

PROPOSALS FOR PRESCRIBED ALTERATIONS OTHER THAN FOUNDATION PROPOSALS: Information to be included in a complete proposal

Extract of Part 1 of Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 5 to The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools)(England) Regulations 2007 (as amended):

In respect of a Governing Body Proposal: School and governing body's details

1. The name, address and category of the school for which the governing body are publishing the proposals.

n/a

In respect of an LEA Proposal: School and local education authority details

1. The name, address and category of the school.

Cotteslowe Primary School

Wren Road

Oxford

OX2 7SX

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 2012

Objections and comments

3. A statement explaining the procedure for making representations, including —
(a) the date prescribed in accordance with paragraph 29 of Schedule 3 (GB proposals)/Schedule 5 (LA proposals) of The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended), by which objections or comments should be sent to the local education authority; and
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(b) the address of the authority to which objections or comments should be sent.

Any objections or comments should be submitted in writing by 5th October 2011 to:

Diane Cameron, School Organisation & Planning
FREEPOST OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

or by email to: [Cotteslowe_statnotice2011-
manager@myconsultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Cotteslowe_statnotice2011-manager@myconsultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk)

or by using the consultation website at

<https://myconsultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk>

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.

The proposal is to expand Cotteslowe Primary School to a 2 form entry school on a permanent basis, with an Admission Number of 60.

School capacity

5.—(1) Where the alteration is an alteration falling within any of paragraphs 1 to 4, 8, 9 and 12-14 of Schedule 2 (GB proposals)/paragraphs 1-4, 7, 8, 18, 19 and 21 of Schedule 4 (LA proposals) to The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended), 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;

Current capacity of the school is 210. The proposed enlargement would expand the school to a capacity of 420, excluding the Nursery.

(b) details of the current number of pupils admitted to the school in each relevant age

group, and where this number is to change, the proposed number of pupils to be admitted in each relevant age group in the first school year in which the proposals will have been implemented;

Cotteslowe Primary School has admitted up to 60 children into the F1 (Reception) year group on an informal basis for two years by working with Oxfordshire County Council School Admissions to meet local Basic Need

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for pupil places. This is over and above their previous formal Admission Number of 30. This proposal will formally increase the school Admission Number to 60 for the F1 (Reception) year group on a permanent basis.

(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;

n/a

(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.

n/a

(2) Where the alteration is an alteration falling within any of paragraphs 1, 2, 9, 12 and 13 of Schedule 2 (GB proposals) /paragraphs 1, 2, 8, 18 and 19 of Schedule 4 (LA proposals) to The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended), a statement of the number of pupils at the school at the time of the publication of the proposals.

For September 2011, estimate 223 pupils to be on roll. May 2011 PLASC figures showed 168 pupils on roll.

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.

n/a

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.

No new site will be required.

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(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.

n/a

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 8 or 21 of Schedule 2 (GB proposals)/7 or 14 of Schedule 4 to The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended) —

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

n/a

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

n/a

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

n/a

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

n/a

(2) Where the proposals are for the removal of boarding provisions or an alteration to reduce boarding provision such as is mentioned in paragraph 8 or 21 of Schedule 2 (GB proposals)/7 or 14 of Schedule 4 (LA proposals) to The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended) —

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

n/a

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

n/a

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;

n/a

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

n/a

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

n/a

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

n/a

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

n/a

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

n/a

Objectives

10. The objectives of the proposals.

Need for pupil places at Cutteslowe Primary School is predicted to grow beyond the current capacity of the school. We are proposing to expand Cutteslowe Primary School to become a 2 form entry school, with an Admission Number of 60. This means that each year group would consist of up to 60 places, taught in two classes, making a maximum total of 420 pupils (excluding the nursery).

The school has admitted over 30 children into the F1 (Reception) year group by local arrangement with Oxfordshire County Council in the past year (up to 60 for September 2011) however this arrangement is not permanent. This proposal is to formally change the admission number to 60 on a permanent basis.

