

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

FULL PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF IBSTOCK JUNIOR SCHOOL FROM 240 TO 360 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 Ibstock Junior School from 240 to 360 pupil places.

1. Name, address and contact details of proposer

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2. Name, address and category of school

Ibstock Junior School , Melbourne Road, Ibstock, Leicestershire LE67 6NP. (DFE No 2051)
A Community School.

3. Description of alteration and evidence of demand

An expansion of the school which will increase its capacity from a 240 place school to a 360 place school, with the school's published admission number increasing from 60 to 90 pupils per year group. The increase to 90 will initially apply to the year 3 intake 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 in a new two storey block comprising of 5 classrooms, a studio and group room.

There are currently 224 pupils on roll at the school Autumn Term Census 2016). This figure is forecast to increase to 382 within the next 5 years due to the increase in birth rate and additional housing which cannot be accommodated within the local area.

4. Objectives

Leicestershire County Council proposes to increase the permanent capacity of Ibstock Junior 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 Ibstock 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

Whilst there are no other junior schools within 2 miles of Ibstock Junior School, there are 4 other primary schools: Heather Primary School, Ellistown Community Primary School, Woodstone Community Primary School and Hugglescote Community Primary School.

The majority of schools within 2 miles of Ibstock Junior School are full and by providing additional accommodation at Ibstock Junior School we will reduce the likelihood of schools within the area having to exceed their admission number.

It is not anticipated that there will be any effect on 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 Ibstock Junior School from 240 to 360 will cost £2.14 million. The project is funded from Basic Need Capital Programme for 2016/17 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 240 place school to a 360 place school with effect from Wednesday, 23rd August 2017. In line with this the school's published admission number will increase from 60 to 90 pupils. This increase to 90 will initially apply to the year 3 intake only, feeding through the school year on year.

The new school accommodation completed in February 2017 to enable the school to increase the number of admissions for the 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