

APPLICATION NO: 20/01370/FUL	OFFICER: Miss Michelle Payne
DATE REGISTERED: 18th August 2020	DATE OF EXPIRY : 17th November 2020
WARD: Charlton Kings	PARISH: CHARLK
APPLICANT:	Balcarras Academy Trust
LOCATION:	Balcarras School, East End Road, Charlton Kings
PROPOSAL:	Construction of new modular building to accommodate up to 120 year seven pupils from September 2021 - Summer 2022 following which the proposed building is to be repurposed for educational use by Balcarras Academy Trust

REPRESENTATIONS

Number of contributors	48
Number of objections	9
Number of representations	1
Number of supporting	38

18 Glynrosa Road
Charlton Kings
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 8QS

Comments: 1st September 2020

We are local residents. We are not parents of an existing or prospective pupil:

We wish to make the following comments/ objections to the construction of this building which we have set out under the following headings:

1. The impact on views from any neighbouring houses is not "minimal":
The rear of our house and back garden overlooks the Junior school field and the proposed building lies directly in our line of sight both from our ground floor and bedroom windows and from our small rear garden. Additionally we currently have a view of the surrounding hills. The erection of the new modular building would deprive of us of this view.

2. Parking and Traffic: the proposed site is currently used as a recreation area and for parking. The reduction in parking and the increase in students puts more pressure on traffic flow at peak times and the need for parking in the immediate area of the school. We already have seen the affects of this along Glynrosa Road with an average of 3 cars being parked all-day by 6th form students.

Glynrosa Road is narrow and we have experienced problems in i)cars being parked opposite driveways ii) the passage of refuse trucks and large delivery vehicles iii)cars being parked on the pavement. We have alerted the school to these concerns but "all-day" parking by 6th form students has continued.

All this will be made worse by the increased traffic associated with additional students. The developers have put forward actions to mitigate the parking problem but the principal step in these i.e. a bus* for Y7 pupils from the new school site at Leckhampton will operate for 2 years only. Following this as residents we will feel the potential impact of an increased intake of pupils to Balcarras with consequent pressure on parking and traffic in the surrounding area.

*not all pupils will avail themselves of the bus especially if a charge is involved.

3. Noise and disruption: the volume of traffic and noise at peak times has risen considerably over the past 5 years. It lasts for an hour (morning and afternoon) with students from the Junior school followed by students from Balcarras using Glynrosa Road as a major arrival/exit point. It is extremely difficult to leave or return to our house during these periods. The increase in students will only exacerbate the problem.

4. The temporary accommodation expansion will become permanent:
The temporary need to accommodate an additional 120 Y7 students will disappear in mid-2022. We expect that then the new building will result in not just more space for existing pupils but will enable the school to increase its intake in the light of a continued demand for places. This will increase the problems of noise, parking and traffic (see 2 above).

Have the developers explored alternatives either within the Balcarras site or within the new school at Leckhampton and have these included temporary accommodation?

5. Site and design: If the site is seen as "well-within the boundary" then the map is inadequate. The site would appear to be right on the boundary of the Junior School. The design of the building certainly falls short of the description of "a beautifully designed two-storey building."

16 Glynrosa Road
Charlton Kings
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 8QS

Comments: 6th September 2020

We strongly object to this development. It is unnecessary and wasteful to build a permanent new building. It will add to the already considerable existing school traffic and make local roads even less safe.

We urge the planning committee to make use of temporary accommodation to solve this temporary issue

UNNECESSARY BUILDING

It is clear from the planning application that the capacity problem at Balcarras is a temporary, one-year need to accommodate an additional 120 year 7 students and that this problem will disappear in mid-2022 when The High School Leckhampton is built.

It is completely unacceptable to state in the statement of community involvement that "The need for the building is considered in full within the planning statement and associated application for the new Leckhampton High School." We are not disputing that planning application, however a planning application for a new school in Leckhampton CANNOT be used to justify the need for a PERMANENT new building on a completely separate school site.

Whilst we appreciate that every school would like more accommodation space, it seems to us to be exploiting this temporary situation (and presumably the emergency funding on offer) to try to justify a long term accommodation expansion. Particularly since, as stated in the planning application, the long-term maximum student numbers at Balcarras will remain unchanged.

