



30th April 2007

Dear Parent/ Neighbour

I am writing to you as a follow up from our Open Evening in September 2006. I would like to update you on the progress of the school's plans to dispose of some of the land at the Greencroft playing fields.

As you are aware, we had a 12 week consultation period, during which we received a number of letters and feedback forms from you detailing your views which we took into consideration regarding our proposals. Copies of all communications received were passed to the DfES as part of our submission. The consultation period finished on the 17th January 2007.

As a result of the consultation process, the Governors at the school decided to seek permission from the Secretary of State for Education to sell part of the land at the site.

The full application has now been submitted to the DfES for review. The application has been submitted on the basis that we are looking for permission to sell just under 50% of the land (equivalent to 0.36 hectares). For the purposes of the application, it has been assumed that the western side of the playing field will be disposed of. As stated at our Open Evening, we will be placing the completed application on the school website at www.st-thomas.surrey.sch.uk.

The application was due to be reviewed by the DfES last week. We are awaiting to hear the outcome of this review. If the panel approves the application it will then be passed to the Secretary of State for a decision during the summer.

Should we receive permission to dispose of this land, we will schedule another Open Evening to discuss the school's strategy and the future plans.

Yours sincerely

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