

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

FULL PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF GROBY MARTINSHAW PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM 210 TO 315 PLACES

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and The School Organisation (Prescribed Alternations)(England) Regulations 2013 that Leicestershire County Council proposes to increase the capacity of Martinshaw Primary School from 210 to 315 pupil places.

1. Name, address and contact details of proposer

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2. Name, address and category of school

Martinshaw Primary School, Forest Rise, Groby, Leicester, Leicestershire LE6 0BB.
A Community School.

3. Description of alteration and evidence of demand

An expansion of the school which will increase its capacity from a 210 place school to a 315 place school, with the school's published admission number increasing from 30 to 45 pupils per year group. The increase to 45 will initially apply to the reception year group only which will then feed through the school year on year. It is proposed that this will have effect from Thursday, 25th August 2016.

The increase in numbers will be accommodated through the building of a new four classroom block.

There are currently 202 pupils on roll at the school. This figure is forecast to increase to 216 within the next 5 years due to the increased movement into the Groby area, increase in birth rate and additional housing.

There is significant demand for pupil places in the Groby and Ratby area with an overall forecast deficit of 88 primary places. Martinshaw Primary School had the capacity to expand to meet the demand of those places.

4. Objectives

Leicestershire County Council proposes to increase the permanent capacity of Martinshaw Primary School to meet the demand for school places in the area, both at the current time and in the future.

The proposals will allow the school to provide additional classes to cope with the increasing

demand arising from the increasing birth rate and number of new housing developments within the Groby and Ratby area.

The project fulfils Leicestershire County Council's statutory obligation of providing sufficient school places and ensuring pupils are able to attend their local primary school. The changes will also allow schools to improve educational standards and ensure parental choice is maintained through the additional places.

5. The effect on other schools, academies and educational establishments within the area

It is not anticipated that there will be an effect on other schools, academies and educational establishments within the area. The majority of schools within 2 miles of Martinshaw Primary School are full and by providing additional accommodation at Martinshaw Primary School we will reduce the likelihood of schools within the area having to exceed their admission number.

6. Project costs and indication of how these will be met, including how long term value for money will be achieved

The project to increase the capacity at Martinshaw Primary School from 210 to 315 will cost £1.3 million. The project is funded from Basic Need Capital Programme for 2015/16 and expected S106 developer contributions.

Long term value for money will be achieved by ensuring value for money building and that the work done will be built to appropriate building and DfE requirements to ensure it can be used long term.

7. Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation

It is proposed that the school will increase in capacity from a 210 place school to a 315 place school with effect from Thursday, 25th August 2016. In line with this the school's published admission number will increase from 30 to 45 pupils. This increase to 45 will initially apply to the reception year group only, feeding through the school year on year.

The new school accommodation was completed in December 2015 to enable the school to increase reception numbers from the 2016/17 school year.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any interested party may support, object to, or make comment upon the proposal by sending them to School Organisation Service, Children and Family Services, County Hall, Glenfield, Leicester LE3 8RF or by email to Alison.Stanley@leics.gov.uk

The closing date for comments and objections is Tuesday, 5th July 2016.

Signed: Lauren Haslam
Director of Law and Governance

Date: Tuesday 7th June 2016