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The Local Authority has a statutory duty to plan and secure sufficient school places for their area to meet the needs of its children and families and therefore it is obliged to plan for the expansion of its school capacity.
 Mead primary is one of the schools approved to be considered for permanent expansion under the phase 4 of the school expansion programme to enable the LA meet the need for school places in the Harold Hill planning area.

Following the informal consultation and subsequent decision to publish statutory notice, the formal statutory consultation was undertaken for four weeks and ran from 22 September to 20 October 2017.

At the end of the statutory consultation, 3 objections were received via email regarding the proposal to expand the school. These comments and the proposer's response to these are as shown in the table below;

| Proposer's responses to comments received on the proposal to expand Mead Primary school to 4FE | | |
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| Objections /Comments from Respondents | Author | Proposer's Response |
| <p>Respondent 1</p> <p>Whilst I accept that expansions of schools are needed to deal with the influx of pupils within the borough, I am concerned that the additional places will result in increased parking issues for residents in Amersham Road.</p> <p>I wonder if any consideration has been given to deal with this particular issue. Increased school places result in increased cars, higher levels of traffic and create parking issues for our residents.</p> <p>I already receive complaints from residents about the level of poor parking by school parents and that an accident is waiting to happen within the vicinity.</p> | <p>Ward Councillor, Harold Wood, Hill & Park Residents Association</p> | <p>Traffic around schools is a national concern. We are also well aware of the current travel issues at the start and the end of the school day and we know increasing the school numbers will further compound this.</p> <p>A transport assessment will be conducted as part of the planning application process and any recommendations for improvement will be considered.</p> <p>Transport specialists could look to changing road users' behaviour as a way to reduce congestion and the school will have to review their school travel & transport plan which would raise awareness and a sense of responsibility, explore and promote a number of strategies to ease traffic and parking issues around the school.</p> |

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| <p>Respondent 2 An expansion from 3FE to 4FE is an expansion too far for a primary school in Havering and should be avoided in favour of building new schools and/or expanding smaller schools first, for educational reasons and due to adverse highway impact on the surrounding area. Therefore I object to the expansion of Mead as it will be used to justify expanding primary schools to 4FE throughout the borough</p> | <p>Ward Councillor</p> | <p>There is no evidence to suggest that smaller schools perform better than larger schools. One of the most important aspects of any school is its leadership and the quality of the teaching being delivered. Larger schools provide more possibilities to attract and retain high quality teaching staff. The wider range of staff recruited as a result of additional classes will bring with it an opportunity for the school to broaden the level of expertise and specialisms within its staff that will ultimately enhance the teaching and learning delivered at the school.</p> <p>The Council has no power to build new schools- all new schools must be free schools, funded by Central Government and free from Local Authority control. Even if the LA were to pursue a free school for Harold Hill, the LA would have to identify (and if necessary purchase) a viable site in order to enable this. But there remains an uncertainty regarding how future free school waves may work and when they will be announced. The Harold Hill area already has one free school that opened in September 2015- Drapers' Maylands.</p> <p>There are 8 schools in the Harold Hill planning area (counting Infant and Junior schools as one). Four of these are 3FE schools, one is a new free school and one is a Catholic School with an intake limited largely to only Catholic pupils taken from a wider area and so would not meet the need for the additional local places required. Of the remaining two, due to site constraints, an expansion to 3FE would be difficult and challenging.</p> <p>Traffic around schools is a national concern. We are also well aware of the current travel issues at the start and the end of the school day and we know increasing the school numbers will further compound this.</p> <p>A transport assessment will be conducted as part of the planning application process and any recommendations for improvement will be considered.</p> <p>Transport specialists could look to changing road users' behaviour as a way to reduce congestion and the school will have to review their school travel & transport plan which would raise awareness and a sense of responsibility, explore and promote a number of strategies to ease traffic and parking issues around the school.</p> |
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| <p>Respondent 3 I wish to associate myself with the comments made by the Ward Councillor above reading this proposal.</p> <p><i>“An expansion from 3FE to 4FE is an expansion too far for a primary school in Havering and should be avoided in favour of building new schools and/or expanding smaller schools first, for educational reasons and due to adverse highway impact on the surrounding area. Therefore I object to the expansion of Mead as it will be used to justify expanding primary schools to 4FE throughout the borough”</i></p> | <p>Deputy Leader of the Independent Residents Group</p> | <p>There is no evidence to suggest that smaller schools perform better than larger schools. One of the most important aspects of any school is its leadership and the quality of the teaching being delivered. Larger schools provide more possibilities to attract and retain high quality teaching staff. The wider range of staff recruited as a result of additional classes will bring with it an opportunity for the school to broaden the level of expertise and specialisms within its staff and will ultimately enhance the teaching and learning delivered at the school.</p> <p>The Council has no power to build new schools- all new schools must be free schools, funded by Central Government and free from Local Authority control. Even if the LA were to pursue a free school for Harold Hill, the LA would have to identify (and if necessary purchase) a viable site in order to enable this. But there remains an uncertainty regarding how future free school waves may work and when they will be announced. The Harold Hill area already has one free school that opened in September 2015- Drapers' Maylands.</p> <p>There are 8 schools in the Harold Hill planning area (counting Infant and Junior schools as one). Four of these are 3FE schools, one is a new free school and one is a Catholic School with an intake limited largely to only Catholic pupils taken from a wider area and so would not meet the need for the additional local places required. Of the remaining two, due to site constraints, an expansion to 3FE would be difficult and challenging.</p> <p>Traffic around schools is a national concern. We are also well aware of the current travel issues at the start and the end of the school day and we know increasing the school numbers will further compound this.</p> <p>A transport assessment will be conducted as part of the planning application process and any recommendations for improvement will be considered.</p> <p>Transport specialists could look to changing road users' behaviour as a way to reduce congestion and the school will have to review their school travel & transport plan which would raise awareness and a sense of responsibility, explore and promote a number of strategies to ease traffic and parking issues around the school.</p> |
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