

PROPOSALS FOR PRESCRIBED ALTERATIONS OTHER THAN FOUNDATION PROPOSALS: Information to be included in or provided in relation to proposals

Insert the information asked for in the expandable box below each section.

1. The name, address and category of the school and a contact address for the local education authority who are publishing the proposals.

Park Primary School, Woodstock Road, Wallasey, Wirral, CH44 5RN, Community Primary
Wirral Borough Council, Town Hall, Brighton Street, Wallasey, Wirral, CH44 8ED

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation

2. The date on which the proposals are planned to be implemented, and if they are to be implemented in stages, a description of what is planned for each stage, and the number of stages intended and the dates of each stage.

1st September 2008

Objections and comments

3. A statement explaining the procedure for making representations, including—
- the date prescribed in accordance with paragraph 33 Schedule 56 to The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 by which objections or comments should be sent to the local education authority; and
 - the address of the authority to which objections or comments should be sent.

Within six weeks from the date of publication of the proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Howard Cooper, Director of Children's Services, Hamilton Building, Conway Street, Birkenhead, CH41 4FD. This period will end on Wednesday 28th November 2007.

Alteration description

4. A description of the proposed alteration and in the case of special school proposals, a description of the current special needs provision.

Establishment of a nursery class for 26 full time equivalent children aged between 3 and 5 years.

School capacity

5.—(1) Where the alteration is an alteration falling within any of paragraphs 1 to 4, and paragraph 7 and 8, of Schedule 2 or 4 to The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007, the proposals must also include—

- (a) details of the current capacity of the school and where the proposals will alter the capacity of the school, the proposed capacity of the school after the alteration;

Capacity is 280 pupils. The prescribed alteration will not alter the capacity of the school. However, the linked proposal to close Poulton Primary School could potentially result in the capacity of the school increasing to 340 pupils, depending on parental preferences.

- (b) details of the numbers of pupils to be admitted to the school in each relevant age group in the first school year in which the proposals will have been implemented;

48 (based on capacity of 340 pupils)

- (c) where it is intended that proposals should be implemented in stages, the number of pupils to be admitted to the school in the first school year in which each stage will have been implemented;

Not applicable

- (d) where the number of pupils in any relevant age group is lower than the indicated admission number for that relevant age group a statement to this effect and details of the indicated admission number in question.

Not applicable

(2) Where the alteration is an alteration falling within any of paragraphs 1 to 4, and 7 and 8 of Schedule 2 or 4 to The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 a statement of the number of pupils at the school at the time of the publication of the proposals.

School reports 238 pupils on roll at notice publication date.

Implementation

6. Where the proposals relate to a foundation or voluntary controlled school a statement as to whether the proposals are to be implemented by the local education authority or by the governing body, and, if the proposals are to be implemented by both, a statement as to the extent to which they are to be implemented by each body.

Not applicable

Additional Site

7.—(1) A statement as to whether any new or additional site will be required if proposals are implemented and if so the location of the site if the school is to occupy a split site.

Not applicable

(2) Where proposals relate to a foundation or voluntary school a statement as to who will provide any additional site required, together with details of the tenure (freehold or leasehold) on which the site of the school will be held, and if the site is to be held on a lease, details of the proposed lease.

Not applicable

Changes in boarding arrangements

8.—(1) Where the proposals are for the introduction or removal of boarding provision, or the alteration of existing boarding provision such as is mentioned in paragraph 7 or 14 of Schedule 2 or 4 to The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 —

- (a) the number of pupils for whom it is intended that boarding provision will be made if the proposals are approved;

Not applicable

- (b) the arrangements for safeguarding the welfare of children at the school;

Not applicable

- (c) the current number of pupils for whom boarding provision can be made and a description of the boarding provision;

Not applicable

- (d) except where the proposals are to introduce boarding provision, a description of the existing boarding provision.

Not applicable

(2) Where the proposals are for the removal of boarding provisions or an alteration to reduce boarding provision such as is mentioned in paragraph 7 or 14 of Schedule 2 or 4 to The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 —

- (a) the number of pupils for whom boarding provision will be removed if the proposals are approved;

Not applicable

- (b) a statement as to the use to which the former boarding accommodation will be put if the proposals are approved.

Not applicable

Transfer to new site

9. Where the proposals are to transfer a school to a new site the following information—

- (a) the location of the proposed site (including details of whether the school is to occupy a single or split site), and including where appropriate the postal address;

Not applicable

- (b) the distance between the proposed and current site;

Not applicable

- (c) the reason for the choice of proposed site;

Not applicable

- (d) the accessibility of the proposed site or sites;

Not applicable

- (e) the proposed arrangements for transport of pupils to the school on its new site;

Not applicable

- (f) a statement about other sustainable transport alternatives where pupils are not using transport provided, and how car use in area will be discouraged.

