

Surbiton Primary – all comments

<p>Quality primary level education is a major concern for many families in the area.</p>
<p>A three form entry would be better to avoid increasing Grand Avenue. St Matthews is very close to oversubscribed Maple and so I agree with that, and it would still be small. Grand Avenue has too many "commuting" pupils and so this will only get worse if the school expands.</p>
<p>I have a pre-school child and am concerned about the lack of primary school places.</p>
<p>The report does not clarify how many places are taken by children from outside the Borough. If these are considerable you should consider how it can be reduced. The transportation involved could be contributing to climate change? Surbiton Hospital provides many useful services at fairly short notice with adequate free parking. A polyclinic would not do so.</p>
<p>Too many people already.</p>
<p>Not an ideal site or mix of people - noise generated by children for example. Also this will add to the already dire traffic problem in this area.</p>
<p>I think it is an inappropriate combination of services on the same site. I think it should be on another site, or why not expand another existing school? (Not using "huts" though, through extension building).</p>
<p>We wish to register our opposition to the proposal that will result in a polyclinic and a 400+ primary school sharing a relatively small piece of land. At the consultation meeting held on 29th March, much was said to convince the general public of the synergies and mutual benefits of a large primary school nestling close to a large and busy polyclinic, including a shared cafeteria! We do not agree. When confronted with any number of configurations, commonsense alone dictates that a school/clinic mix must be a non starter. Other major concerns include: Access to school by way of narrow side roads, a recipe for gridlock, road rage and accidents. High noise levels of young children not conducive to a hospital environment. The demolition of Victorian villas in a conservation area will be vehemently opposed. Potential problems concerning extant covenants on land usage could require new legislation. Size and land area of polyclinic not yet fixed. Therefore actual area for school not known. Size of outside play area is realistically too small for a 400+ place school. Proximity of vulnerable young children to a large public utility not desirable. Suggestions that infants will walk to school to relieve traffic congestion, unrealistic. "Berrylands" catchment area requires infants to cross the busy Ewell Road. Council's lack of credible "Plan B" is a real worry. We would ask that the sites on the eastern side of the Ewell Road are investigated once more, and that a proposal to develop the Surbiton hospital site should include a sheltered housing development, alongside a new polyclinic. This would continue to be a proper use of this land originally donated by the residents of Surbiton in the 1930s.</p>
<p>You are in breach of government and EU law on providing alternative best value for money sites. Remember 2020 and Hammerson!</p>

Regarding the proposed school: I think the local residents' views and those who have links with the original subscribers should be very much considered. I would be more in favour of a Residential Care Home in well tended gardens. This would be more in keeping with what the generous people who built Surbiton Hospital would like to see.

It is essential that the current high proportion of church influenced schools is reduced to reflect more fairly on the community's values and reduce the game playing which many parents turn to. There must be more "community" school places in Kingston borough.

The Surbiton Hospital site best serves the areas with least choice regarding Primary schools (north Berrylands and Cranes Park). It is also accessible and close to the transport hub of central Surbiton for parents to combine drop offs with travel to work. The new school should not be faith-based. It must offer equal access to all the areas children irrespective of faith. Admission criteria for most of the areas existing primary schools discriminate against atheist children whilst taking significant public funding - this situation should not be exacerbated.

I strongly support building on the unneeded half of the hospital site, for the following reasons. **1. Funding:** Hard fought emergency funding has already been obtained from Central Govt. **2. Planning:** a planning agreement has already been drawn up with the Kingston NHS for the joint development of a polyclinic and primary/nursery school. **3. Size:** it's the only site available that meets Govt minimum size recommendations. **4. Location:** the site is closest to the area that has historically suffered from unmet demand, i.e. north Berrylands, Cranes Park / Burney Avenue. The best way to minimise congestion is to locate school places close to where they are needed, maximising the numbers walking to school. The hospital site will be very popular with working parents commuting from Surbiton Station. Instead of a triangular home-to-school-to-station commute, parents will be able to do the drop-offs as they go straight to the station. **5. Delivery Date:** it is the only permanent solution deliverable by 2012. **6. Future Needs:** The hospital site provides capacity for the Surbiton town area, as well as Berrylands. The town centre is likely to see continued growth in new housing. Indeed, there are plans to build more than 200 apartments on the station car park site, almost next door to the proposed new school site. --- Drawbacks: I don't think that the council's plans go far enough to fully solve Surbiton's shortfall in primary school places. At last year's consultation meeting, RBK said that they needed 150 extra places annually in Surbiton. The new school will provide only 60 of these, with a further 30 at Grand Avenue and 15 at St Matthews giving a grand total of 115, i.e. 35 short of the 150 required. RBK presumably seek to address this shortfall by providing an additional 30 permanent places at King Athelstan in central Kingston, but surely these could be provided closer to Surbiton at either St Matthews or Christ Church. It is clear from scatter maps that the shortage of places in Central Surbiton is exacerbated by local children being displaced from Christ Church by those from further afield on religious criteria. Given this, it makes more sense to expand Christ Church, not Grand Avenue. Additionally, any new school must be non-denominational.

