

PRESS RELEASE

In particular Councillors concentrated on the proposals for secondary schools and specially the designated areas for Maiden Erlegh and Bulmershe Schools.

A number of members of the public were present at the meeting of the committee and were given the opportunity to express their views by the Chairman, Councillor Shakeel Khan. The proposed designated areas were different from the previous consultation that took place in the Autumn of last year and in particular there was a new proposal for a “tie breaker” based on the additional distance to Bulmershe compared to Maiden Erlegh School. A number of residents were concerned that children who lived very close to Maiden Erlegh School would, under the proposed new arrangements, stand less of a chance of obtaining a place at Maiden Erlegh than some living much further away. Councillors on the committee took into account these comments, while indicating broad support for the aims of the Review.

After much discussion the committee unanimously resolved that the response of Earley Town Council to the Consultation would be as follows

1. Earley Town Council welcomes any initiative which allows as many children from the Civil Parish of Earley as possible to attend Maiden Erlegh School and it broadly supports the aims of the Review, but would urge Wokingham Borough Council to consider again those anomalies that have been noted which appear to adversely affect those who live near to the school.
2. the Town Council would welcome individual Councillors and members of the public submitting their own views on the Review.

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