



TAVERHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENT QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

Langley Preparatory School at Taverham Hall

Context

Current number on roll (NOR) - 323

Agreed Admission number (PAN) – N/A

Accommodation capacity – can be expanded to accommodate increased pupil numbers

Fullest year group – Year 6

Smallest year group – Year 8

Projected NOR for 2021 – unable to quantify this far ahead by next year 2018 our numbers are projected at 326

What is your school's catchment area? – We do not have a specified catchment area but attract pupils from all over Norfolk and as far as North Suffolk.

How many / what percentage come from outside this? – N/A

Thinking about your school and Taverham village at the moment

What are the benefits of being in Taverham (e.g. community)? -

Since its establishment in 1921, The School has played its part in the history of Taverham village, with its close links with Taverham Junior School and West Norwich & Dereham School Sport Partnership which regularly use our school grounds for their Cross Country and other sporting events. The School has also developed a number of partnerships with other schools (including Harford Manor School) and organisations to whom we extend the use of some of our facilities. In addition, the school shares the astro turf facility and club house with Taverham High School. A special bond exists with St Edmund's Church in Taverham and Rev Seabrook regularly visits the School. Further links exist with Taverham Mill where pupils go for their fishing hobby and for water skiing.

In terms of location the vicinity to Norwich, the new NDR and A47 are key with regards to accessibility for families and visitors to the School.

What cause the greatest problems (e.g. traffic)? -

Traffic volume

Traffic congestion

Narrowness of roads – The Street in particular

Flooding of Taverham Lane and by the Ringland Swan

How would you describe your school's links with -

1. parents / carers – very strong
2. churches – Rev Seabrook from St Edmund's Church is a regular visitor to the School, taking assemblies, speaking to our pupils, and acting as a 'Listener' . Our pupils also attend St Edmund's for services such as Harvest Festival and Christmas Carol Service.
3. local businesses (e.g. garden centre, Wensum Valley Hotel)
We have made use of the hotel for guests and have a good relationship with Taverham Garden Centre. We also use the Post Office regularly and the Tesco stores.
4. local organisations (e.g. Taverham Lions, scouts/guides, Taverham Band, hockey club)
Strong links with both the Junior and High School.
We have a good relationship with Taverham Mill and Norfolk Water Ski Club.

Does the school use any Taverham village facilities (e.g. library, playing field, woodland areas, village halls)?

We share use of the High School's astro turf pitches.

What links with Taverham village would you like the school to develop / improve?

Build even stronger links with Taverham's schools and nurseries.

Thinking about your school and Taverham in the next five to ten years, given that significant housing development is being planned which could lead to 140 secondary age children and 294 primary age children over that time frame. This equates to 28 per secondary year group and 42 per primary year group, spread over 5 – 10 years.

In addition, there could be 140 pre-school / nursery children (0 – 5) over that period.

Will your school be able to accommodate a sustained increase in numbers? Yes

What impact could this sustained growth have? Traffic volume/congestion will become an increasing problem.

Are there any benefits? Yes – a potential increase in pupil numbers.

How could this increase affect the current problems? This is likely to worsen the current traffic issues.

What additional facilities / provision would you like to see -

1. at your school
Improved and safer entrance and exits from the School.

2. in the new development
Another doctor's surgery

3. in the village
More sporting facilities
Improved bus service to and from Norwich city centre

Outline planning permission has already been granted for a supermarket, retail and lifestyle facilities including a pub, on land next door to the garden centre.

What benefits and / or disadvantages do you think this development could bring to the area?
This may impact unfavourably on local shops and businesses which may lose trade to the supermarket.

What opportunities could it offer to your school?
Further local retail offering may be of interest to our parents who may not then need to travel further afield to shop.

Any further general comments and observations?

None

Many thanks, TNP Steering Group