In actual fact, given the additional capacity that the Leckhampton High School will provide in 2022, the council's own projections show a fall in student numbers at Balcarras in the longer term.

The new High School Leckhampton adds an additional 18% to total Cheltenham secondary school capacity (<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/2097870/school-numbers-on-roll-by-age-jan20.pdf>), bringing the total to 5,738. Meanwhile, the county's Population Profile 2020 (<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/2097197/equality-profile-2020-final.pdf>) Table 3 projects an increase for Cheltenham of only 2.6% between now and 2041 for the whole of the 0-19 age group or approx 4,960 secondary school students. On these projections, in the longer term the secondary schools in Cheltenham will have 13% capacity and Balcarras itself approx 200 fewer students than today.

Paragraph 3.11 of the planning statement very briefly discounts the use of temporary accommodation claiming it would be "considerable expenditure" and "wasted public money". Whose word are we taking that the expenditure is either of these things? I very much doubt the expense is "considerable" compared to the cost and upkeep of a new permanent building. And a small amount of public money is not wasted if it brings with it other benefits such as the retention of children's existing recreational spaces.

Paragraph 3.14 even states that " temporary buildings could accommodate the unmet need for the year seven entry".

We see no justification for yet another additional permanent building at the northern end of the Balcarras site; either in the short or in the longer term. And we urge the planning committee to recommend use of temporary accommodation to solve this temporary issue.

ROAD SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT

As I'm sure you are aware, the current mix of vehicular and pedestrian traffic at peak school times, coupled with the lack of drop-off parking in the area, already causes safety concerns. We already have Balcarras sixth-formers parking along the street in Glynrosa Road and East End Road. These safety issues will of course be exacerbated by the increased traffic associated with additional students. We recall reading recently of a proposal to trial exclusion zones for parent vehicles around some schools. A toothless school Travel Plan is surely not an acceptable answer.

The increase in students will, no doubt, cause an increase in the noise in the neighbourhood associated with both pedestrian and vehicular traffic to and from school.

We note your plans included no information on any plantings that might be used to reduce noise and maintain neighbourhood amenity. Although we are pleased to see that the beautiful trees on each side of the proposal are highly regarded in the arboricultural report.

16 Murvagh Close
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 7QY

Comments: 5th September 2020

I fully support this proposal, the benefits of which, in my opinion are two-fold.

Firstly, it will provide excellent temporary accommodation for the unfortunate children of the Leckhampton triangle who have suffered numerous delays to commencement of construction of the new secondary school in Leckhampton.

Secondly, this building will provide additional long term teaching space for existing and future Balcarras pupils, over (I would imagine) the next 25 years +.

As I understand it, the impact on the local environment is zero/nominal and the plan to provide a bus service from Leckhampton will markedly reduce any traffic impact, especially as the

Leckhampton child will start/finish at different times to the Balcarras pupils. I would think that many children will cycle, as the majority of Balcarras pupils do.

Also, bear in mind these Leckhampton pupils will only be at the Balcarras site for less than a year. Thank you.

65 Church Road
Leckhampton
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 0PF

Comments: 7th September 2020
NONE GIVEN

1 Charnwood Road
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 0HN

Comments: 25th August 2020

We're 100 per cent in support of this, primarily because it will allow our eldest child to go to the new secondary school. This needs to be fast tracked to prevent any further delays in getting The High School up & running.

14 Naunton Park Road
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 7DQ

Comments: 8th September 2020

We fully support the construction of this new temporary building at Balcarras as it will provide a very sensible solution re. the accommodation of 120 students before the new school is ready. As a local family, we are very aware of the Leckhampton based students who will benefit from this learning environment and who are planning to walk and bike to this temporary venue. We also recognise and are thankful for the commitment and investment Balcarras and the local Charlton Kings community have provided for this building.

93 Pilley Crescent
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 9ES

Comments: 13th September 2020
NONE GIVEN

8 Meadowsweet Road
Cheltenham
GL53 0AS

Comments: 13th September 2020
I fully support the project.

