

FACT SHEET NO.2 | MARCH 2020

Future new access for Boundary Oak School.

We are looking ahead to next year and preparing plans in readiness for the delivery of various elements of supporting infrastructure that will be needed for the early phase of Welborne. One of these will be a new private access for Boundary Oak School. Plans will soon be submitted to Fareham Borough Council and this fact sheet provides an overview of the proposals.

Why is a new access needed?

The current access to Boundary Oak School will change when works on the new M27 Junction 10 begin. The junction between Pook Lane and A32 will close to accommodate a dedicated filter lane onto the eastbound M27. The provision of a new access for the school will also avoid the need to use the current arrangement which, at peak time around the school day, is considered challenging by a number of users as it requires crossing the A32 and M27 slip road.

What is being proposed?

A new access route will be provided to the school, via the A32, leading to a single-track private driveway with passing places. The route from the A32 will not initially be a public highway and will lead to a no through road to serve the school only. The new junction created with the A32 will be joined by a public highway serving the later eastern stages of the Welborne development in 15+ years.

The new access route has been designed to meet the needs of the school, whilst managing and mitigating the potential impact on the surrounding area including the Listed Building at Roche Court and tree belt. Drainage for the route has also been considered, with surface water collection features included as part of the proposals.

When are these changes happening?

We are currently working to an estimated programme to construct the access route in the first half of 2021. The exact timings will be determined by the start of works on the new M27 Junction 10 and A32 upgrades, both of which have yet to be confirmed by Highways England and Hampshire County Council.

How will access to and from the school be affected?

The main school access point will move to a new location to the north of the school. The journey to and from the school on the main road network will change over time as Welborne is delivered. The diagram overleaf provides an indication of the proposed access and journey arrangements.

What impact will there be on the school facilities?

The route has been designed with input from both Boundary Oak School and the landowner Southwick Estate. The key objective has been to ensure any new access route maintains the safety of the children using the school grounds and seeks to improve the current access arrangement for parents at peak times. The proposed route will follow the edge of the woodland, taking a small area from the edge of the sports field. To account for this, an additional area of land will be made available to the school, extending the existing outer sports field. Access to the woodland classroom will be maintained. The existing driveway will continue to provide access to the Gate Lodge and the Art Block but in time access will not be possible to the A32.

What about the tree belt and ecology within it?

The tree belt will continue to be managed and maintained by the school and Southwick Estate. We have been undertaking ecology surveys within the tree area for some years and have a good understanding of the trees, plants and animals in this area. We have carefully considered these as part of our proposals and designed the route to minimise impacts and ensure all future works are planned around the ecology calendar with the necessary licenses from Natural England.

Next Steps

A formal request has been made to Hampshire County Council (HCC) for permission to connect to the A32 and is currently under consideration. We will be submitting a planning application to Fareham Borough Council by April 2020 which will be made available on the Councils' planning portal (https://www.fareham.gov.uk/casetrackerplanning/). Members of the public can make comments during the Councils 12-week consultation process.

Please turn overleaf.

Please note - timescale shown are indicative / subject to change













