

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

FULL PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF SCHOOL HATHERN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM 105 TO 210 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 Hathern Church of England Primary School from 105 to 210 pupil places.

1. Name, address and contact details of proposer

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2. Name, address and category of school

Hathern Church of England Primary School, Pasture Lane, Hathern, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE12 5LJ (DFE No 3106)
A Voluntary Controlled School.

3. Description of alteration and evidence of demand

An expansion of the school which will increase its capacity from a 105 place school to a 210 place school, with the school's published admission number increasing from 15 to 27 pupils per year group. The increase to 27 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 on admissions which are due to start on or after Wednesday, 23rd August 2017.

The increase in numbers will be accommodated by internal alterations to the foundation stage area, a 2 classroom extension to the existing school building and extension to the existing school hall.

There are currently 134 pupils on roll at the school (Autumn Term Census 2016). This figure is forecast to increase to 177 within the next 5 years due to the increase in birth rate and additional housing which it will not be possible to accommodate within the local area.

4. Objectives

Leicestershire County Council proposes to increase the permanent capacity of Hathern Church of England 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 Hathern 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 assist schools in improving educational standards by preventing excessive class sizes and will also ensure parental choice is maintained through the provision of the additional places.

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

There are 3 other primary schools, 1 infant school and 1 junior school within a 2 mile radius of Hathern Church of England Primary School: Stonebow Primary School, Robert Bakewell Primary School, Long Whatton Church of England Primary School, Thorpe Acre Junior School and Thorpe Acre Junior School.

It is not anticipated that there will be an effect on these schools or any other schools, academies and educational establishments within the area.

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 Hathern Church of England Primary School from 105 to 210 will cost circa £900,000. The project is funded from Basic Need Capital Programme for 2015/16 and 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 105 place school to a 210 place school with effect from Wednesday, 23rd August 2017. In line with this the school's published admission number will increase from 15 to 27 pupils. This increase to 27 will initially apply to the reception year group only, feeding through the school year on year.

The new school accommodation will complete in April 2017 to enable the school to increase the numbers of admissions for entry in 2017/18 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 Friday, 26th May 2017.

Signed: Lauren Haslam
Director of Law and Governance

Date: Friday, 28th April 2017