3 Cowslip Close
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 0FN

Comments: 1st September 2020

This is essential to get the current year 6 into the new school and a fantastic new facility for Balcarras in the future. Get in done, too much uncertainty for too long.

4 Westbury Road
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 9EW

Comments: 5th September 2020

I fully support this new building. It will provide urgently needed temporary space whilst the new school is being built and then excellent new facilities for Balcarras students in the future

2 Tivoli Mews
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL50 2QD

Comments: 9th September 2020

I support the building of the temporary HSL building at Balcarras for 2021, to aid the new Leckhampton Secondary School to proceed. Ultimately a local school for local children.

37B Leckhampton Road
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 0BD

Comments: 12th September 2020

As a parent who's child is going to be making use of these facilities next year I support this application. Following the construction of the new school, they facilities can be used by the school for the benefit of the existing pupils and the school which would have an added benefit.

30 Murvagh Close
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 7QY

Comments: 12th September 2020

This is a very tastefully designed and practical building which will enable children to start at the new secondary school. I fully support this application.

21 The Avenue
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 9BL

Comments: 4th September 2020

This application looks to propose a well considered additional building, for use both for immediate housing of HSL pupils, and as a longer terms asset to the estate of Balcarras school. I write in SUPPORT of it.

18 Naunton Park Road
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 7DQ

Comments: 7th September 2020

NONE GIVEN

3 Andover Court
Andover Road
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL50 2QX

Comments: 7th September 2020

This modular structure will be essential to ensuring current year 6 pupils in South Cheltenham have a school place locally next September. It looks to be well considered and will continue to be a useful facility to the school into the future.

105 Church Road
Leckhampton
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 0PF

Comments: 4th September 2020

I am fully supportive of this application.

14 Collum End Rise
Leckhampton
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 0PB

Comments: 7th September 2020

The construction of this building to 'temporarily' house current year 6 pupils who will be the first intake in 2021 of The High School Leckhampton is absolutely critical. I live in Leckhampton within the PCA and my daughter would like to go to what will become her local community school. I am also founder of the supporters group of almost 1000 members and have been fighting on their behalf to ensure we can keep our community together and that we do have places next September. This building is critical to the project.

Children in Leckhampton have had trouble getting into a South Cheltenham school for over 15 years - specifically those living in the Leckhampton Corridor.

Finally, alongside a rapid and ongoing increase in need this problem is to be addressed by building a new secondary school in Leckhampton.

However this project has been delayed and as such won't be ready for the 2021 intake. GCC have a problem because our 4 state comprehensives are full and will be full in 2021 leaving 120 pupils displaced without a school place ANYWHERE in Cheltenham. The shocking fact is there aren't even enough places in Bishops Cleeve or Gloucester to take our children.

Now is the time for the neighbouring communities of Leckhampton and Charlton Kings to come together to ensure this project completes on time.

The new school will be a huge benefit to Charlton Kings residents and parents as it will finally alleviate the pressure on school places within CK. It will finally ensure parents do not have to move across to CK from Leckhampton to get a local school. It will hopefully mean more CK pupils will get a chance to go to their local school in the future.

It is a short-term fix to ensure the success of this new school. It is not ideal and clearly as parents of potential pupils in the first intake we are far from happy that they will be bussed over to another school. However it is so late in the day there is no alternative.

We hope CK residents and parents will support us in ensuring our children have the basic right to education in their home town. We understand GCC will provide a bus to get the children to Balcarras and have a different start and finish time - thereby alleviating pressure on traffic and pollution as far as possible.

Balcarras parents and residents will benefit from a fantastic new building which will be repurposed into a business and conference centre. Surely this is a win win.

67 Church Street
Charlton Kings
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 8AT

Comments: 30th August 2020

I am strongly opposed to this application. Church Street is already dangerously overcrowded with traffic due to pickup & drop off at Balcarras. I am often unable to access my off road parking due to parents parking across my driveway which in turn causes an issue leading to huge congestion. Traffic travel far too quickly in this area and I think a 20mph restriction should be introduced.

Surely there are sufficient schools across Cheltenham (and a new one being built in Leckhampton) that negates the need for Balcarras to grow anymore.

Removing outdoor recreational space for children is also not a positive step.

