

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Simon Newland
Sent: 01 November 2013 11:00
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI - FW: Harpenden Parents Group support for Site F

Re FOI request

From: Pauline Davis
Sent: 11 October 2013 11:35
To: Simon Newland; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Harpenden Parents Group support for Site F

We heard yesterday for the first time that John H isn't planning to make a free school bid now until May 2014. I don't see why you can't refer to the Reach example of where the EFA has found temporary accommodation pending the resolution of permanent provision, and therefore why a bid for 2015 wouldn't be made.

Pauline

From: Simon Newland
Sent: 11 October 2013 10:24
To: [REDACTED]; Pauline Davis
Subject: RE: Harpenden Parents Group support for Site F

I think I will set out a line on this, in the form of a briefing note to Chris H for the

CPO for the site without funding, and we cannot realistically expect any other form of external funding or for it to be funded by HCC. So it is worthwhile investing the effort in a bid.

2. If the bid fails, then we will pursue whatever route is then open for providing new Free Schools. It may be that there would be a further round of Free School bids. It may be that there is a further round of TBN. The government may introduce a new programme. None of these are at all certain. However, we suppose that there will eventually be some route by which new secondary schools might in theory be provided.

3. We do not have a plan for how the school might open on a temporary basis. this is a critical problem, and may prove to be insoluble. One option would be to open on one of the existing school sites, but that depends on the consent of that school -- one of the reasons why they are key partners. I expect that all of them would be reluctant to do this. It is an idea we raised in SW Herts with Clement Danes, and got a cool response.

I will also do an update on the meetings and Free School company work -- [REDACTED], anything to add on the LP process round baldwins lane?

Simon Newland

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FYI - Not quite sure how to answer this one.

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From: Teresa Heritage
Sent: 10 October 2013 17:35
To: Pauline Davis; [REDACTED]
Cc: Chris Hayward
Subject: FW: Harpenden Parents Group support for Site F

Dear both

Please see this email from HPG. Nothing new, but giving support.

Naturally they are asking about the transition years. I have articulated what John Harris told David, Maxine and I met with him and discussed the process (hopefully the Dof E accept the bid, then work with the consortium to find temporary accommodation) but what happens if the bid is rejected next year – where does that leave us? Are you thinking about this scenario? They will ask!

Regards

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 09 October 2013 22:08

To: Teresa Heritage; David Williams; Maxine Crawley

Subject: Harpenden Parents Group support for Site F

Dear Teresa, David and Maxine

I wanted to get in touch with you to pass on the current thoughts of Harpenden Parents Group on the proposed Secondary School Site on Common Lane.

As you know, we've been requesting Herts CC to come forward with the plans to deal with the future Secondary school deficit and as you'll probably have seen in the local press we welcome the announcement that HCC will buy a site and it is our group's collective view that the proposed site F is the most viable of all the considered sites and that this site meets one of the key aims of our group which is for new school places to be close to the areas of most demand.

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The group is also interested in any other practical ways we can support the new school. I heard David state on Sunday at the All Saints Meeting

year groups some more detail of what the proposal will look like – where the possible locations are for the temporary classes, what the facilities would be like etc. I realise that the proposals may not yet be fully worked through but the thought of a possible temporary solution is tempered by a real concern that the temporary solution will mean 2 years of unsatisfactory schooling for affected children. I'd happily pass on to our group any more information you can provide here.

Best regards

