

Appendix 2: Responses to Consultation

Proposal	Response	Respondent
<p>Warrender</p>	<p>First Communication:</p> <p>I read with some concern the proposals to expand Warrender School (in the local press and on the website), whilst respecting the need for good education facilities.</p> <p>I am surprised that a school in this location needs to double in size given the unlikely increase in residencies in this local area. The prospect of double the amount of school traffic/parking is far from welcome. What is the catchment area for this school now and envisaged for the expanded school? What principles will be applied for admission, and what procedures are in place to ensure only local children (who generally will not need vehicle transport to/from school) will be entitled to attend? Are staff parking facilities (off public road) adequate? Are any local traffic/road changes envisaged?</p> <p>With developments in South Ruislip and the prospect of HS2, travel in Ruislip generally is becoming time consuming, unpleasant and unhealthy.</p> <p>Second Communication:</p> <p>The traffic aspect remains my main concern, not only for local residents but also for the safety and health of students and others going about their everyday business at school arrival/departure times. xxxx journey xxxx on-board a xxxx bus from xxxx to Mount Vernon xxxx took over an hour during the morning 'rush hour' clearly due to congestion caused by 'school traffic' at several stages of the route.</p> <p>Clearly traffic and parking has to be specifically and carefully considered in any school expansion planning - especially whilst a 'two mile catchment area' is possible, and probably also where lesser catchment areas are more likely. There are several primary schools within a two mile radius of Warrender School, and some (e.g. Lady Bankes, Coteford, Field End, Whiteheath, BWI) with 750m overlapping radii. I am aware all have traffic/parking problems; but Warrender appears to have</p>	<p>Resident</p>

	<p>considerable constraints on expansion.</p> <p>I do not dispute the need for quality education to be high on the agenda. But quality of education includes the ability to provide adequate parking and travel for high quality staff and safe and healthy travel for students and any parents who consider it necessary to drive their children to school. Therefore I urge Hillingdon Council to address this issue in respect of any school expansion - especially for those currently planned in Ruislip and Northwood. An overall plan to discourage car travel to/from school should also be seriously considered. (I am aware of the program to install camera monitoring of school entrances; this may help but also can extend the geographical extent of the problem.) If the Council feel they are legally constrained in this respect, I would urge them to make representations to the appropriate government department(s).</p> <p>Please ensure these comments are presented in respect of the current school expansion proposals and, in a general context, to the Education and Transport Divisions of the Council.</p>	
Warrender	Concerns regarding the impact on its pupil numbers	Local headteacher
Warrender	I would be grateful to receive copies of the expansion proposal as per the consultation paper of 18 January 2017.	Not stated
Warrender	My xxxx attends the school but we live in xxxx and will back on to the xxxx extension. Can I confirm the large established trees within the school boundary that I would suggest were there long before the school will not be knocked down. I am assuming the build will be on the current junior playground. We live at xxxx and have the wooden climbing frame from the school close to our xxxx. Do you know how far away the new build will be from our xxxx?	Parent/resident

Warrender	<p>We note the plans to expand Warrender school.</p> <p>Flooding Concern</p> <p>The site slopes steeply down from the South to the North, it also slopes more gently down from the West to the East.</p> <p>We are concerned that existing flooding occurs on the school grounds, and the proposed building and subsequent tarmacking of the field in the North East corner will lead to flooding of the houses on the North East corner of the site.</p> <p>Currently the field is banked up which forces water off the field and into the gardens on the Ridgeway (even numbers) and down into the back gardens of the houses on Eastcote Road (Numbers 124-140), these gardens can barely cope at the moment with the runoff from the school. The direction of rainwater is shown on my below diagram with the orange arrows.</p> <p>Furthermore, your depictions of the houses on Eastcote Road are not correct, all of these houses has extensions which touch one another, meaning that there is no space of any extra water to escape (indicated by the stars below), if the school builds further and does not ensure adequate drainage, our houses could be flooded.</p> <p>At the moment the school has problems with drainage, meaning it is rare that the children use the field due to it being waterlogged. Building over further land and school field will only make this situation worse.</p> <p>When it rains the afterschool building floods, this is not nice for staff or children and the schools own drainage problems and the impact it has on surrounding properties should be managed even without the planned building works.</p> <p>Our specific questions we would like answered are:</p>	Resident
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- Specific data on how the extra water on the areas tarmacked over and built upon will be negated, especially when there is no way for this water to escape between houses due to extensions which have been added over the years.
- How the proposed groundworks and tarmacing will be managed and the impact on our properties from flooding monitored as the work progresses?
- What emergency measures will be taken to remedy should flooding of surrounding properties increase? The run off onto gardens on the Ridgeway and Eastcote road should be negligible currently, but this is not the case. These houses and gardens act as an existing run off for the school, they should not be.
- Specific data on how the drainage will be improved along the boundary of the school with properties on Eastcote Road and the Ridgeway.
- How the building works seeks to remedy the existing problems of a continually waterlogged field that the children rarely use, even in summer?
- How the building works will remedy existing flooding problems in school buildings, for example in the afterschool club which constantly floods?

We urge you consider tarmacking over the opposite corner of the field backing between Windmill Hill and Eastcote Road as this would provide more surface area for water to soak away as it travels downhill from East to West.

We urge you to put a drain along the border of the school and the Ridgeway to catch the runoff from the school before it hits the gardens on the Ridgeway before hitting the back of the houses along Eastcote Road.