4 Peel Close
Charlton Kings
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 8QH

Comments: 14th September 2020

The proposed additional classroom space will add significant additional traffic to East End Road which already inadequate in capacity at peak times for the amount of traffic generated by the existing three schools. In addition, this will lead to an increase in overspill and inconsiderate parking in neighbouring roads including Peel Close.

4B Peel Close
Charlton Kings
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 8QH

Comments: 26th August 2020

I am dismayed to learn that Balcarras are planning to build yet another building for further pupils. This will bring more traffic to the local area which is already suffering, and it will take away space that could be turned over for car-parking on their site, instead of using our village roads and frontages to local houses. Balcarras is already the cause of traffic congestion in the vicinity which is both seriously obstructive and at times dangerous. Far too many pupils are driven to school by their parents, which causes serious congestion when driving down East End Road at certain times and they also park in neighbouring roads, such as ours, Peel Close. In addition, the 6th form pupils park their cars in our Close, often badly and without any consideration, leaving no room for service vehicles to access (e.g. waste lorries, ambulances, fire engines) as well as obstructing parking and access for residents. Balcarras have adequate land to make suitable parking for those pupils driving from out of town and the those who live locally should be barred from driving. Many of the young people drive too fast and dangerously and there will be a serious accident (probably to a child or an elderly resident) one day.

I also note the comments from a CK resident that the new building will take up an area used for outdoor play, which seems sad and ludicrous when this is so important for children. Balcarras is increasingly an organisation which only considers its own needs and have zero consideration for how they impact on our village. They have no respect for how it is cluttering up the landscape with more and more buildings, and take no consideration or responsibility for increasing traffic fumes and obstructions from the vehicles it attracts to the local area.

5 Peel Close
Charlton Kings
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 8QH

Comments: 7th December 2020

Regrettably I must object to these plans on the basis of the inevitable increase in traffic in the local area at peak times, which will be to the detriment of current pupils, parents and residents connected with all three schools in the village.

Despite the issues around traffic being known for a long time - speeding, illegal parking, idling and general inconsiderate behaviour, Balcarras haven't taken any noticeable steps to reduce this amongst existing parents, let alone adding another 120 pupils.

It was abundantly clear on 27th & 30th November 2020 when Balcarras had inset days whilst CKJS and CKIS were in school, that the vast majority of car journeys to and from the area are Balcarras-related. Therefore, the school need to step up and take the majority of the burden for resolving these issues for the health and safety of all pupils, parents and residents.

The updated version of the School Travel Plan attached to this application, dated Oct 2020, still does not have the name of the Travel Plan Co-Ordinator who should be driving positive changes forwards in this area. Sadly this indicates that the matter is not being given the priority it requires.

Whilst a bus service is touted as a way of reducing the likelihood of increased traffic, as it is not mandatory it has to be assumed that private car drop offs will increase considerably. A point also made by the GCC Highways consultation response.

Wagers Lodge
48 East End Road
Charlton Kings
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 8QL

Comments: 30th August 2020

We wish to make an objection and the following observations about the planning application 20/01370/FUL for Balcarras School.

Regrettably we did not receive the Public Consultation letter/papers mailed out by EvansJones on 17 July 2020 even though we live in the residents consultation area. The planning application seriously understates the current road safety issues in Charlton Kings (specifically along East End Road) and the impact that an additional 120 pupils' travel arrangements will have on our already congested roads through the Village. Balcarras School has a Travel Plan to encourage car sharing and bus travel for the additional pupils who will be there from September 2021 to July 2022. But there is no way of enforcing this; there will, inevitably, be an increased number of parents dropping off and collecting children (especially those involved in after school activities).

In the light of this plan for 120 additional pupils at Balcarras School there is an urgent need for Council to take the initiative to address the very significant road safety issues already raised earlier this year by many Charlton Kings residents: (1) obstructive and illegal parking along East End Road and Church Street which goes unchecked because for 99.9% of the time there are no parking enforcement officers on duty; (2) excessive driving speeds for narrow roads (we need a permanent 20mph zone for much of the Village); (3) and legislation to ban the many large lorries taking a short-cut along East End Road (past Balcarras School) to avoid the Six-Ways traffic lights. The planned major increase in pupils at Balcarras School in September 2021 requires a much more proactive approach to dealing with the increased traffic impact on the already significant (and unaddressed) road safety problems along East End Road. Balcarras School is in the area most affected by these major road safety problems.