Having within the last week received your brochure "transforming education" I am writing regarding the proposal for a new primary school on the site of Surbiton Hospital. I attended the public meeting on the 24th March and was dismayed to find that there was no discussion or indeed planned discussion for any other use of the surplus land. I would like to know when we are going to have democracy action via a comprehensive public discussion of all the option for this site. With the entire evening given over the proposed new school it would appear that the decision has already been taken and that the meeting was an exercise in "going through the motions". The recent Liberal Democrat newsletter displaying a photograph of Ed Davey with Lib Dem councillors taking the credit for a new primary school on this site reinforces public feeling that this is a done deal. Rail roading the local community destroys trust. My parents were among the many who contributed to the building of Surbiton Hospital and our voices should be considered. I would also point out that without being told by a helpful neighbour. I would have been unaware of the meeting, as those of us in the immediately surrounding roads and therefore most affected by the outcome did not receive invitations. My concerns are 1. I am very much against Oak Hill being used as access for a school. It would cause fare too much congestion. As a resident of Oak Hill road i have daily experience of congestion arising from Oak Hill Health Centre and do not want an increase in the problem 2. There is no indication as to what form the proposed ne four storey residential building would take this in a conservation area and any new buildings would need to be sympathetic in character. Oakhill Road does not need another block of flats. 3. I note that the very fine early Victorian mansion in cul-de-sac of Oak Hill would be demolished. This building has very elegant features and makes valuable contribution to this conservation area. I would be very much against its destruction. Having lived in Oakhill road for over fifty years i can remember the elegant days of the Oakenshaw Hotel and the surrounding large Victorian Houses of Oak Hill, Oakhill Road and Oakhill Crescent the Grounds and gardens of which were all well kept retaining the gardener of their connection with the (then) southern Railway. Sadly many of those splendid houses were replaced by featherless blocks of flats, others more recently were allowed to be "gutted" and let in rooms by non resident companies interested only in profit. Although this area now has conservation status paradoxically the standard is the lowest. I have ever seen it. The guardians of this conservation area seem wither to lack the will or the teeth to protect it. Profit rules O.K. A new primary school may or may not be the best use of this site but we wont know without a comprehensive public debate.

Surbiton Hospital site is in the best position to serve an area which is not well served by existing primary schools. Any new school must NOT be a church school of any description. Atheist children are already disadvantaged in the admission policies of the majority of Surbiton Primary schools. It would be outrageous to further this discrimination using public money (not to mention un-Christian).

Should be 3 form entry.

Should be 3 form entry to fully address the need for places in Surbiton.

Site should be in Surbiton town. Class size should be 20 not 30! Surely it is not a good idea to put small children in a school on the same site as a polyclinic? Small children hardly wash their hands and will bring in germs and infections to the site which will be a high risk factor to those coming to the polyclinic, especially the elderly. Would it be MORE APPROPRIATE to use the hospital site for all things medical, say a day centre or care home, and use the vacated premises elsewhere for the school.

Next to a health clinic - bad idea. What about parking??

I totally endorse and agree with the proposal to house the Surbiton Hospital site for much needed additional school provision, plus a very necessary polyclinic

The school would be better placed in Holyfield Road on the site of the former temporary accommodation for Holyfield School. Provision should be made for the safe dropping off and pick up of children by car - yes they will still be brought by car, whatever you try to do! The Ewell Road hospital site is far too busy and congested with traffic.

I object to the use of this site to build a 2 form entry primary school; 1. Over six years the school will reach a capacity for over 400 pupils for which the site is not big enough to accommodate playing areas. This number of children will have an impact on the residents of Oakhill, Oakhill Road and South terrace in terms of noise and traffic. 2. From the plans, it seems that access to the site is via South Terrace. The impact of that number of children and the use of the access for parents to bring children in cars will have a major detrimental effect on the residents of South Terrace. 3. A recent consultation indicated that only 11% of those who responded approved of this site for a school - this clearly is an indication that the school is not wanted 4. The Victorian villa at the end of Oakhill used previously by the PCT is not on the plan. It is part of the Oakhill Conservation area and demolition of such a house is not in accordance with conserving and maintaining the area. 5. Kingston Link have put forward an alternative for a residential care home. The impact on the local residents would be negligible and residents would have access to health services on the same site. Before a decision is made, this alternative needs to be considered. 6. The consultation has not been carried out properly, with a large number of local residents not receiving the consultation document. It cannot be assumed that everyone has online access. Also the consultation should cite alternatives if there is a majority against the use of the site for a primary school.

Whilst the plan to build on the hospital site is justified the timetable is not. It is rushed and open to leaving long term problems that cannot be fixed. Opt for a 2012 opening, build carefully and recruit well. Accommodate the interim places through careful management of the current schools - place strict guidelines on the Churches that currently dominate selection criteria in favour of religious families to be more inclusive.

Local humanists and other non religious families and teachers will be hoping that any new school is fully inclusive, non discriminatory, and secular - i.e. not run by a Church or other faith group unless they are prepared to operate non discriminatory admissions, employment and curriculum policies.

"Undecided"= not if it is for children from outside RBK. I think the Newent House site, with derelict land next to it and/or South Park/Point? Next to it should be developed as a school with care/medical/health services moved next to the polyclinic. This would be a better long term arrangement, and I understand is favoured by several local councillors. Hospital site is unsuitable for a school due to lack of access and small school outside play area. Pressure of time should not be used to impose school on unsuitable site. Please take more time to look at other options for school.

I am a resident of Oak Hill. It is a quiet area with very few children... being favoured more by young professional & elderly retired people. This is a Conservation area with splendid Early Victorian Villa's of Townscape Merit. We moved to this area 3 years ago because of these qualities. We do not approve of the proposals for a school.... it would be a total nightmare to the residents with traffic congestion, noise & activity levels that would be very disturbing to the area.... the total opposite to the area we bought into! not to mention Totally unfair & inconsiderate to the residents & to the conservation area that you plan to up heave by pulling down a very special Victorian Villa & by disturbing former peace to the neighbourhood that should be preserved & not destroyed This being the total opposite to the area we bought into.... Totally Unfair! The children who would attend this school seem to come mostly from Berrylands, so why are you imposing them on us? Why can't they disturb their own neighbourhood that is a more family orientated area that would more readily accept these proposal & be more convenient with no big roads to cross?

We live just over the border in Long Ditton. Our nearest school by walking is Maple Road Infants but we could not get a place. Our daughter has to go to school in Thames Ditton. We have to drive her, adding to traffic congestion and pollution. It is a shame Kingston can't work more closely with Elmbridge on the issue of school places. Our daughter's school is now 4-form entry, with total number of infants currently at 300, set to rise to 360. Surbiton definitely needs a new school.

Poor situation for access - most parents and children don't seem to walk to school - and will certainly not do so if they come from across the Ewell Road from Berrylands. There are not many children of school age in the Oakhill area and they would go to St Matthews. The old Victorian houses on the hospital site MUST be preserved and they sit in with others nearby. This is CONSERVATION policy. Other sides can be found even it means changing use and I would prefer most careful consideration of such possibilities. Car access already bad from the Oakhill direction and the Oakhill path is steep for mothers with prams and also somewhat unsafe.