Our houses can't cope with more water from the school and the current situation must be

	<p>managed. Here is an annotated diagram of the current water flow (orange arrows) which will get worse with the building, and stars to highlight the flaws of these virtual reality drawings and underlying plans which give the impression gaps exist between houses which is not the case and extensions have effectively terraced them over the years:</p> <p><i>Illustrative diagram was also included in this response.</i></p>	
<p>Hillside</p>	<p>I am writing to air my concerns regarding the expansion of hillside school.</p> <p>Whilst I fully support the expansion, I have real concerns about how the traffic flow and parking is going to be handled. They have introduced more yellow lines around the school and there is never anywhere to park. Northwood Way is too narrow to deal with residents parking, school drop off parking and then the buses that are routed down this road. There is every opportunity to widen Northwood way and to have parking bays for parents to park to run their children into school and residents.</p> <p>However it is not just parking that is an issue. If the school is going to take on these additional pupils, the whole road infrastructure needs to be reviewed, especially with the amount of schools we have around Northwood/Northwood Hills.</p> <p>Since they redeveloped Northwood Hills and reduced the openings on to the roundabout, increased the pavement size and placed a centre boulevard in the middle of the road it now takes xxxx 20-25 minutes to drive from xxxx at the bottom of Joel St to Hillside. Most of this time is spent sitting in traffic towards the roundabout. If a car breaks down or an emergency vehicle needs to get through they can't!!</p> <p>I would strongly recommend that all roads and parking in and around hillside school is looked at and that this is planned carefully to manage the additional amount of cars and parents dropping off their children.</p> <p>This has been an ongoing issue for years with Hillside. Perhaps now is the opportunity for the council to get this right.</p>	<p>Presumed resident</p>

<p>Hillside</p>	<p>I've been forwarded an email from Hillside Infant School regarding its expansion and the ability to comment on the matter. I know that my comment and opinion will not really matter and the expansion will go ahead regardless but I still like to voice what I have to say.</p> <p>Hillside Infant and Junior School has been known to all residents as a small community school with a family feel to it. Many parents chose the school because of the fact that it's small and children can be monitored closely. As I work in xxxx schools, I'm aware of the fact what it's like to have a child in a big and small school. This expansion caused many parents to leave Hillside, some still consider it (such as myself) and the unhappiness of the parents' carries across the school.</p> <p>The fact that only Hillside Junior School will be rebuild doesn't make the situation better as Infants' Ofsted report needs sprucing up and be the first on the Hillingdon's Council to do list. The tight budget of Infant School is ridiculous and quite frankly, shameful as there is no room for things that Ms Fennell needs to do with the school so she can improve it to a 'good' standard.</p> <p>I hope that Infants will get as much from the expansion as Juniors, meaning re-building the existing school inside and out as the school is in terrible state.</p>	<p>Presumed parent</p>
<p>Hillside</p>	<p>I am a parent of a child in year (<i>infants</i>). I have some concerns about the new build, however, I am thrilled that it's taking place at long last.</p> <p>Please be assured I'm not against the project at all, but these concerns are legitimate and now that we parents have been asked to engage with the LA about it, I'm glad to share my viewpoint.</p> <p>Firstly, during the new build, will the traffic around drop off and collection times be controlled? If so, how? Will parents still have access? I'm sure you know how impossible parking has become around there even with the small amount of pupils currently at Hillside. How will you provide sensible and functional drop off points or parking for parents, both during the build and after? This is very important to me as I xxxx and xxxx and can't find a close spot to park so that my walk is not so far. Also, the <i>Zebra crossing outside the school is very often violated by angry fast drivers</i> who either edge over the stripes to intimidate parents into hurrying up or carry on driving when you have</p>	<p>Parent</p>

	<p>only gotten half way across! I am happy to film this for you and submit as evidence as there have been so many close calls and I'm very worried this will get worse when the roads are full of work lorries for the new build. Could you consider staggered drop off times so only a portion of parents come at a time reducing congestion? Or look at having a school bus for a while? Or even a turning circle?</p> <p>Secondly, <u>the current school will almost certainly contain asbestos</u>. How will you carry out the refurbishment of the old school? Will the children be safe? I know that even hard banging can disturb asbestos through vibration, so how will you proceed with this ensuring the safety of the children? (Of course, I know things will be done correctly, but I would personally like to be reassured by knowing <i>how</i> it will be done). I would not wish my <i>child</i> to be in the school while building is going on, where asbestos is present, as there is a chance of xxxx inhaling the material. So I am hoping most of the work would be done during school holidays.</p> <p>Thirdly, the walkways and general outlay of the grounds, especially in the infants' areas are no longer suitable for modern use. There are so many prams and siblings that come along with their parents to the school to collect or drop off, but there is no space to move past each other! There have been many collisions between children and adults due to impracticality of the layout. Many are in a rush and barge past one another. In my opinion, it needs to be a more open space. My first suggestion is taking away the folly of a random green area outside year 1 with a stagnant pond. It isn't pretty and it's right in the way of the walkway. With more students coming this will become a major issue. It could benefit from being landscaped better. Would you consider including this in your refurbishment?</p> <p>Thank you for reading my concerns. I hope they weren't too annoying. As I said, I'm on your side with this new project and would love the children to be able to enjoy their time at Hillside. And that's the only reason I've expressed my concerns.</p>	
<p>All proposals</p>	<p>I commend the plans to enlarge Hillside Infants and Junior Schools and Warrender Primary School. The case for justification is compelling.</p>	<p>Not known</p>