2 East End Road
Charlton Kings
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 8QD

Comments: 14th September 2020

We live very close to the school. And whilst we chose to move to the house so that our children would be able to attend Balcarras School, we have one child already attending Balcarras and one due to start in 2021. We feel we must object. On the following grounds:

1. Loss of recreational space. The documents allude that the site where the building is to be constructed is land that isn't currently used. I know for a fact that this land is used at break and lunchtimes by pupils, particularly now whilst they are not permitted to mingle between year groups. If the land is not used then why are there football goals on this piece of ground? The

planning consultants address this in their response stating that; pupils would be able to use the new MUGA. According to my child the MUGA is used at break and lunchtimes for clubs.

2. Traffic and Construction. As a number of other people have raised traffic is already incredibly busy and often hazardous. As we live so close we accept there will always be times each day when it is busy. Many people already park on corners, double yellow lines and block driveways. Add another 120 children and this will get worse. I am aware of the plans to provide a bus service for the additional children, however this is not enforceable. There will be additional parents dropping off their children in the local area. In addition the pavements are always very crowded sometimes meaning that children of all ages end up walking on the road because there is simply not enough room. The plan to stagger start times is a good idea; however times have been staggered for the last couple of weeks and this simple means that the pavements are busier for longer. As an example I needed to get off my driveway during the first week back whilst it was raining, I had a work emergency it was impossible due to the amount of cars and people. I also have huge concerns over construction traffic, for the same reasons. Having three schools so close together simply causes too many cars to be on the road, the schools often write to parents asking for consideration, however during rainy and/or cold days this is often ignored.

3. Impact on existing pupils and siblings due to attend. Whilst I appreciate this is not a planning issue it is equally as valid a point. As we all know Balcarras is full to capacity; we as parents were assured at the beginning that any sponsorship of the new Leckhampton High School would not affect our children. Now this is simply not true, they will no doubt have to share some facilities. Whilst I sympathise wholeheartedly with the children and their parents, I do not see why our children's school life should be impacted because of Gloucestershire County Councils inadequate planning.

Lastly the planning consultants timing is questionable. Documents were sent out to local households prior to the formal application being made. The letter was dated 17th July, which was received on 21st July with a closing date of 24th July. My comments were classed as late as we had been away (as are many parents at the beginning of the school holidays). Quite possibly this is coincidental.

3 Andover Court
Andover Road
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL50 2QX

Comments: 8th September 2020

Believe this will be essential if the building of the school is delayed

17 Arden Road
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 0HG

Comments: 10th September 2020

I strongly support this application as a temporary solution to the delay in building the new High School Leckhampton. School places are urgently needed for next year's Y6 intake and this application delivers a very sensible compromise without detriment to pupils or residents of Balcarras/Charlton Kings.

70 Naunton Crescent
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 7BE

Comments: 4th September 2020
I support this construction.

11 Mornington Drive
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 0BH

Comments: 4th September 2020
NONE GIVEN

25 Highwood Avenue
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 0JJ

Comments: 11th September 2020
NONE GIVEN

6 Moorend Crescent
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 0EL

Comments: 11th September 2020
This is essential for children in the area it must go ahead

3 Pilley Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 9EX

Comments: 17th September 2020
NONE GIVEN

73 Honeysuckle Avenue
Cheltenham
GL53 0AF

Comments: 7th September 2020
Fully support this initiative to provide local investment into enhanced school places and infrastructure for our children. A critical opportunity to invest now, for the benefit of our future generations.