If the surge in children is mainly in Berrylands, a site at, for instance, the King Charles Centre would be better and playing fields are nearby. The Dysart School could be re-sited and a primary school rebuilt on the old Kingsdowne School - perhaps Dysart could use the unused land in Browns Road, Surbiton, or King Charles Centre. The Surbiton Hospital site is in a conservation area and I will object most strongly to demolition of the existing Victorian

houses. Access and parking almost impossible for the proposed school - and who will walk from Berrylands? In summary, please think again.

As a parent of a child due to start school in Surbiton in 2011 I am desperate for them to build a new school to enable my child to be able to attend a local school. Attending a school further into Kingston will make it very difficult for me to travel to work by a reasonable time and see be able to settle and see my second child off to his new secondary school.

I agree with the need for a new primary school in Surbiton. I also agree with the location of this new school on the Surbiton hospital site subject to it being in the area within the borough where there is the most need.

I believe that this is an excellent idea; having 4 children - now at the Holyfield School - and being a primary teacher myself - I do feel the area needs another school rather than bulge classes. also this will be an excellent site.

The hospital site should be used for medical services only. I understand from neighbours that the land for the hospital was bought by public subscription to serve the community through medical provision there. I expect children would be coming to school from Berrylands, and a school is better located there. A school would not work at the hospital site - children too young to cross Ewell Road or walk far. The only roads are both dead ends - there will be cars trying to drop off children and then turn around. There will be terrible traffic problems unless access is via the polyclinic.

A new school is indeed needed to meet demands locally. Also like the idea of a polyclinic which will be within walking distance from home. The Kingston Hospital is too far.

I am concerned that the proposal is for both a polyclinic and a primary school on the same site. I feel that access to both could be a problem particularly as the site is close to the busy Ewell Road - I have safety of the children in mind.

It isn't really possible to make an objective assessment of need around the hospital site from the data provided. We think that the hospital site should be reserved for potential medical services, especially in view of overcrowding at Kingston Hospital and the uncertainty over future provision of services there. If anything, the need is to transfer more provision from Kingston to Surbiton where it is more easily accessible to people in Surbiton area. Once lost, space at this site will then never be recovered.

Our council tax is ridiculous/outrageous increases. I couldn't care less about satisfying demand for places in Kingston's popular schools from OUTSIDE of the BOROUGH. Let other boroughs sort out their own problems at THEIR expense and inconvenience. Traffic will be a nightmare - you CAN'T force people to travel by sustainable means no matter how close they live. Parents will often drop children off by car on their own way to work/shopping/whatever, for which they need a car. This is a RESIDENTIAL area and conservation area. Another school and a polyclinic (in addition to St Matthews School) will bring so much traffic; it will change the nature of this residential area. I want MINIMAL COUNCIL SERVICES and minimal tax since I know how to spend my money far better than Kingston Council does. Let people take responsibility for them.

As long as this is not detrimental to the current services provided by Surbiton Hospital

Education is a public service which should be provided by the Local Education Authority directly. The privatisation of education via inviting tenders to run schools was not something the electorate voted for, so should be challenged in the Courts by the Council. Surbiton Hospital should remain a hospital rather than downgraded.

I strongly agree that we need a new school in Surbiton as there are now a huge number of flats that have families. Also once the YMCA site on Balaclava Road is developed, Maple Infant School will be even more oversubscribed too. Therefore a new school in Surbiton is a necessity.

I think it is appropriate to expand the existing school rather than building a new one especially on the hospital site.

I would like to know completely the further use of the Surbiton Hospital area before I decide on a school site next to a poly clinic which will have vulnerable elderly patients living with boisterous young children. I cannot see the two complete opposites working well together and therefore I consider that the area should be kept for NHS purposes and another site found for a school that is not next to a very busy main road.

I agree with the reasons put forward. I am concerned about the term "provider". Church schools are over represented and a "good" community school is what is needed.

I have read with interest your presentation of the needs and proposed solution for a new primary school on the Surbiton hospital site. It seems to me that there are 3 main issues as follows: The need to develop a sizeable Health Centre to replace 3 busy and thriving surgeries, plus the existing services provided by Surbiton Hospital. These are long established and essential services to patients, many of whom are elderly. The need for new primary schools in the borough because of the growing population. As Kingsdowne primary school is quite close to this site, one has to assume that its catchment area will be fairly extensive. Access to the proposed site and the implications on the traffic flow in the Ewell Road. Health Centre Requirements - from the description on page 4 of your paper, it would appear that the polyclinic will be a very busy facility. It will require car parking facilities to exceed the combined spaces currently provided at Surbiton Hospital and the Oakhill Health Centre (currently inadequate). Hopefully you will avoid the scenario which exists at the new Woodhall Close Centre in Chessington, where parking is very limited, coupled with poor public transport access. I would suggest that serious consideration be given to multi-storey parking to provide for the polyclinic and the proposed school. New Primary School - I am assuming that the encouragement of "sustainable travel" means that everybody will be expected to walk. When you say "that the vast majority of pupils will live within easy walking distance of the school" this appears to imply that the significant birth rate increase (page 3 of your paper) will be largely confined to the area around Oakhill! Human nature being as it is, I suspect you will find that a lot of the parents will follow the example of their peers in other parts of the borough and park as near as possible and then walk from there to the school! This will tend to spread towards Kingsdowne School and the Ewell Road.

