



# OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## FULL PROPOSAL

### **Expansion of West Witney 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 West Witney Primary School, Edington Road, Witney OX28 5FZ from 01 September 2017.

The Local Authority proposes to expand West Witney Primary School to a standard 2 form entry size, rising from the current Planned Admission Number (PAN) of 45 to one of 60 from September 2017 onward. This means that each year group that starts at the school from September 2017 onward would consist of up to 60 places, making a maximum total of 420 pupils in Reception to Year 6 across the whole school eventually.

The school's total numbers would grow gradually each year as 60 children are admitted into Reception, allowing the school to adjust to the larger size. However, should housing development lead to large numbers of older primary children moving into the area 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 two Reception classes of 30, and would stay in that single year group class as they progressed up through the school. Nursery class places will continue to be offered at the school and this current proposal does not set out any change relating to the Nursery class.

Expansion will enable the school to meet increased demand for places from the local population: the school is currently full in most year groups. For September 2016, the school agreed with the county council to admit over its PAN; offering 60 places instead of 45, as without this there would have been too few Reception places in Witney. All 60 places were allocated to children living half a mile or less from the school.

There is housing development anticipated to come forward in the Witney area, which is expected to further increase the demand for primary school places over the next few years above that already seen. To meet the needs of the growing population in west Witney and surrounding area, an additional half-form of entry in primary school capacity is now required. This is ahead of, and in addition to, a planned new primary school which will serve the Local Plan strategic North Curbridge/West Witney housing development.

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

The estimated cost of expansion is £2.3m, 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 30 November 2016.**