240 Old Bath Road
Cheltenham
GL53 9EG

Comments: 4th September 2020

This solution has my full support as a parent of school age children, living in the 'Leckhampton Corridor'. For too long families in this area have lived with uncertainty concerning which secondary school their children will be allocated. The High School Leckhampton seeks to address this problem, meaning that Leckhampton children in the future will be in the same lucky position as Charlton Kings families, with a local school on their doorstep. No more years of stress and worry for parents, no more uncertainty for children who can just get on with the business of being kids and looking forward to the next chapter of their educational experience with their friends. Whilst the delay to the new High School Leckhampton site completion is far from what local families had hoped for for the 2021 intake, this temporary solution housed on the sponsor's site seems reasonable and the benefits to the Charlton Kings children is also evident with the creation of new facilities they can access once the High School Leckhampton build is complete. Yes, traffic is already an issue in Charlton Kings but a proposal to bring Leckhampton children across by bus is aimed to alleviate further impact on school run traffic and encourage many of the 120 families to take up that option. Foremost to this proposal should be the health and well-being of the 120 currently ten year old children who won't be allocated a school place in Cheltenham without this school forging ahead. There is simply no capacity for 120 children elsewhere in the Cheltenham secondary school system. Something needs to be done and this build is a temporary solution. 120 families need to submit a secondary school application NEXT MONTH! They need to feel confident that this is a viable solution and that with it their children can ultimately attend a school they will be able to walk or cycle to. Let's get it done!

4 Croft Road
Charlton Kings
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 8LA

Comments: 23rd August 2020

I am writing to raise my objection to the proposed location of the new school building at Balcarras School. My concern is around the loss of recreational space, as the proposed site is presently utilised as an informal play area for pupils during break and lunchtime. The loss of the outdoor hard surfaced space will, I believe, have a detrimental effect on many students being able to exercise and socially interact, in an informal setting, and thus affect their physical and mental wellbeing.

Although the proposed site is not an area utilised for formal sport, the aerial site photograph clearly shows the proposed building is situated between two goalposts. The site is a very popular area where pupils congregate to play football etc with their peers, without having the confines of participating in a school club. The new building will, therefore, prevent children's free play, due to concerns over damage to the new building (windows accidentally being broken etc). The statement made by the planning consultants that it is not an area used for recreation is false. When I raised the point to my child, who is a pupil currently attending Balcarras School, that pupils will be able to utilise the school field or the new all weather MUGA's, I was informed that these areas are utilised by school clubs during the lunchtime period.

When the sponsorship of the new school was announced to parents back in July 2018, we were reassured that, on a day to day basis, the nature of our school won't change at all. Taking away an area of free play for pupils should be one of great concern. Children thrive at their educational setting from social interaction with their cohort sharing similar interests. Removing this recreational space will bring children together who naturally socially distance.

10, Meadowsweet Road
Cheltenham
GL53 0AS

Comments: 5th September 2020

With the higher and higher demand for school places, this is an extremely important development to ensure that local children get to go to local schools. A nice, modern building which will not only keep the dream alive for our children hoping to go to a local school in Leckhampton in the short term, but will be an asset to a local outstanding school in the long term. It will ultimately lead to less congestion and environmental issues in the county as surely local children going to local schools will mean more walking (and fitter children) and less transport required. We can't afford to be short-sighted.

51 Moorend Crescent
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 0EJ

Comments: 8th September 2020

We support the construction of this temporary building for 2021!

20 Brizen Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 0NG

Comments: 11th September 2020

I am writing as ward councillor for College and County Councillor for Charlton Park and College.

The proposed development at Balcarras will provide vital accommodation for the year 7 pupils of the new school at Leckhampton (LHS).

Without the LHS and this accommodation at Balcarras, there will be no senior school place for many children in South Cheltenham in September 2021. When the LHS pupils have moved on to their new school in 2022, Balcarras will be left with a really useful, modern addition to their site, benefiting students who go to school there.

The whole issue of addressing the senior school place deficit in south Cheltenham has taken far too long to be addressed. 10 years ago or more the county council was adding places in to primary schools in south Cheltenham but without making the strategic plans necessary to be able to provide all of those children with a local senior school place.

Parents and families in Leckhampton, Naunton Park and Charlton Park areas have lived in what has felt like 'no mans land' for too long. Many of these families live in Balcarras priority area already but do not get in as it is oversubscribed.

In recent years families living in these areas have been allocated school places miles away on the other side of the town or even outside of Cheltenham in Tewkesbury Borough. I have helped many families through the appeals process and it is incredibly stressful and frustrating for them.

