes	Primary and SEN school places				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site	High quality design standards	Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings		Snowfields	Looks like a fantastic facility and I fully support it. Snowfields will provide a fantastic environment for the most deserving children.	No
ME15 9AY	Yes	Primary and SEN school places		Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					I am particularly impressed that a main-stream primary and a special secondary are showing the same site reflecting how the trust values every pupil equally	No
DA3 8JZ	Yes	Primary and SEN school places		Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					There is clear evidence in the public domain that there is a marked need for an increased quality of SEN provision (see todays HMI annual report) and Snowfields will deliver a local answer to this frustrating problem.	Yes
ME14 4NJ	Yes	Primary and SEN school places	Community use of facilities			Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site				Job creation	School looks beautiful, can't wait to see the progress and all the great things it will bring to the community and the children in need of education.	
ME16 8AB	Yes	Primary and SEN school places		Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools		Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site				Both	Definitely needed for all places. Well designed and will bring employment to the local area. Progression for ASD children in primary schools locally which is a key issue currently.	No
ME14 5LB	No										This will increase traffic & pollution & noise outside our property & general area. This will reduce the value of our property as the beautiful view will be spoilt. This will make a future sale of our property.	Yes
ME14 4PT	No										It is a ridiculous place to build a school in an already very congested area. There are not enough children needing places in the immediate vicinity they will be travelling across Maidstone to attend the school.	Yes
ME19 6AT	Yes	Primary and SEN school places					High quality design standards	Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings			I believe that these schools will be an asset to the community. With all of the houses going up there must be a demand for school places, and the designs I have seen appear to be excellent. I think that the Snowfields Academy is in a good place as children with ASD will probably come from many places so close to the motorway junction will help them get to school more easily	
ME14 4pa	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					I am opposed to the traffic congestion this will cause, especially having the entrance on ware street instead of off the roundabout. Where will parents/carers park and wait to collect children?	Yes
ME14 4QE	No	Primary and SEN school places				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site				Bearsted Primary	Location in terms of traffic/parking is RIDICULOUS! Bearsted Road is busy at the best of times and it will make the road virtually impassable. I know there are the drop off spaces however there is not enough there to cope with the amount of cars you'll be expecting. This will form queues in to the main road and then cause other parents to stop on the main road to drop off. As KIMS are denying access via their site, the location should be reconsidered! Instead of building a Marks and Spencer at Eclipse Park off junction 7, why can the schools not be built there? There are better paths and street lighting for pedestrian access and a couple of routes into that area where the roads would not get congested.	Yes
BR1 3HB	Yes	Primary and SEN school places	Community use of facilities				High quality design standards				Another SEN school in Kent will provide support for many individuals with a range of needs. The plans for the school sound excellent and I look forward to hearing more about it!	Yes
Me144ps	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					If the entrance was from within the KIMS site I would not have a big issue, but creating a new entrance from the already stretched and manic Bearsted Road is simply absurd.	Yes
ME14 4pz	Yes	Primary and SEN school places				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site				Both	The current parking, drop off number of parking spaces will not be enough for schools and access does not appear safe or adequate for the school or other local road users.	Yes
ME14 4DG	No	Primary and SEN school places				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					I welcome a new SEN school in the near area but the road leading to this site is just not suitable for that amount of additional traffic in the morning or evening. It will be a nightmare to get in or out of the village.	Yes
ME14 5LD	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					As the only access will be from Bearsted Road, which I consider to be a dangerous plan, I do not think this is a suitable proposal for this site	Yes

