



Whilst the provision of new primary school places is welcomed the proposed split site expansion of Kingsgate appears contrived. In view of scale of development deemed necessary to fund the new school building it would appear sensible to provide a 2FE primary and nursery on this site as a 'sister' provision to that found at Kingsgate. The arrangement would provide much clearer admissions arrangements and provide a focus for the community of Iverson, Maygrove, Fordwych Roads and Sidings Estate is defined and confined by physical boundaries of the existing railway lines to the north and south.

A school site that caters for pupils aged 3-11 could then also utilize the existing Multi Use Games Area in the Peace Park during the day. The arrangement would also minimize the need for parents with young children to have to move between the two sites and perhaps form better links with existing nursery provision in the Sidings Community Centre.

The school building as currently designed will have a very low visibility in the community both screened and shaded by the much larger scale housing development which might be better placed forming an acoustic buffer to the noise of the railway lines (as successfully achieved at the nearby Grade II listed Rowley Way)

The loss of the light industrial space is regrettable and it appears that there has been little done to find alternative premises in the area which would keep the existing businesses in the area.

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