Please permit this development to help our young people as they take the next step on the educational journey.

5 Charlton Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 9DT

Comments: 4th September 2020
Fully support

70 Naunton Crescent
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 7BE

Comments: 7th September 2020

I am a parent of a year 6 pupil in Leckhampton and we are in full support of the new High School.

This temporary build at Balcarras must progress to fill the time gap and create a solution for the 2021 intake - our children deserve a local school.

10 Woodgate Close
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL52 6UW

Comments: 28th August 2020

Whilst I understand the need for the building, you are planning to build it without first providing exact details of how the pupils will get to the school. The roads are already congested and the streets full of toxic No2. A bus has been suggested, but the type of bus has not been clarified. As Leckhampton is meant to be a green school, surely it is not intended to bring a diesel bus down East End Rd, adding plumes of No2 to our already highly polluted air? Or worse permit parents to drive? These environmentally unfriendly options would a terrible first step for a supposedly green school. The best option would be an electric bus / coach; leasing costs are coming down and running costs are very low. Perhaps you could assure residents you will lease an electric vehicle and go green.

23 Church Road
Leckhampton
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 0PS

Comments: 4th September 2020

I fully support this application of an additional building on Balcarras site. It as a necessity to be able to house and teach the pupils that need a school place in 2021 and who currently have no local school that will have a place in this year. The new school that is being built for these families will solve this problem but simply cant be built in time. The children will be transported over to Balcarras by bus so their should be limited additional traffic.

Ragstones
Kidnappers Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 0NT

Comments: 5th September 2020

As a parent of a year 6 child who could potentially benefit from this new building at Balcarras school I am in support of this going ahead. Though I understand the concerns of local residents, I think the whole issue needs to be taken into account. Without this building 120 children could struggle to get a place at a Cheltenham school next September and there is no other solution for this except this new building. The children will only be held there for up to 12 months and then the building would not be used for children so the impact on traffic etc is temporary. Additionally there will be a school bus which will transport many of the 120 children to the school site making the 12 month impact on traffic even less.

7 Nourse Close
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 0NQ

Comments: 4th September 2020

This building will meet the short term demand for school places as well as adding a value resource to balcarras students. I think the location and building will be of benefit to the community and future generations.

16 Murvagh Close
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 7QY

Comments: 5th September 2020

I SUPPORT this application for a temporary building for High School Leckhampton year 7 children in 2021.

It looks like a well thought out design and is an attractive and modern building. Many children will be able to walk or cycle to the school as they will live just over a mile away. The school bus is a good idea for those who are unable to do so as is the staggered start and finish times to avoid traffic congestion in the area.

After one year Balcarras students will benefit from this fantastic new Building for their Business Studies Department for many years to come. We live in the catchment area and hope that our children will be able to use these facilities.

25 Moorend Crescent
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 0EJ

Comments: 7th September 2020

I fully support the construction of a permanent building at Balcarras. This is vital for the first cohort of The High School Leckhampton, prior to the completion of the new school itself.

Children in the Leckhampton area desperately need the additional capacity that this building will provide for their first year at Secondary school beginning in September 2021.

In addition, Leckhampton children deserve the opportunity to attend a school local to them in the form of the new school, on its completion for use in September 2022.

In turn, this building will provide Balcarras with very useful additional facilities.

90 Painswick Road
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL50 2EY

Comments: 13th September 2020
NONE GIVEN

68 Meadowsweet Road
Cheltenham
GL53 0AS

Comments: 14th September 2020
NONE GIVEN

43 Collum End Rise
Leckhampton
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 0PA

Comments: 5th September 2020

I fully support the construction of the new modular building at Balcarras School, as without it, 120 children of Cheltenham will be without a school for the 2021/22 academic year. Without this building, the new Secondary school in Leckhampton will be delayed, a delay that will be detrimental to so many children. My understanding is that the children will be brought over by bus, which means traffic will not be as affected as if individuals were being dropped off. Also, after the academic year of 2021/22, this building will be used by Balcarras students and will not be used to house more pupils. The new High School and this building go hand in hand and for that reason it has my full backing. Please give our children a chance!