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## Orange march puts the squeeze on County Council

Close on 1000 people took to the streets of Lingfield last Saturday to protest at Surrey County Council's proposal to axe Lingfield and Dormansland Primary Schools from the Oxted School catchment area from 2009.

The march was organised by the 8 Minutes To Oxted action group and one of the organisers, Paul Dalrymple said there were three objectives behind the massive show of protest.

"We intended to send a strong signal to the County Council that a large number of people objected to their proposal and that our communities had united in opposition" said Mr Dalrymple.



"We also wanted to communicate to local people that we needed consultation documents to be completed and submitted to SCC by January 31.

"And we wanted to provide a rallying call for everyone locally - a positive, hopeful and uplifting message to take us into the next phase of the campaign.

"We achieved these objectives in style I think. I know that many people were taken aback by the scale and intensity of the protest...it was good natured and positive and yet you could sense the strength of feeling among the people taking part."

The 8 Minutes To Oxted action group will be travelling to County Hall in Kingston on February 5 to present the County Council with its petition.

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