



Consultation on the proposal for the expansion of Hanwell Fields Community School, Banbury

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Hanwell Fields Community School**



Why are we consulting?

Hanwell Fields Community School was opened in 2003 as a new 8 classroom school with nursery facilities to serve this new housing development to the north of Banbury. The school was originally built with 8 classrooms including a Foundation Stage (nursery children and reception year) to reflect the anticipated pupil demand from the new houses. The school was originally opened with a planned admission number on opening of 30, in other words, 30 pupils in each class of the same age group.

Since opening the school has used one of the classrooms as a community room and until recently one as special needs room. The current number on roll is shown below:

National Curriculum year Actual-September 2007								
N	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
30	32	30	30	30	26	20	25	223

N=Nursery. R=Reception.

Together they make the Foundation Stage. A number of these places will be part time.

In September 2006 of the 32 admitted 30 were from the schools catchment area and 2 were admitted on appeal from outside the school s catchment area. There are 14 on the waiting list of which 4 are catchment. The nursery is full and there are currently 42 first preferences for next year with more applications anticipated before the closing date of 23rd November.

The total number of houses in the Hanwell Fields development is now over a thousand houses with the final phase of houses nearing completion. This is more than anticipated and now means that not all the children from the Hanwell Fields development can get a place at the school. In recent years some children have been allocated places at Hardwick School.

It is felt that this school should serve its local community and it is both popular and successful. We want to know your views and whether you are happy to see the school grow.

What we want to do?

The proposal is to increase the school capacity. This means that each year group will consist of up to 45 places. It will also mean that some class groups will be mixed, for example, some Year 1 children and some Year 2 children.

New building work would be needed to increase the capacity of the school. This is planned to include:

- ¥ A new nursery space releasing the existing nursery as a Foundation stage classroom.
- ¥ There will also be 2 additional classrooms, a community classroom and 2 rooms for individual or small groups of pupils.
- ¥ Additional toilets and storage facilities.
- ¥ Increased size of assembly hall space and associated storage.
- ¥ A studio — initially to be used as a classroom.
- ¥ Increased library space and;
- ¥ Minor changes to the external covered area and playground provision.

The school has enough playing field and land to expand further.

This will increase the size of the school by 90 places. The additional non-classroom space will be sufficient should the school need to increase further to 2 forms of entry if further housing developments in the catchment area are given permission. This would require an additional 4 classrooms at some point in the future but the school has been designed to expand to take these if necessary.

The nearest school is Hardwick Primary School which has been taking some of the Hanwell Fields children that are unable to get a place at the school. This school will shortly have a major modernisation scheme taking place but this will not change the capacity significantly. The school currently fills to its admission number.

What the consultation means.

Because of the large increase in the proposed size of the school we need to make sure that the proposal is supported locally.

This consultation with parents, local schools and others will take place until 11th January 2008. You have until that date to respond (see details below).

If as a result of the consultation it is decided that the County Council wants to go ahead then a **public notice** would be published in a local newspaper and at the school. This would be the final opportunity for people to comment on the proposal. The final decision would then be made by the County Council Cabinet or the Cabinet Member for Schools Improvement, Cllr Michael Waine early in March.

Consultation on the future of Hanwell Fields Community School, Banbury

I/we wish to make the following comments:

Signature Name

Parent Governor Local resident

Other (specify) _____

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