Access and Traffic Flow - Your references to travel and access, which has to be a major consideration both to the polyclinic and to the school, are not, in my opinion, very convincing. On the one hand you appear to want most (or all??) pupils to walk to school - on the other hand you want to allow for Special Educational Needs children, including "special support". To do this, surely requires special provision for travel and access. "Sustainable Travel" appears to be a marvellously vague phrase whose meaning can be interpreted (and presumably changed over time) in diverse ways from "walking" to "no vehicular access" - and, of course there is the question of parking for the polyclinic and the school, including access for delivery/service vehicles. The main concern must surely be for the increase in traffic in the Ewell Road. The effective access to the site from the Surbiton Station/Bird Sanctuary side of this conservation area is possible, but only for small volumes of traffic. The main access will be to and from the Ewell Road, which has, of course, become a source of considerable frustration to all road users since the introduction of bus lanes, cycle lanes, confusing road signs and surveillance devices. No doubt the Transport Impact Assessment will take these into consideration but unfortunately this will not be available until well after the deadline for comments on the paper you have circulated for comment.

The borough has many faith schools; it would be preferable if this school is not church sponsored.

It should not be associated with a church. Too many faith schools in the borough already

I don't understand the 2 form entry system

I don't think this is the best site, as there will be only a small outside area for children to play outside. The site map looks very crowded and I expect in a few years there will be pressure on polyclinic to expand, and school will be "in the way". Why not build proposed Sun Ray old peoples' home on hospital site? Much better than knocking houses down for it! Why can't unused police federation building in Langley Road, be turned into school?

The "sustainable travel" will not work. Parents will try to drive if it is raining or cold, and there are no roads to new school big enough for the inevitable hundreds of cars. Oakhill Path is dark and steep and there have been a few muggings there. Children will not walk to school as I used to do. Better to build school at Holyfield Road site or in Alexandra Rec. somewhere, or could it be along the Hogs mill River, somewhere in Berrylands?

I don't agree that there are no alternative locations or ways to provide extra spaces than building on the hospital site.

1. A hospital is not an appropriate neighbour for a primary school 2. The number of parents and children arriving at and departing from the school will adversely affect patients travelling to and from the hospital

I was unable to attend the meeting on the 29th March. On viewing the Surbiton Hospital site and noting there might also be a polyclinic with 24 hour walk-in urgent care on the same site, alongside the busy Ewell Road, serious health and safety issues came to mind on both accounts, especially with regard to the children. As a governor of a Kingston primary

school, and voluntary helper, I am aware of these issues and await anxiously the display of the designs.

I would strongly object to the proposed new school being a religious-based school (i.e. Church of England, RC, Muslim, Hindu, Jewish etc.) It is very wrong to segregate children because of their religion which inhibits social cohesion.

I read elsewhere that only 11% of people consulted before thought the hospital site was suitable for a school, so why is the Council still pursuing this? We as local residents were not consulted before, and this time I only just received this information AFTER the public meeting!! It sounds like the decision has been made and this consultation is "going through the options". Oak Hill is not suitable for a school - there will be traffic chaos. Why not build the school on part of the station car park. A better idea than flats there!

A school on the hospital site will bring local roads to a standstill. At present it only takes 2 or 3 cars that cannot get into the Health Centre car park, to totally stop traffic in Oak Hill Road. A school of 420 pupils will mean 100-200 cars per day. This is impossible for local roads. It also seems obvious that 85 car parking spaces at Polyclinic are way too few. It is fantasy to think parents will not drive to school - they WILL, particularly in winter, in rain, when running late. The access problem of planned site is not solvable without a new road from Ewell Road.

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A new primary school is definitely required in the Surbiton area however the hospital should be used for taking some of the burden away from Kingston hospital especially the maternity section

There isn't really much by way of alternatives in this consultation. Clearly there is an urgent need for a new school in Surbiton, so it's lucky that the hospital site is going to be possible. I was hoping another site might be possible in Berrylands as this is where most of the houses in Surbiton are.

Extremely poor location situated on busy main road. Will cause traffic chaos and road safety issues. Use King Charles Centre!

NO! NO! Why not enlarge the hospital and cut down waiting lists?

It advantageous to local people as we are paying very high tax.

Education budget should be cut. Council tax is excessive!

1. Surbiton Hospital was paid for by the people of Surbiton and should remain son. 2. If a new school is required, why not use the building in Holyfield Road, that was originally built

as a school? The occupants could be relocated in the many vacant offices in Surbiton or Kingston e.g. Millbank House and Tolworth Tower. 3. The medical centre adjacent to Surbiton Hospital should be left alone. This building houses 3 doctors' practices and was only built a few years ago and is in good condition. You do not need to waste taxpayers and ratepayers money here.

Surbiton Hospital should NOT be knocked down. Very useful for elderly people.

Will resident children be given priority for spaces over those from outside the Surbiton area?

A school should be put where NEEDED i.e. North Kingston (why is Maple School not on the list ---- ours??) Surbiton Hospital is needed for medical purposes with car parking as well, and ideally beds for elderly, respite and bed blocking removal from Kingston Hospital.

I believe this site should remain for the use of health. It is very local and easy to reach although if a school was put there, not only would it remove the potential to improve health facilities for more people and I also think it would greatly increase traffic and traffic problems at/on a very busy road/area.

No other alternative site properties available? i am very much concerned about the amount of traffic entering and exiting from Ewell Rd if access is allowed into the ground of the Surbiton Hospital however i recognise that the bus transport will be more than adequate from nearby bust stop. Is this new school too close to St Matthews in Langley Avenue why not expand this buy switching what is in the buildings adjacent to the Ewell Rd to the Surbiton Hospital Site.

i attended the presentation at Glenmore House Surbiton on Monday 29th March regarding the above After the very informative presentation by two representative of Education Dept and many questions from the floor of the meeting, i am very concerned about the proposed site for the new school on the Surbiton Hospital site being the only viable one. Surely sire just outside the borough could have also been considered as Kingston and Elmbridge children move between the two as Kingston borough is such a peculiar shape and neighbouring councils should be more amenable and help each other.

Why should the new school be limited to 2 form entry? It appears to me to be a better proposal to build and purpose build 3 form entry rather than adapt and expand an existing school.

Additional school should also be established adjacent to Alexandra Recreational Ground, the area with the mound is under-used.

As ever, the issues of parking in surrounding residential areas and the chaos that it causes at school drop off/pick up times, is of concern. Will sufficient parking be available on-site or effort made to encourage other forms of transport, including walking?!

