

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

FULL PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF IBSTOCK ST DENY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND INFANT SCHOOL

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 St. Deny's Church of England Infant School from 180 to 270 pupil places.

1. Name, address and contact details of proposer

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2. Name, address and category of school

St. Deny's Church of England Infant School, Laud Close, Ibstock, Leicestershire LE67 6NL.
A Voluntary Controlled School.

3. Description of alteration and evidence of demand

An expansion of the school which will increase its capacity from a 180 place school to a 270 place school, with the school's published admission number increasing from 60 to 90 pupils per year group. It is proposed that this will have effect from Thursday, 25th August 2016.

The additional numbers will be accommodated within a new 5 classroom block on site which will replace the two classrooms previously located on a mobile on site and provide three additional classrooms. A number of internal alterations have also been undertaken to increase the size of the hall, the foundation classrooms and the office and staffroom. The number of car parking spaces has also been increased.

There are currently 188 pupils on roll at the school. This figure is forecast to increase to 319 within the next 5 years due to the increased birth rate and children coming from new housing developments within the catchment area.

4. Objectives

Leicestershire County Council proposes to increase the permanent capacity of St. Deny's Church of England Infant 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 school catchment 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 St. Deny's Church of England Infant School are full and by providing additional accommodation at St. Deny's Church of England Infant 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 St. Deny's Church of England Infant School from 180 to 270 will cost £2.1 million. The project is funded from S106 developer contributions and the Basic Need Capital Programme for 2015/16. 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 180 place school to a 270 place school. In line with this the school's published admission number will increase from 60 to 90 pupils per year group with effect from Thursday, 25th August 2016.

The new school accommodation was completed in Sept 2015 and the internal works completed October 2015. This has allowed the school to exceed their published admission number of 60 per year group with effect from 1st September 2015 which has assisted the school in coping with increased pupil numbers within the catchment area. The admission number for 2015/16 had previously been published at 60.

A project is currently being designed for the junior school which will provide for additional classrooms to enable the school to increase its admission number from 60 to 90 pupils per year group with effect from September 2017.

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