

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

FULL PROPOSALS TO

1. DISCONTINUE SHEPshed HIGH SCHOOL

Part 1 - Notice is given in accordance with Section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) Regulations 2013 that Leicestershire intends to discontinue Shepshed High School **from Tuesday, 22nd August 2017.**

2. CHANGE OF AGE RANGE OF HIND LEYS COLLEGE

Part 2 - Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the School Organisation (Prescribed alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 that Leicestershire County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Hind Leys College by changing the age range from 14-19 to 11-19 **from Wednesday, 23rd August 2017**

1. Name, address and contact details of proposer

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2. Name, address and category of school

1 - Shepshed High School, Forest Street, Shepshed, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE12 9DA (Community School) DFE No. 4034

2 - Hind Leys College, Forest Street, Shepshed, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE12 9DB (Community School) DFE No 4056

3. Description of alteration and evidence of demand

Leicestershire County Council intends to merge Shepshed High School (age range 10-14) and Hind Leys College (age range 14-19) into one all through school on the Shepshed Campus by closing Shepshed High School and extending the age range of Hind Leys College from 14–19 to 11–19.

Closure of Shepshed High School from Tuesday, 22nd August 2017.

Change the age range of Hind Leys College from 14-19 to 11-19 from Wednesday, 23rd August 2017.

The current capacity of Shepshed High School is 548 pupils and the current admission number is 137 pupils. The pupils are of mixed gender and all of compulsory school age. 4.3% of the pupils on roll have a statement of SEN.

The current capacity of Hind Leys College is 728 pupils and the current admission numbers are 234 pupils for Year 10 and an additional 14 pupils for Year 12. The proposed capacity for the 11-19 school is 950 pupils with admission numbers of 150 pupils for Year 7 and an additional 25 pupils for Year 12.

There are currently 531 pupils on roll at Shepshed High School and 573 pupils on roll at Hind Leys College (Spring Term 2016 census). The total number of pupils forecast on roll from January 2017 to 2026 range from 816 to 903 pupils. There is housing development planned for the catchment area which may serve to increase pupil numbers over the longer term..

4. Objectives

Leicestershire County Council proposes these changes to address falling rolls due to demographic and school organisation changes to other academies and maintained schools within the area.

The changes will also allow schools to improve educational outcomes for children and young people, offer improved operational efficiency and greater choice.

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

Castle Donington Community College which is a Year 10 feeder High School will be changing age range with effect from 1st September, 2017 and will no longer send pupils to Shepshed Hind Leys College. This will reduce the number of pupils to be admitted to Hind Leys College. Castle Donington Community College will not otherwise be affected by the proposals. All feeder primary schools in the area will retain their Year 6 pupils as part of the proposals.

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

Costs to enable the merger of the two Shepshed secondary schools will be accommodated within the revenue budget for each school without the need for additional funding. The capital costs for adaptation of feeder primary schools to enable the retention of year 6 pupils will be met from the County Council's Basic Need Capital Grant allocation.

Long term value for money will be achieved by removing surplus places and bringing about economies of scale.

7. Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation

Shepshed High School currently has an age range of 10-14. Alternative provision will be provided by Shepshed primary schools changing age range from 4-10 to 4-11 to retain Year 6 pupils and Hind Leys College changing age range from 14-19 to 11-19 to accommodate Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils. No transport arrangements for displaced pupils will be required as they will remain in their primary school for year 6 and remain on the same site for years 7,8 and 9.

The current capacity for Hind Leys College is 728 pupils and the current admission numbers are 234 pupils for Year 10 and an additional 14 pupils for Year 12. The

proposed capacity for the 11-19 school is 950 pupils with admission numbers of 150 pupils for Year 7 and an additional 25 pupils for Year 12.

Pupils will be accommodated during a transition period in both the current Shepshed High School and current Hind Leys College buildings until such time as pupil numbers reduce and all pupils can be accommodated within the Hind Leys College building only. The transition period is expected to extend for at least one academic year after the change and possibly longer.

The Oak Centre Enhanced Resource Base making provision for pupils with SEND, also located on the campus, will not be affected by the proposals.

There are a number of other pupils with SEND who will transfer to Hind Leys College and their needs will continue to be met. It is considered that a single all through school will improve the standard and quality of education for pupils with special educational needs.

We do not anticipate that these proposals will have any impact on the community.

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 Monday, 3rd October 2016.

Signed: Lauren Haslam
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Date: Monday, 5th September 2016