Not applicable

Objectives

10. The objectives of the proposals.

To establish a new Foundation 1 or nursery class at Park Primary School.

Consultation

11. Evidence of the consultation before the proposals were published including—

- (a) a list of persons who were consulted;
(b) minutes of all public consultation meetings;

- (c) the views of the persons consulted;
- (d) a statement to the effect that all applicable statutory requirements in relation to the proposals to consult were complied with; and
- (e) copies of all consultation documents and a statement on how these documents were made available.

Please see Appendices A and B.

Project costs

12. A statement of the estimated total capital cost of the proposals and the breakdown of the costs that are to be met by the governing body, the local education authority, and any other party.

The actual cost of this proposal, and the linked proposal to close Poulton Primary School, is dependant on parental preferences as to pupil destination following closure approval.

For estimation purposes, if it assumed that all former Poulton pupils on roll at 31st August 2008 intend to transfer to Park Primary School, the total cost of accommodating the additional pupils, establishing a new F1 class and replacing two existing mobile classrooms, is estimated at £1,095,000 including fees.

£750,000 has already been set aside in the Council's Capital programme for works arising from the Primary Places Review for 2007/2008. The remaining capital requirements would be obtained from future capital grants and/or capital receipts.

13. A copy of confirmation from the Secretary of State, local education authority and the Learning and Skills Council for England (as the case may be) that funds will be made available (including costs to cover any necessary site purchase).

The Capital Programme allocation for the Primary Places Review and Surplus Place removal in 2007/2008 was approved by Cabinet on 7th June 2007. The Authority was notified of its three year capital allocation for 2008/9 to 2010/11 in October 2007, which is £12,053,348.

Age range

14. Where the proposals relate to a change in age range, the current age range for the school.

4 to 11

Early years provision

15. Where the proposals are to alter the lower age limit of a mainstream school so that it provides for pupils aged between 2 and 5—

- (a) details of the early years provision, including the number of full-time and part-time pupils, the number and length of sessions in each week, and the services for disabled children that will be offered;

The early years provision is an LA maintained F1 (nursery) class for 26 full time

equivalent pupils to replace the former provision at Poulton Primary School. Sessions are half day, with five sessions per week. Children with disabilities will be accommodated according to their need.

- (b) how the school will integrate the early years provision with childcare services and how the proposals are consistent with the integration of early years provision for childcare;

This area is served by 8 Surestart Children's Centres, also see (d) below. Existing links with the Children's Centres, and with nearby Brentwood Early Years Centre, will be maintained.

Park Primary School is also part of an extended schools cluster and will therefore be required to consider how it can meet the extended offer to parents, which includes childcare. Any proposals for such developments will be led by staff within the Sure Start Support team who have a strategic responsibility to ensure sustainable childcare services are established, based on a balance of supply and demand and market tolerance. The school will also be included in consultation on plans to implement the extended offer for early years to 15 hours per week by 2010 with a possibility of increase to 20 hours per week by 2015.

- (c) evidence of parental demand for additional provision of early years provision;

This is not an increase in F1 provision, it is a replacement of existing provision within the local area due to the proposed closure of a primary school with an F1 class.

- (d) assessment of capacity, quality and sustainability of provision in schools and in establishments other than schools who deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage within 3 miles of the school;

Within 3 miles of Park Primary School there are 16 pre-school playgroups, offering 408 sessional early education places for children 3 – 5 years. There are also 38 daycare providers offering 1473 places of early education integrated with childcare, for children 0 – 5 years.

No provider has had an inadequate outcome for their Nursery Education Inspection. One provider has an inadequate outcome for their Care Standards inspection.

Within schools, there are (excluding Poulton Primary) 1248 LA maintained F1 places within a 3 mile radius of Park Primary.

- (e) reasons why such schools and establishments who have spare capacity cannot make provision for any forecast increase in the number of such provision.

This is not an increase in F1 provision, it is a replacement of existing provision within the local area due to the proposed closure of a primary school with an F1 class.

Changes to sixth form provision

16. Where the proposals are to alter the upper age limit of the school so that the school provides sixth form education or additional sixth form education, a statement of how the proposals will—

- (a) improve the educational or training achievements;
- (b) increase participation in education or training; and
- (c) expand the range of educational or training opportunities for 16-19 year olds in the area.

Not applicable

17. Where the proposals are to alter the upper age limit of the school so that the school ceases to provide sixth form education, a statement of the effect on the supply of 16-19 places in the area.