Hospital site is a fairly central location with good transport links and will cater well for needs of local population.

I live in one of the early Victorian houses in Oak Hill Road Surbiton with my husband & two teenage children. We bought the house just over three years ago & converted the house from bedsits back to a family house. What attracted us to the house in the first place was the 'Wow' what a fantastic building! & secondly that it was a conservation area with other similar beautiful houses in a very leafy & green area. Being an interior design the house itself became a project to restore it to something of its former glory. We were lucky in that the houses had survived any major surgery & retained many of its original features over a period of a 150 years. Unfortunately it would seem that many of the other houses have suffered over the decades, some pulled down to create new uninteresting housing & others left to crumble in an area that was obviously quite grand in its day. I think it is important to remember that we are only the keepers/custodians of these beautiful houses & we have no right to destroy them.... Presumably Oak Hill was made a Conservation Area in order to preserve & enhance what was left to us from past generations & keep them safe for future generations, not only for historical interest but for their imposing beauty. I find it somewhat surprising that the borough allow such neglect & disinterest in such an area that they in the past thought worthy of saving! Of course I refer this with reference to recent proposals for the Surbiton Hospital site & also the other NHS site on Oak Hill Road. The same as many other residents in Oak Hill we do not object to the new Polyclinic, seeing it as a positive step forward for the NHS & health care in the area, but also because we would be relieved of the many problems with the closure of the medical centre including traffic congestion, horn beeping & air pollution, which would indeed benefit the residents as well as the Wild Life reserve. Replacing it with a school naturally raises concern! Not only would it re-introduce an increase to traffic problems, as well as new noise levels that a school would bring. There seems to be a lack of sensitivity to the residents, the conservation area & to lack of respect & understanding to buildings of Townscape Merit! There are 5 Early Victorian Villas remaining on Oak Hill all with Townscape merit ... two of which belong to the NHS/Primary Trust Care. Not only are these two buildings neglected & left to deteriorate, but now one of them (No1 Oak Hill ... probably the one in better condition) seems to be missing from the proposals of the NHS site! The other stands in a sorry state, neglected & un-cherished.... how can this be allowed to happen! What right do they (NHS) have! Not only leaving a once proud (conservation) area looking like a slum but also de-valuing the other properties & area! In fact, the same could be said for some of the other buildings owned by ignorant developer's intent on abusing such properties for their own gain wishing to add over-sized extensions of ill proportion! With total lack of sensitivity or regard for local residents.... a hard pill to swallow when one has done one's very best to restore & preserve such a house, to the praise of local residents & by passers! Does no one really care? Why are we left in this situation in this so-called conservation area, surely we should encourage improvements to what we have left of a once affluent area that the borough should be proud of.... in fact, what put Surbiton on the map in the first place more than a century ago! However, perhaps we have a chance to redeem some of our blunders over the past decades by giving something back to the area with the opportunity to develop the site on the corner of Oak

Hill & Oak Hill Road with perhaps future Townscape merit! such as honouring the two Victorian Villa already lost (No4 Oak Hill & No1 Oak Hill Road) this would be a step forward for the borough & something we could all be proud of. Lastly I would like to include a little about us & our house. My husband is a photographer with quite a high profile & our house is often used as location for both film & photography. Clients have included publications from Vogue to Hello magazine, as well as TV & international publication with celebrities in tow. Recent visits includes Jerry Hall, Twiggy, Yasmin Le Bon, Caprice, Adele & other music stars, Jane Torvil & Christopher Dean for ITV, Strictly Come Dancing for BBC, as well as a handful of footballers wives & a handful of the England Rugby team. The house itself receives an overwhelming amount of compliments, so it is such a shame that these visitors have to be exposed to neglected buildings, overflowing rubbish bins & low rent bedsit 'To Let' signs..... Should we not be trying to raise the profile for the area & encouraging others to preserve our heritage? I enclose 3 websites for your interest. Sincerely
<http://oakhill-location.com/>

I'm not sure exactly how large the Surbiton Hospital site is, but it would be nice if we had as many new forms of entry in Surbiton as possible, given that those R and Year 1 will have to go onto another school somewhere eventually.

This school should be a community primary school not a church funded school as the area has more than adequate church school provision and only 2 community infant school and 1 junior school.

There is a huge demand for catholic school places and not enough supply. I think that a new school should be a Catholic one to meet this need.

A new school is needed my sons school is now far too overcrowded (maple) resulting in many difficulties for the pupils they cannot have assembly together eat together or stage school events together please help this problem!

The school is obviously necessary due to shortage of places.

To meet the increase in demand a new school should be built but unsure of the proposed location would like to see development plans to fully make up my mind.

Needs to be adequate parking and turnaround space for parents consider car exit via Southbank.

Only concern is proposal to go to 4 form entry _ personally i think that is too large and 3 forms should be the maximum assume that there will still be sufficient space for children to play and not just stand around If Surbiton hospital site is available now then this should go ahead. Holyfield road site has no playground or green space on site!

Whether or not the school should be on the Surbiton Hospital site depends on final decision about what other services are to be developed there and whether there should be completely separate access to school and health.

You should place any new school on the site and King Charles Centre next to Fishponds Park. Surbiton Hospital site should be for NHS provision.