ME14 4HU	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings			As much as I agree that we do need more schools in the area, I feel that the location of the proposed site is unsuitable. The main reason being that the road system in that area cannot cope. My daughter currently goes to St John's school in Grove Green, as we couldn't get her into our nearest school - Roseacre Juniors. The drive from our house near Bearsted to Green to St John's should take 10-15 minutes, however it can take anything up to 30-40 minutes if the traffic is really bad, sometimes even longer. This appears to be happening on a much regular basis these days! Queuing usually starts near the Hockers Lane junction and sometimes even further back towards the railway bridge in Bearsted. To place two schools on a site with an entrance directly onto an already very busy road with queuing traffic is a ridiculous idea and is asking for trouble. The proposal says that the schools will have drop-off spaces, but not sufficient for the size of the schools. Parents will end up parking on the road causing obstructions to the flow of busy traffic and creating a gridlock. Has anyone studied the traffic flow at school run time in this area to see how congested it gets along this road? I bet they haven't or if they have, the study was carried out during off-peak time. Why couldn't the schools be accessed via the KIMS site? Roads are already in place on that site and it wouldn't take much to add a section leading into the schools. This would also keep the traffic flowing. Add this proposal to the other secondary school being built near the Maidstone TV studios, the houses that are being built on that site, the proposal to add traffic lights on the roundabouts and widening the road between KIMS Hospital and Nottcuts Garden Centre, the proposed M&S Superstore on the Eclipse Park site and the smart motorway works continuing on the M20, that area is going to be a nightmare to navigate through. Traffic will be at a standstill on a daily basis. No one will be able to get their kids into school on time and will certainly be late into work. I don't understand why that location was chosen. Near Junction 8 of the M20 is a huge plot of land where they keep trying to build a warehousing depot. Why not use the land to build a school complex on? It's not in a built up residential area and easily accessible via the A20/M20. There would be plenty of scope to landscape it and make it an wonderful learning environment and it would keep the traffic away from the heavily congested area near KIMS. Bearsted and the surrounding area cannot cope with anymore, the life is being squeezed out of the place by the continuing building in the area and the excessive traffic. When we moved into Bearsted 15 years ago we were attracted by the rural feel and how quiet it was. Sadly this isn't the case anymore.	Yes
ME14 5LD	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					In my view, this is a totally inappropriate site for these schools to be built, given the only access will be on Bearsted Road. To be clear I support more school places, just not on this site with the proposed access from the Bearsted Road. It appears there has been a complete failure to anticipate demand for school places resulting in this knee jerk, compromise solution that is less than ideal. Early and detailed engagement and negotiation with the KIMS site owner could have identified a much better location on the site with safe access from the KIMS roundabout. This failure of strategic planning means we are now asked to accept a solution that has potentially dangerous and unsafe access and will cause further traffic chaos in an already congested area. The administrators and planners (presumably funded by KCC?) should hang their heads in shame. Until we learn to take a longer term and coordinated view of all capital investment needs for a given community we will just lurch from one tactical and politically expedient solution to another, with potentially ruinous consequences for our communities.	Yes
ME14 5UU	No	Primary and SEN school places			Careful consideration of site layout for co-located schools	Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					I think more information from the planners regarding how they are going to address the increased congestion along Bearsted Road and Ware Street that the addition of these schools will bring	Yes
ME14 4JG	Yes					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings		Bearsted Primary	The site access and reducing road size is crazy. The traffic in and out of bearsted is so heavy at rush hour and school times already. Where the school is being proposed parents will not walk their children to. Cars are going to be parked and causing hazards. The traffic on the Ashford road is heavy already so the whole village is going to be held locked.	Yes
Me14 4jp	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings		Both	I drive a disabled teenager to and from school every day from our home in Bearsted to Oakwood Park. I have no option but to do this journey daily due to my son's disability but if I did have have the option I would never drive in this area during school drop off and pick up times as it is grid locked most days. An alternative entrance to your site must be found as the current plan to have it on Bearsted Road is preposterous. Your plan will cause traffic chaos through this village. Please rethink this plan and utilise the KIMS site for access.	Yes
Me144jg	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings			I live very close to the site and have a child with asd who is currently having to go to school in Tunbridge Wells due to limited options available closer so I am very interested in Snowfields however the proposed entrance to the site is madness. Bearsted Road does not cope with the traffic now let alone with 480 pupils being dropped of and collected. Surly access from the KIMS sight would make far more sense with a pedestrian access point from Bearsted Road. Even with improvements to the footpaths it is not safe to walk along Bearsted Road let alone with the additional traffic and no doubt dangerous parking along the road by parents, which will happen. The plans must be revisited.	Yes
