

# School Expansion Proposals – Update 7.7.08

## Consultation deadlines

Primary review – **18.7.08**

IRIS consultation on Sefton Park Expansion proposals – **25.7.08**

## Open meeting (held 30.6.08)

The meeting was held to enable the schools' governors to hear the concerns of stakeholders about current expansion proposals, ahead of their own discussion of the Local Authority's proposals. It also enabled those present to engage with other concerned parties. The following is a summary of the points of concern raised.

- Difficulties with expanding on what is already a small site
- Current lack of outdoor space likely to get worse
- Loss of advantages and ethos of small schools
- Other options for providing extra places in the area have not been fully explored by the LA
- Lack of information from the LA
- Loss of valuable community buildings (scout hut and youth centre)
- Disruption during building works and pressures of timescale
- Difficulties of access and car parking
- Brunel site (originally reserved for a one form entry school) may revert to developers if no school is built on it

A fuller account of the meeting is available on the school's website:

<http://www.seftonparkschools.bristol.sch.uk/>

Hard copies to take away will also be available from the school office

## Governors' role

Governors are responsible for the strategic direction of the school. To do this governors act as individuals in what they believe to be the best interests of the school. They do not 'represent' a particular group of stakeholders although they will bring a particular perspective to their role, as a parent, a member of staff, a member of the local community or as a LA appointed governor. As part of their strategic role, governors must consider the impact of their actions on the wider local community. They will be debating the expansion proposals later in July, having engaged with all key groups, and the LA, so that they have as much information as possible on which to base their discussions.

## Parents Meeting

A group of parents have organised a meeting at the school, for parents and carers, in relation to the expansion proposals:

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm in the Infant School hall**

There is also an e petition, again organised by parent on the council's website:

<http://epetitions.bristol.gov.uk/view/seftonparkexpansion>

## Residents Group

Local residents have a website which gives their perspective on the proposals:

<http://www.ashleygrangeresidentsorganisation.co.uk/>

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