There are so many unused NHS property it was about time they were used for a good cause.
However there needs to be something done about the traffic outside this site this is an incredibly busy road to have a school on.
It would change the nature of the residential area Traffic Etc...
Other sites have been mentioned in the press- In particular opposite Alexandra park- Has this been considered?
As an elderly resident (ape 75) with six grandchildren I am aware of the needs for schools in this area. I am also actually aware of the needs of the elderly i.e. special clinic for health concerns particularly memory loss and all mental physical and social needs. There are people who do not wish to attend an old people home but need a centre where all of their concerns are met.
The fact that Kingston primary schools are popular with those from outside the borough is not a reason for providing more primary school places in Kingston our council tax is already ridiculously high. Also this a residential area and conservation area.. The polyclinic expansion at St Matthews As an extra school will no longer mean the area is residential in its atmosphere plus the traffic will be a nightmare just look at the numbers of cars dropping off kids on the outside St Matthews.
Why build more school in Kingston to satisfy demand from outside the borough ... Other boroughs should sort themselves out at their expense and inconvenience.
No School or other forms of housing on Surbiton Hospital site.
Who cares about demand for places in Kingston school being up from those outside the borough...? I certainly don't.
Surbiton Hospital is a local and vital amenity often we have had x-rays and physio etc there where will this service go? An overcrowded Kingston Hospital! Of course we need a new local school but not at the expense of Local Health.
The reasons for the new school laid out in this paper are completely sound and reasonable.
- Stop accepting pupils from outside Kingston - Two reasons for the increase in demand (lower numbers in private education and less people moving). The traffic on the Ewell Road and people parking will be terrible. What about the Police Federation Building and expanding St Matthews.
Surbiton Hospital site is not suitable to share polyclinic site, needs more space, Unhealthy , Traffic access Filter beds waterworks site Good environment, space eco river added Holyfield adult education site rebuild.
I have read the document and it sounds well thought out. Surbiton Hospital site sounds feasible and in a good position.
If the site is only used as a school. I do not think it should have housing on it as i think all the land should be for a school and its need for expansion and change.
I am a resident of Oakhill Road. I, like many others, chose to live in this conservation area due to the benefits we thought that would bring (i.e. no demolishing buildings or trees).

However, it seems the council's rules do not apply to council members themselves. Please explain why it is suddenly seen as justified to propose (although not very widely) destruction of Victorian style villas and trees in what you yourselves have deemed a conservation area?!?! After my initial shock, please accept these thoughts: 1) Traffic will undoubtedly increase drastically. Parents will not walk their children to school in the rain, snow, wind, or sleet. So that's about 150-200 days per year then. Traffic is already at a standstill in the mornings, with noise from surgery visitors blowing horns from 8am due to the gridlock. Access will not be improved by additional roads from Oakhill - the problem is the entrance to Oakhill Road itself. 2) I do not wish to live through a year's worth of construction noises, followed by an eternity of school playground noise. I chose to live in a conservation area, remember? 3) Consultation on this proposal has been highly inefficient. For example, consultation documents were not sent to residents in Oakhill Road itself - which will be one of the two roads most affected by traffic, construction work, loss of buildings/trees and noise. 4) Trees. Talking of trees - I understand from our gardening team that 'even if I were to plant a tree myself, it would be illegal to cut it down once the trunk is larger than 2-4 inches in diameter'. So, if I can't cut down a tree I've bought - how can you cut down trees that have been here for hundreds of years in what is now a conservation area? I will be carrying out a survey of trees in the proposed site prior to any building works. 5) We have been informed that other sites have been considered, and that they were not large enough. However, by your own projected figures, this new Surbiton hospital site will not be large enough to contain the number of places required within the next few years. So you will probably be looking at expanding existing schools as well as building on this and other new sites. So I can understand why your plan has been to secure the Surbiton site first and then push through others. It's not an 'either/or' choice is it? - it's a 'both - we're just not telling you yet.' I would like to see any evidence to say that the council are able to demolish trees/buildings in a conservation area prior to any proposal being agreed. 6) Some residents from the South Bank road nursing home are not able to have a say in this matter themselves - but I understand that they are to be re-located when this project begins. Has anyone considered the fact that many of these residents have lived in the same place for years? I must say, that would be a great piece of advertising for the council. I can imagine the slogan - "Kingston Council destroys nursing home - mentally disabled residents relocated to who cares where?" 7) Safety - small school children walking home past dunks and drug addicts outside the polyclinic? 8) We were told at the consultation event on Monday 29th March that all schools will be 'investigated' if they leave too many spaces untaken by pupils in a school year. How many places are left untaken per year then - and why don't you start by filling those?? I think I've addressed the main points here (apart from the fact that you don't actually own the land, and nor are the NHS actually able to sell of the entire plot due to ownership issues). I am in no way against the polyclinic - I think this will be beneficial for the area. However the school is another matter entirely for many residents in the area, sorry, conservation area, affected. Proper consultation has not occurred, we don't want to hear "Sorry our contractors didn't hand the consultation

documents out". We want to hear "That will not happen again and you will have full and proper consultation". I am a project manager for a central Government Office, and I wouldn't dream of managing something like this in the shoddy, underhanded way you have.

1. Oakhill is a conservation area. Residents have chosen to live in the area because it is a conservation area. That means conserving the look of the area, including the older buildings in the area. Demolishing these older properties goes against the ethos of having a conservation area. 2. Oakhill Road is already at gridlock between 8.30 and 12 in the morning because of access required to the Doctor's Surgery. It is questionable how an increase of even one percent in the volume of traffic would be in any way tenable. 3. The noise from the traffic and school playground and increased volume of people in the mornings would forever change the peaceful nature of this quiet conservation area and would decrease the quality of life of residents living near the school.

I have read that other sites may be available...King Charles Centre would make more sense as it is close to public transport but not on the main road. Surbiton Hospital site would cause traffic problems as, despite big campaigns, in my experience parents and carers will still choose to drive their children to school (as many drive straight on to work) and will still choose to drop children off as near to the gates as they can. Some parents and carers at existing schools flout the law and it would take daily traffic management (traffic wardens etc) to stop this...I have been told that RBK doesn't have the capacity to support individual schools daily in this respect.

Air! Please do not get me wrong i am not a racist, i am decent British Citizen I only say yes to the polyclinic if it serves the residents of the RBK and the residents speak English and are British citizens. Contribute to the NHS pay tax because i am still paying tax on my very small pension and one more point. If the council send out letters questionnaires information's PLEASE DELETE DELELTE DELETE "if English is not your first language we can help you" We pay the highest council tax in London and we do not want to pay for translations and interpreters sir!

We also believe that the site (currently vacant) Next to St Andrews and St Marks School on maple Road should be used to expand school facilities and places.