ME14 4PD	Yes	Primary and SEN school places				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings		Snowfields	How can you only provide 35 parking spaces for such a huge development. The chaos the cars will create on the Bearsted road will be horrendous, this is ill thought out. Entry should come off Kim's roundabout	Yes
Me144dn	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					Whilst I fully support the need for new schools the proposed location of this site is utterly ridiculous. Bearsted Road will be total gridlock at drop off and pick up times. The idea that 35 parking spaces is sufficient for upwards of 200 cars dropping off pupils within a 30min window is pie in the sky as I am sure you are aware but clearly you have no care for the local community.	Yes
ME14 5UU	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings			There is insufficient drop off capacity with the school grounds to accommodate the number of children to be dropped off in a short period of time. The proposals for safe access are insufficient to ensure the safety of those wishing to come by bike and on foot. The proposal does not contain sufficient improvement to Bearsted road to allow for the increased traffic volume. For a Forest school ethos the design should be more environmentally friendly, make better use of natural resources, less reliant on fossil fuels and have more natural materials as part of the building design. These requirements are already part of planning in other areas of the country.	Yes
ME14 5TX	No										Right school - wrong place. Today, Dec. 5th was a prime reason for my comment. Once again there were severe problems on the M20 that caused gridlock in the town. As a result traffic along Bearsted Road was substantially higher than normal as many vehicles used the road from the Tudor Park hotel to the KIMS roundabout through Bearsted rather than using the A20. When this happens it means that there is a CONSTANT stream of traffic through Bearsted and as such trying to cross that road anywhere along its length is extremely dangerous. The usual rush hours (although expand those to include around the lunch hours also) are almost as bad. It was the same on Monday Dec. 3rd although the problem then was caused by traffic problems elsewhere in the town which fed back to here.	Yes
Me145ld	No	Primary and SEN school places				Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site		Landscape design sympathetic to surroundings		Both	Access, safety for PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN getting to and from school. Weaving Heath is boggy from Decemberto April and there are reports of drug dealing (speak to local police to confirm).low lighting contravention for AW as minuted with Cygnet planning committee. construction piling impact on property ME145LD. HOUSES SHOOK on previous Cygnet site.sports field should not be used after dark (no flood lighting). Parents stress levels trying to deliver kids to schools at peak times. I have evidence of traffic queuing in front of my home 7.30am to 9.15am in particular, what happens when motorway issues call on use of A20 and Bearsted Road, why isn't junction 8 being considered? KIG has gone quiet. Leeds by pass needed. Where are children coming from for Primary since no coinciding development in area other than TVS studio site..are we preparing for future unknown to public development? Chaos in timing of development I e new Valley school..Leigh, junction 7 and Smart Motorway works. Passing pedestrians out side Gids Pond Cottages is precarious now. /12 a metre width to pavement and narrowing of road WILL cause accidents and build up of traffic in the area onto major road network. People pull onto my drivetodrop kids now so there's no doubt the traffic issues will impact dramatically on ME145LD properties and beyond including Dettling. Access must be from Newnham Court Road with a pelican crossing system	Yes
ME14 5UU	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					I came to the information evening and I support the need of schools but I strongly believe that the location is not appropriate. Children should be able to reach their school by foot (especially with the raising concern of the environment) and the site proposal is going to be a very dangerous access. The road is very busy and it will be adding serious traffic. Finally, I live on Shepherds gate drive and I could imagine parents parking outside our house to walk across the Heath (which is a swimming pool on rainy days). If you are building schools, the first thing that should be a priority is "safety".	Yes
ME14 5JN	No					Safe access, parking and drop-off contained on-site					There will be insufficient drop off places. Few parents will be walking. Many parents are able to walk to the Bearsted schools but there are still approx 60-70 cars picking up each day on surrounding streets. There will not be that opportunity at this new site. I think you have badly miscalculated and this will lead to congestion on Bearsted Road as vehicles are jostling for position.	Yes

