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**WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Parents, Headteachers, and other interested parties _____
Corporate Services

Shute End, Wokingham

Dear Parents, Headteachers, and other interested parties _____
Berkshire RG40 1WN

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Re: Arborfield Primary School

I write to seek your views on the future management of a new primary school we plan to open in 2021.

The council has committed to building a new primary school to serve the Arborfield Garrison Strategic Development Location (the SDL), on a site off Biggs Lane, RG2 9NH. The new school premises will be built with capacity for 420 children (plus a nursery class) in the first instance, with planning permission in place for an additional wing for a further 210 children. The school is the first of two new primary schools proposed to serve the 3,500 new homes planned in the SDL.

Our analysis of how the new school premises could be managed is attached. Our focus is:

- To ensure the new community has the long-promised new school so residents can walk their children to this essential facility.
- To ensure that existing local schools are protected at a time when Reception class rolls have fallen because of reduced birth rates since 2012.
- To ensure that as the SDL is built out, the full 420 places are available to serve new residents.

This letter and the consultation document can be read on the council's website at <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/planning-new-school-places/>.

Please send any responses to me, by email at: Piers.brunning@wokingham.gov.uk

by 15th January 2020.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

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