



**OXFORDSHIRE  
COUNTY COUNCIL**

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Proposed closure of the boarding accommodation known as the 'hostel' at Sandy Lane West, Oxford (part of Northfield 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 Northfield School, Knights Rd, Blackbird Leys OX4 5DQ from 1 January 2015.

Oxfordshire County Council is proposing to close the boarding accommodation facility known as the 'hostel' which is managed by Northfield School for its pupils' use.

Use of the hostel was suspended in April 2014 following the results of a Health and Safety survey. The issues identified were too serious to allow the hostel to remain open. Alternative measures have been implemented for the children that were using the hostel, and these have been running well.

The county council's Placement Strategy focuses on increasing our residential provision through the construction of four new 4-bed homes. The aim is to keep our riskiest and most vulnerable children closest to their local area.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be viewed at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consultation). Copies can also be obtained by contacting:

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Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to the local authority using the online feedback form at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consultation) or by using the above contact details.

**Signed: Jim Leivers, Director of Childrens Services**

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