

FARNBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As you are aware the Independent Planning Inspector dismissed the application to expand Farnborough Primary. Below is the extract from his report. The full report is available on the school website planning page. :-

Conclusion

- 42. I have found that the proposed development would not have a harmful effect on the safe and efficient operation of the highway network in the vicinity of the appeal site, and it would not harm the living conditions of surrounding occupiers.
- 43. However, the Framework makes it clear that substantial weight should be given to any harm to the Green Belt and that very special circumstances will not exist unless such harm is clearly outweighed by other considerations. In this case, I have found harm by reason of inappropriateness and harm to the openness of the Green Belt. Even if I found that the need for an additional form of entry were justified, which would attract great weight; this would not clearly outweigh the harm to the Green Belt by inappropriateness and by loss of openness. Consequently the very special circumstances necessary to justify the development do not exist.
- 44. For the reasons above, and having had regard to all other matters raised, the proposal would harm the Green Belt, contrary to the London Plan and the Framework. The appeal is therefore dismissed.

The Board of Trustees and the Local Committee of Farnborough Primary will be reviewing the next steps including the development of a strategic for a one form entry Primary School. We will keep you updated on our discussions and final decisions.

Yours Sincerely

P Farrow

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