



FULL PROPOSAL

Expansion of Launton CE 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 Launton CE Primary School, Bicester Road, Launton OX26 5DP from 01 September 2017.

The Local Authority proposes to expand Launton CE 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 2017 onward. This means that each year group that starts at the school from September 2017 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.

The school's total numbers would grow gradually each year as 30 children are admitted into the Reception class, allowing the school to adjust to the larger size. However, should housing development lead to large numbers of older primary children moving into the village and needing school places, the school will review whether it is able to bring forward expansion of the older year groups.

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. It is not anticipated that there would be any change to the number of early years places offered on site

Expansion will enable the school to meet increased demand for places: it is currently full in most year groups and has admitted above its PAN in several year groups. There has been housing development within Launton village and more is permitted. The nearest other schools are in Bicester town and are also operating close to capacity: one has already been expanded. Launton CE Primary School is popular and rated Good by Ofsted: expansion will ensure the element of parental preference can be maintained in the area as the 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 £600K, and this will primarily be funded from S106 developer contributions received 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 1 December 2016.