A good choice of location with good local public transport links. Anything which relieves the pressure on existing places will be a bonus (and welcome relief) for parents like me who have pre-school aged children.

I would like the new school to be a non religious.

How would it affect traffic in mornings? Parking/ for school drops offs would there be a catchment area for admissions?

We desperately need more school places. I think it is important the new school is a community school i.e. NOT faith based as there are a large number of faith based schools which effectively exclude non religious children for attending, leaving those of us who do not go to church/ are mp Christian with very little option when it comes to school choice.

A school in a hospital area would be a disaster! Young people rushing about with no concern what so ever for older fold- which seems to be the general attitude these days, is not acceptable.

I hope that a new school would be a community school and not a selective based on religion. There are already 2 schools close to us which my child cannot attend because she is not a Christian.

It is essential that the problem of the increasing primary school population in the area is dealt with using a permanent, long-term solution and not just expecting existing schools to take on extra pupils.

What about the area that is unused by Maple School?

I think Surbiton Hospital would be a fantastic site.

Concerns re children safety in such close proximity to poly clinic. Access is not good to school will create traffic problems basically it's not the right place for children.

Glad to see that the council are getting to grips with this problem and have produced a seemingly good strategy. Would, however, want to be reassured that problem of lingering alcoholics outside Surbiton hospital and along Ewell Rd is going to be pro-actively managed.

Ewell Road is very busy and congested already. Therefore having a school for young children on that site would cause more problems and not be safe for young children. I believe there are two other possible sites for a school in Surbiton which are on roads with a lower traffic volume.

Major concern is access/departure to and from site on very busy main road particularly at beginning and end of the school day.

The King Charles Centre also appears to be a good site. The transition between off site for 1st year and on site for 2nd year needs to be carefully managed and communicated. Parents would need to know the off site location before applications are made in September 2010.

If building a new school, think ahead this problem is not going to go away, what with additional nationalities constantly coming into our country. Build a 4 form entry now and don't waste tax payer's money on bulge classes further down the line. Any schools that now have bulge classes that are going to be permanent expansions need to have new buildings to enhance the schools for the long term not just the short term

Unsure if Surbiton hospital site is correct places for new school. What about the old Holyfield school building in Holyfield Road? Could that not be reinstated?

Public spending is too high. Council tax is too high. There are other schools in the country that can absorb this predicted increase. People can travel further to take kids to school.

Surely a more appropriate site would be in central Surbiton. The land adjacent to St Andrews and St Mark's Junior and Maple Infants School has now been derelict for some time and would make an ideal site for further expansion. In addition Maple Infants have had two temporary classrooms built in the last two years and this is bound to affect SASMs entry.

Given the increasing number of children in this area it seems sensible to provide for them rather than relying on overstretched system, plus the old Hospital site is a good use of a Brownfield site and has already been designed to cater for increased traffic etc.

1. Within half a mile of my house there are already 10 schools plus Kingston University. (This does not include nurseries). i am a pensioner who relies on public transport. During term time, in the morning and from about 2.30 onwards I rarely get a seat on the buses. Many buses simply go by full up mainly with KU students and school children. You say you will encourage sustainable transport but you cannot enforce it. With their free passes school children and university students use the buses to travel even short distance. 2. You say that many of primary school places are taken up by children from outside the borough. If this were not so would a new school still be needed?. Kingston is right to be proud of its record of schooling but why increase traffic and exacerbate the strain on public transport etc by providing places for those not resident to Kingston? 3. You make much of extended services to the community. Apart from a few at Coombe, I don't know of any adult classes provided in schools. The same promise has been made about the proposed school in North Kingston. I was told by a senior education officer that these promises never materialised. The schools don't want it to happen and neither to Kingston Adult Education Chiefs. Despite having so many schools near me I have to take 2 buses to attend a class at N Kingston centre.

It is amazing that we are still discussing the need for a new school. Kingston council is committed to providing 3000 new houses in the borough; of course you need to build a new school!!

We need out local hospital and all the services it provides so a school on that site would mean patients travelling to Kingston Hospital or further.

i am concerned about congestion on the Ewell Road though

Parents parking at schools are a problem. The younger the children the more likely parents will transport them to/from school. The area around the Surbiton Hospital site is not suitable for on road parkers. A polyclinic will attract considerable car use. The site is unsuitable for a school.

The council close down schools, then they want to build more. Too much immigration in the area. Taking up all the available spaces. No school to be built on the Surbiton Hospital site. Its madness with a very busy road outside. An accident is waiting to happen.

Parents need good local schools to which to send their children. This expansion should alert the council to the fact that good local secondary schools are in short supply.

This is deeply misleading questionnaire since no other alternatives are given. I strongly object to this false type of "consultation" I expect better from the L.G Dems.

Surbiton Hospital was paid for by donations from local residents and should not be used for any other purpose. The site is not large enough for polyclinic and school and parking for both. Plus Ewell road is already busy in the rush hour and will come to a complete standstill if parents are stopping to let off children for school.

The site was intended solely for health purposes. Council has no business taking the easy option.

We should encourage a reduction in the birth rate otherwise Surbiton in general will be congested and the roads will be crowded even more than they are now.

A lot of demand for schools in that part of Surbiton.

To whom it may concern - Having been involved in attempting to make both Chessington Community College as well as Holyfield school new buildings suitable for the needs of disabled pupils; it would be reassuring to know that there is a policy to ensure that the architects brief for these proposed new education facilities will ensure that they will enable pupils with disabilities to have access to suitable toileting arrangements which will cater for those pupils who are unable to use a standard disabled toilet and may need to be hoisted onto a height adjustable changing bench in an appropriately sized larger disabled toilet with adequate room for a helper and their wheelchair or walking aid. Also that any lifts installed will be able to be used in the event of a fire evacuation by pupils, visitors or staff with a mobility problem.

Surbiton hospital and its grounds should be left for NHS purposes! There may be future development and expansions of services that need that space. When sold to build on whatever building Schools/Housing, the site will be lost. Provide some much needed green space.

