Question

When will this administration realise that wasting £2.5 million on 15 planned community places in St Andrews, in the wrong place, to address the vexed issue of directed children is patently not the answer, and that they need to consider the following options:

- Making Holland Road a straight through 2 form entry primary in 2017, after taking emergency bulge classes in 2015 and 2016 under the Davigdor name on the Holland Road Site to keep the council stats on directed children in check.

- Replacing the totally unsuitable Holland Road site (as a junior for West Hove Connaught Rd school) with a junior school on the old bowling alley on the seafront, which has remained empty for many years. The nearby bowls club which is under threat could be incorporated as a sports facility for the school rather than being turned into an ice cream parlour.

- Alternatively place West Hove Connaught site under the control of the superb management and teaching team of St Andrews School and remodel the two sites as a infant school (Connaught Road) and Junior School (Belfast St) using the shared facilities of the superb sports field at St Andrews. The Holland Road site can then be made a straight through 2 form primary and a further new 2 form primary school can be built in an area of high demand once the council has commissioned better granularity and migration data.

- Alternatively following through on Councilor Wealls pragmatic proposal to site a primary school on the rear of Kings House.

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Info

Davigdor has taken emergency bulge classes in 2012 and 2014. The Council tried to push through totally unsuitable plans to expand Stanford Infants in 2013. I and a number of privileged colleagues have seen dot map data from the council officers, that show a majority of directed children in the recent 2014 allocation (pre Davigdor bulge class) were centred around Brunswick Square and St Michaels Place, which have no natural schools. The council now have £28.5 Million in central Government funding for new schools.