

# Proposed school in Marsh Lane Christchurch

Aerial images from google with the outlined area proposed for Marsh lane.

Aerial images from google of local schools with their current areas outlined to provide a size comparison.

All images are the same scale for comparison.

**FIGURE 1 PROPOSED SCHOOL AREA**



**FIGURE 2 CHRISTCHURCH INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL**



**FIGURE 3 ST KATHARINES INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL**



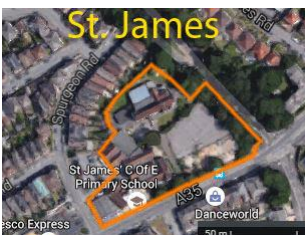
**FIGURE 4 STOURFIELD INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL**



**FIGURE 5 ST THOMAS GARNET INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL**



**FIGURE 4 ST JAMES INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL**





# Other sites

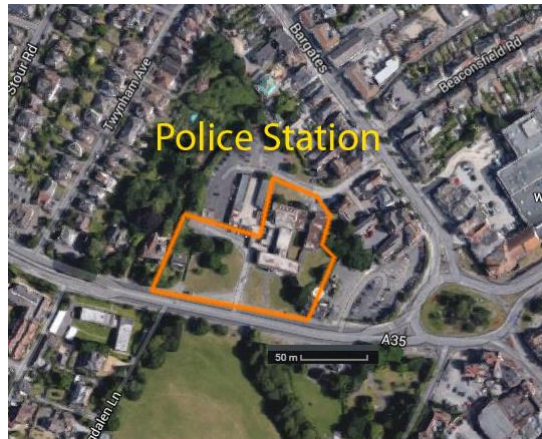
**FIGURE 6 BAILY BRIDGE**

Similar foot print to Marsh lane



**FIGURE 7 POLICE STATION**

Good Road access and parent parking



**FIGURE 8 POLICE STATION + COUNCIL OFFICES**

Excellent Road access and parent parking



**FIGURE 9 BEAGLE PREMISES**

Excellent Road access and parent parking



**FIGURE 10 CHRISTCHURCH REC**

Good Road access and parent parking opposite



**Figure 11 Hurn Road**

Good area access, West Christchurch, No existing buildings

# Previous comments

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On reviewing these sites there have been some consistent comments:

## Site is too small

This cannot be a reasonable argument as most of the local schools are smaller.

## Site next to railway line is not suitable

This is not a reasonable argument as Stourfield school and many others over the country are close to railway lines

## Old Christchurch Police station

'The two access points for this site are from Barrack Road and Bargates, both extremely busy town centre routes, noisy, unsuitable for a Primary School.'

One of the biggest problems of schools is the drop of and pick up; having 2 access points and parking would be thought of as a bonus.

# Biggest concerns of residents

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## 1. Traffic

- a. Currently Fairmile is at a standstill during the normal school start and pickup times.
- b. It is nearly impossible to turn right out of Suffolk avenue, Walcott Ave, Flambard Ave, Bronte Avenue; this increases the pressure on the local traffic.
- c. Flambard (width 6metres) and Walcott Avenue are narrow not wide enough to support heavy two way traffic.
- d. Increase pressure on the surrounding roads for parking parents dropping off children. There is evidence that drivers will park, even across peoples drive ways in order to drop their child to school; resulting in the house owner not able to get out of their own premises.
- e. The road with cars parked either side is not wide enough for the emergency services.

## 2. Impact to natural area

- a. St. Catherine's hill is it vital that Dorset Heathland special area of conservation and of European importance is protected, including areas within 5Km of a site of SSSI

## 3. What we don't want

- a. Speed humps (noise of cars bouncing over them and speeding up)
- b. Chicanes (this will reduce the on road parking pressures even more, it is thought that there will be many cars parked in the road that will reduce the traffic speed to grid lock)



## 2. Possible considerations

- Development of a roundabout to aid traffic to turn right. (See figure 10)
- Development of more of Marsh Lane to include a parking area for the parents (See Figure 10)
- Parking for Parents
- Drop off zone for parents of junior school age

**Figure 10 Marsh Lane**

Additional road development and new roundabout

