

Brunswick Park Meeting 30.3.10

Re: School Boundary Proposals

[section 40(2) – FOIA], [section 40(2) – FOIA], [section 40(2) – FOIA], [section 40(2) – FOIA], [section 40(2) – FOIA]

Reviewed boundary proposals and answered outstanding questions regarding pedestrian/school entrance, signage, etc.

The following was agreed:

- Boundary proposals are fine although [section 40(2) – FOIA] is to double check the following with design team:
 - extending fence boundary to 3 meters rather than 2 meters
 - compliance issues around the side door being a fire exit
 - is boundary at front to protect existing tree?

Note: Understand there may be issues with 3m boundary at 'bottleneck'; perhaps design could be 3 meters everywhere except the 'bottleneck'

- School want to be involved in decision about type of fencing
- Project will widen path around the school where boundary is being modified and fences erected
- Project will enhance staff car park with reinforced grid system
- Pedestrian access and signage fine

Note: There is currently a sign by the roundabout which will also need to be replaced.

General Information/Comments:

Access Road: There will be a fence between the access road and the school in effort to discourage parents parking and walking up the access road as we don't really want parents to do this. Other than that the road will remain as is and may be revisited as part of a later phase.

Management of car park, traffic, etc.: expect this will be raised as a planning condition. Head Teacher agrees that a barrier at the bottom of the road would likely be more trouble than its worth

Conversation to be followed up at meeting schedule for 26.4.10

Q: Phase 1 implication on school nursery?

A: When we get to the point we will look at the need. Need survey carried out a few years ago prompted the debate about demand and at the time that area was relatively well served but when we got to the point of commissioning we would look at the demand again as we know demand has increased with birth rate, etc.

Q: Opportunity here to work jointly, interact and start integrating discussion between the new facility and the school.

A: This was the main reason the design has the Children's Services nearest the school so links could be made. Agree there is an opportunity: Val will speak to Stav about building relationships between Children's Centre activities and ensuring activities aren't being duplicated. Over time join everything together and everything seen as a hub. Sign posting will be pointing towards activities in the school (good way to engage the school, signage integrates the entire site) will be important in Phase 1. No reason we can't have gates, shared play time, hydro pool, run things in library, etc. Make sure we keep talking about the entire area as a hub rather than the new facility and the school as separate.

Q: Pupil placements - how actively will funding be sought.

A: Colidale area is the biggest need so if 10million landed in lap it would go there. BP is the emerging pressure. Funding announcements will be made in November and go from there. Potentially we have to speak to councillors about borrowing; just now looking at that. All on hold until after the election.