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.

a) A public consultation was held by Oxfordshire County Council on the

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proposal to expand Cutteslowe Primary School between 30 March 2011 and 25 May 2011. Consultation was carried out with staff, governors and

parents of children at the school, local councillors and MPs; relevant trade unions; other Oxford city primary and nursery schools; and other interested parties.

b) A public meeting was held by officers of Oxfordshire County Council at the school on 4 May 2011 at which parents of children at Cutteslowe Primary School, staff and governors were invited to ask questions and raise queries relating to the proposal. The issues discussed were:

- Concern about any effect it might have on the school's relationship to The Cherwell School.
- Questioning whether OCC would put any additional financial resources into the school as a result of the expansion
- Concern that the budget to expand the school buildings may not exist.
- Concern about parking and traffic at the school.
- Question about whether secondary schools will be expanded in due course.
- Question as to whether changing room facilities would form part of the new build.

c) During the public consultation, four written responses were received. Two respondents supported the proposal in principal, of which one raised one concern, while two respondents were opposed to the proposal in principal and raised concerns.

The reason given for supporting the proposal (2 respondents) was:

- Expansion will benefit the school's resources and ability to attract / retain good staff.

The following concerns were raised by respondents:

- Concern about the current educational standards at the school and opposition to enlarging it while standards are perceived to be low. (2 respondents).
- Concern about the design of the new buildings, in particular with reference to suitable classroom and outdoor facilities during construction, retention of sufficient playing field and retention of non-classroom spaces. (1 respondent).

d) All statutory requirements were complied with.

e) The consultation leaflet is attached as Appendix 1. These were sent via the school to parents. Consultation leaflets were also sent to local

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primary and nursery schools, the feeder secondary school, local councillors and MPs, and other stakeholders. The leaflets were also available on the county council's website.

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.

A feasibility study is underway to identify the options for providing additional accommodation to address the infrastructure issues related to this expansion.

The estimated cost of providing the additional classroom spaces in permanent buildings is in the region of £2.39m over four phases. It is anticipated that capital works will be funded by the local authority

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).

Once the preferred solution, costs and phasing options have been identified and agreed, funding will be sought from within the County Council's Capital Programme 2011/12 onwards. It is anticipated that there will be opportunities to recover some of the costs for the work from future housing developer funding (S.106) agreements.

Age range

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

n/a

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;

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n/a

(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;

n/a

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

n/a

(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; and

n/a

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

n/a

Changes to sixth form provision

16. (a) 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—

(i) improve the educational or training achievements;

(ii) increase participation in education or training; and

(iii) expand the range of educational or training opportunities

for 16-19 year olds in the area;

n/a

(b) A statement as to how the new places will fit within the 16-19 organisation in an area;

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n/a

(c) Evidence —

(i) of the local collaboration in drawing up the proposals; and

(ii) that the proposals are likely to lead to higher standards and better progression at the school;

n/a

(d) The proposed number of sixth form places to be provided.

n/a

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.

n/a

Special educational needs

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

(a) a description of the proposed types of learning difficulties in respect of which education will be provided and, where provision for special educational needs already exists, the current type of provision;

n/a

(b) any additional specialist features will be provided;

n/a

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

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n/a

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

n/a

(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;

n/a

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

n/a

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

n/a

(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; and

n/a

(i) the number of places reserved for children with special educational needs, and where this number is to change, the proposed number of such places.

n/a

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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;

n/a

(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;

n/a

(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; and

n/a

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

n/a

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.

n/a

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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;

n/a

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

n/a

(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).

n/a

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; and

n/a

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

n/a

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.

n/a

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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;

The proposal to expand Cutteslowe Primary School is one part of the County Council's strategy to meet the need for primary school places in Oxford. The number of 4-year-olds needing school places has risen over the last few years, and is forecast to continue rising until at least 2018. This has led to increasing pressure on primary school places across Oxford. To meet this demand, in 2008 an additional 105 primary school places across the city were agreed; in 2009 a further primary 245 additional places were created and in 2010 another 238 additional places were created. Looking to the future, significant additional housing is proposed in Oxford City Council's Core Strategy, which will, in turn, lead to increased pupil numbers across the city. Various housing developments are proposed in the north of Oxford city which is the area that Cutteslowe Primary School serves.

(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;

n/a

(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.

n/a

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; and

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n/a

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

n/a

Expansion of successful and popular schools

25A. (1) Proposals must include a statement of whether the proposer considers that the presumption for the expansion of successful and popular schools should apply, and where the governing body consider the presumption applies, evidence to support this.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1) applies to expansion proposals in respect of primary and secondary schools, (except for grammar schools), i.e. falling within:

(a) (for proposals published by the governing body) paragraph 1 of Part 1 to Schedule 2 or paragraph 12 of Part 2 to Schedule 2;

(b) (for proposals published by the LA) paragraph 1 of Part 1 to Schedule 4 or 18 of Part 4 to Schedule 4

of the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended).

The presumption for the expansion of successful and popular schools does not apply in this case.