1 primary schools should be kept small children do not thrive in large schools. 2. As stated this is the only site available for two form entry. It should be used for single form and other small site for a further single form entry school. This would ensure more local "walk to school" families are served and lessen the burden upon this very limited access site

We want more schools not bigger schools. This is a step in the right direction.

It is clearly needed and the proposal site is an obvious and very suitable choice.

1) The classes will be too big. 2) the site is not suitable.

I disagree with the old site of Surbiton hospital being needed for a primary school it will be straight onto the main road just look at the number of fatal accident that have happened there already. We do not need another school if we stopped all the immigrants coming into the area we would have enough school. Why not use the site that the old Holyfield School was on and knock that down and rebuild. Remember residents built Surbiton Hospital.

Surbiton hospital and its land site have always been most valued in this area. Contrary to using any plot for any other than hospital use is out of the question.. It is paramount that every inch is used for an existing hospital and polyclinic or other medical use only. This then serves all and not just children's education. As council tax payer, especially those who have resided and paid council tax for a lifetime to this borough should have their views considered above any others. Please use this site for hospital ONLY.. Every inch of it. In Para "proposal site" how can there possibly be a surplus of this land, when health care is vital in

this area and making the move of children with any health care where one would expect a peaceful environment is just lack of proper thinking!

i did agree to the proposal that the school should be two form entry however not sure if that will be enough places for children in future years.

As a completely new school in being planned why not make it a 3 form entry (90) intake. so that you prevent shortage in a couple of years time.

1. Is the site really big enough for all that needs to be on the site? 2. Once the school is open what impact for the STM just round the corner?

No pupils from outside the borough should be allowed into borough schools. This form of survey should be restricted to full council tax payers.

With the possibility to expand.

Simply i think it is a very good idea. i know the site and it will benefit the community we need new schools in the area for our ever ending expanding population.

Kick out all the immigrants who are taking over Surbiton and breeding nonstop in order to stat/remain in this country.

I believe this is a suitable use of the Surbiton Hospital site however the council will need to address its planning policy which in my opinion does little to prevent overpopulation in the Surbiton area. There are too many new developments if flats which if occupied by families, put a strain on local services.

How confident are they that 2 forms will be sufficient provision at the new site?

If the Surbiton Hospital site is big enough why not make the school a three form entry.

There has not really been a valid alternative so have to agree that a new school should be built on the hospital site as the area needs it, although the disused site next to SASM should be used for expansion of Maple & SASM also.

a non-church school is desperately needed in the area. It would be useful if the start and end time could be slightly staggered compared to St Matthews to ease possible congestion and to allow parents with children at more than one school to pick up and drop off.

There are too many schools in Surbiton what worries me is the parking for the parents of these 400 or so children, the 9 am drop off and the picking up at 3-3.30pm. Ewell road is very busy at those times what parking would be left for the polyclinic which is a must.

No school. Keep the whole site for medical purposes. As it was meant for in the first case when the hospital was built.

The school should be on the Surbiton Hospital site if 1. There is a good solution for access by all buses to drive and school and solution is made available for consultation before committing to the site. 2. The school is a state school open to all.

Currently there is limited choice for parents who wish to send their child to a non faith school. The majority of schools in Surbiton are C of E schools where preference is given to children who have been christened at the appropriate church.

The new school should be 3 form entry. The reason being due to more private (builds) house to flats will increase over time thus increasing demand for school places (better to be ready) and spread school places evenly. What about the Holyfield old school also?

I am in total opposition to St Matthews expecting parents to attend church bi-weekly for a minimum of 6 months in order to get their children into that school and think there should be an alternative.

What small amount of care that Surbiton hospital provides is essential for the elderly and young mums. It is near to the Oakhill Centre and chemist. The position of the hospital site if used for any type of school would cause tremendous congestion, traffic jams etc.

Obviously new places need to be created to cope with the extra children and in my opinion a new school or even new schools are far preferable to increasing intake for other schools particularly when increasing to 3 form entry or 4 form entry.

Where will facilities at Surbiton Hospital go?

St Matthews School is only around the corner. Surbiton Hospital is still needed in the community. Concentrate on reducing the birth rate!!

Why was Grand Avenue not re-developed at the planning stages to be a three form entry school? The site could have accommodated this. Very poor planning.

Where will the children go from year 2? As stated only reception and year 1 children.

Council should aim at larger number of forms i.e. 3/4 per year, but smaller class sizes i.e. max of 25 per class. Stop building additional houses until support in the community has been increased i.e. schools/ hospitals/disabled facilities etc.

This site is so close to St Matthews - what impact will the new school have on resources available for St Matthews? The two schools just seem too close together.

It should not be a faith school, as the nearest two are C of E schools, so there is a need for an inclusive community school.

The local authority's focus on schools is distorting use of resources in the borough. The adult population is growing at a faster rate than the child population and the needs of this ageing population are being ignored. Better use of existing school resources (i.e. ensuring that school places are allocated in the first place to children living in the borough) is needed before the building of new schools. The Surbiton Hospital site is an NHS resource, which in the past was dedicated to the needs of older people. More innovative uses for the site, which serve the needs of the majority of local residents (i.e. adults who are growing older) need to be explored.

I believe a new school should be opened in Chessington instead of Surbiton

I do not feel engaged enough to comment on the details above; I would hope those employed in this work will have sufficient knowledge/skill to make good decisions.
Hospital site - I have heard views that there will be risks associated with having children in close proximity to the clinic e.g. risk from needles.

The Surbiton Hospital site is very close to another primary school so I am not convinced this is ideal in terms of good location distribution across Surbiton. In addition, I can see a major traffic issue, Ewell Road being a very busy congested road and a lot of parents having to bring their children in cars. I think the new school should be located on a much quieter spot, with sufficient space for children to play outdoors, in an area with high percentage of primary school age children where there isn't currently another state school.

Parents would widely like to know there are places available in schools they wish their children to go to. I oppose the building of school on the hospital site as the NHS services are under great threat in the labour administration and it makes no sense to build one establishment by destroying another.

I would like to see a strong offer in relation to gifted and talented provision.