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FULL PROPOSAL

Expansion of Chesterton CE (VA) Primary School

Notice is given in accordance with The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 that Oxfordshire County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Chesterton CE (VA) Primary School, Alchester Road, Chesterton, OX26 1UN from 01 September 2018.

The Local Authority proposes to expand Chesterton CE (VA) Primary School to a standard 1 form entry size, rising from the current Planned Admission Number (PAN) of 20 to one of 30 from September 2018 onward. This means that each year group that starts at the school from September 2018 onward would consist of up to 30 places, making a maximum total of 210 pupils in Reception to Year 6 across the whole school eventually.

Children would be admitted into the Reception class in a full form of 30 and would stay in that single age class as they progressed up through the school.

Expansion will enable the school to meet increased demand for places: it is currently full or very close to being so in most year groups. There have been recent housing developments permitted within the villages served by this school and an appropriate response is to expand the capacity of the school. The nearest other schools are outside the village in Bicester town.

Chesterton CE (VA) Primary School is popular and rated Good by Ofsted: expansion will ensure the school can continue to offer places to children living within the school's catchment area as its population grows.

The school will benefit from investment in the expansion of the buildings, and the increase in pupil funding resulting from a rise in pupil numbers means the school can remain financially viable without compromising its standard of education.

The estimated cost of expansion is £850K, and this will primarily be funded from S106 developer contributions negotiated from nearby housing developments. Future housing developments may also be required to contribute.

This full proposal can be viewed under the Current Consultations listings on the Oxfordshire County Council public website at

http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consultation. Copies can also be requested by contacting:

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Any person may object to or make comments (representations) on the proposed expansion by sending them to the Local Authority using the online feedback form located on the Oxfordshire County Council website as detailed above, or by email or post to the above address.

All representations must be received by midnight on 9 February 2017.