

Stansted Parish Council

STANSTED PARISH PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON STANSTED SCHOOL

Dear fellow Stansted Parish residents

As you know, Stansted Parish Council won the fight over ownership of the land around Stansted School. We have registered the historic old school building and its recent major attached extension as a community asset and as a result the Diocesan Board of Education (the owners of the school) has had to give us 6 months to negotiate to buy the actual school site without competition from other parties. This is to provide a great community facility and to prevent unwelcome or inappropriate development of the site. The 6 months is up mid-August 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to find out if you, the community, would like us to buy the school.

Stansted Parish Council has access to a Treasury loan to buy the building at a fixed very low rate for up to 50 years. We anticipate that we can purchase the school and make the repayment of the loan self-funding. The result would be that the parish would own an excellent modern brick-built building which will be a great asset to the Parish. We do advise you that there is a risk that repayment of this loan could impact the parish element of your council tax by an increase of as much again as you pay now (worst case scenario). A Band D home currently pays £86, which at worst case could rise up to about £170. This would reduce once income which will be used for the loan repayments is generated from the building.

A meeting is to be held at Stansted Village Hall on Monday 3rd July at 8pm. The school will be open for you to look around from 6:45 to 7:45 pm. At this meeting much more detail will be provided about how we would like to use the building, should we manage to buy it, and how we propose to finance it.

In addition to this leaflet, a survey via email is to be sent to everyone who provided us with their email addresses when we did a previous survey to gain feedback about defending the land grab on the land surrounding the school. Please do let us know your views either by completing this leaflet below, or using the email survey (they are the same). Please do not do both.

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Name:

Address:

Post code:

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| Do you support the Parish Council negotiating to buy the school building? (Please note that this does not put the Parish Council under any obligation) | Yes / No |
| Do you support Stansted Parish Council in taking out a loan to buy the school building? | Yes / No |
| Would you be prepared to pay extra for the parish council element of your Council Tax to repay the loan? The worst case is this could be up to double the amount you pay now per year (Band D given above) | Yes / No |
| Comments: | |

Please return to Roxana Brammer, Stansted Parish Clerk, 53 Capelands, New Ash Green, Kent DA3 8LQ
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by Saturday 14th July 2017