Special educational needs

18. Where the proposals are to establish or change provision for special educational needs—

- (a) a description of the types of learning difficulties in respect of which education will be provided;

Not applicable

- (b) any additional specialist features will be provided;

Not applicable

- (c) the proposed numbers of pupils for which the provision is to be made;

Not applicable

- (d) details of how the provision will be funded;

Not applicable

- (e) a statement as to whether the education will be provided for children with special educational needs who are not registered pupils at the school to which the proposals relate;

Not applicable

- (f) a statement as to whether the expenses of the provision will be met from the school's delegated budget;

Not applicable

- (g) the location of the provision if it is not to be established on the existing site of the school;

Not applicable

- (h) where the provision will replace existing educational provision for children with special educational needs, a statement as to how the local education authority believes that the new provision is likely to lead to improvement in the standard, quality and range of the educational provision for such children.

Not applicable

19. Where the proposals are to discontinue provision for special educational needs—

- (a) details of alternative provision for pupils for whom the provision is currently made;

Not applicable

- (b) details of the number of pupils for whom provision is made that is recognised by the local education authority as reserved for children with special educational needs during each of the 4 school years preceding the current school year;

Not applicable

- (c) details of provision made outside the area of the local education authority for pupils whose needs will not be able to be met in the area of the authority as a result of the discontinuance of the provision;

Not applicable

- (d) a statement as to how the authority believe that the proposals are likely to lead to improvement in the standard, quality and range of the educational provision for such children.

Not applicable

20. Where the proposals will lead to alternative provision for children with special educational needs, as a result of the establishment, alteration or discontinuance of existing provision, the specific educational benefits that will flow from the proposals in terms of—

- (a) improved access to education and associated services including the curriculum, wider school activities, facilities and equipment with reference to the local education authority's Accessibility Strategy;
- (b) improved access to specialist staff, both educational and other professionals, including any external support and outreach services;

- (c) improved access to suitable accommodation; and
- (d) improved supply of suitable places.

Not applicable

Sex of pupils

21. Where the proposals are to make an alteration to provide that a school which was an establishment which admitted pupils of one sex only becomes an establishment which admits pupils of both sexes—

- (a) details of the likely effect which the alteration will have on the balance of the provision of single sex education in the area;

Not applicable

- (b) evidence of local demand for single-sex education;

Not applicable

- (c) details of any transitional period which the body making the proposals wishes specified in a transitional exemption order (within the meaning of section 27 of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975).

Not applicable

22. Where the proposals are to make an alteration to a school to provide that a school which was an establishment which admitted pupils of both sexes becomes an establishment which admits pupils of one sex only—

- (a) details of the likely effect which the alteration will have on the balance of the provision of single-sex education in the area;

Not applicable

- (b) evidence of local demand for single-sex education.

Not applicable

Extended services

23. If the proposed alterations affect the provision of the school's extended services, details of the current extended services the school is offering and details of any proposed change as a result of the alterations.

Not applicable

Need or demand for additional places

24. If the proposals involve adding places—

- (a) a statement and supporting evidence of the need or demand for the particular places in the area;

This proposal is linked to the closure of Poulton Primary School. Dependant on parental preferences following approval of the linked closure proposal, there may be a requirement for additional places at Park Primary School in order to accommodate transferring pupils.

- (b) where the school has a religious character, a statement and supporting evidence of the demand in the area for education in accordance with the tenets of the religion or religious denomination;

Not applicable

- (c) where the school adheres to a particular philosophy, evidence of the demand for education in accordance with the philosophy in question and any associated change to the admission arrangements for the school.

Not applicable

25. If the proposals involve removing places—

- (a) a statement and supporting evidence of the reasons for the removal, including an assessment of the impact on parental choice;

Not applicable

- (b) a statement on the local capacity to accommodate displaced pupils.

Not applicable

Additional information in the case of special schools

26. Where the proposals relate to a special school the following information must also be provided—

- (a) information as to the numbers, age range, sex and special educational needs of the pupils (distinguishing boarding and day pupils) for whom provision is made at the school;

Not applicable

- (b) information on the predicted rise or fall (as the case may be) in the number of children with particular types of special educational needs requiring specific types of special educational provision;

Not applicable

- (c) a statement about the alternative provision for pupils who may be displaced as a result of the alteration;

Not applicable

- (d) where the proposals would result in the school being organised to make provision for pupils with a different type or types of special educational needs with the result that the provision which would be made for pupils currently at the school would be inappropriate to their needs, details of the other schools which such pupils may attend including any interim arrangements and transport arrangements to such schools;

Not applicable

- (e) where the proposals relate to a foundation special school a statement as to whether the proposals are to be implemented by the local education authority or by the governing body, and if the proposals are to be implemented by both, a statement as to the extent to which they are to be implemented by each body.

Not applicable