

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

FULL PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF SCHOOL SILEBY HIGHGATE COMMUNITY 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 Sileby Highgate Community 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

Highgate Community Primary School, Heathcote Drive, Sileby, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE12 7ND (DFE No 2319)
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 on admissions which are due to start on or after Wednesday, 23rd August 2017.

The increase in numbers will be accommodated by the provision of two additional classrooms. A new four classroom block is being built to provide these two additional classrooms as well as replace two classrooms currently in mobile accommodation. The existing school hall will also be extended.

There are currently 213 pupils on roll at the school (Autumn Term Census 2016). This figure is forecast to increase to 269 within the next 5 years due to the increase in birth rate and additional housing within the local area which it will not be possible to accommodate within the current facilities.

4. Objectives

Leicestershire County Council proposes to increase the permanent capacity of Highgate

Community 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 Sileby 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 4 other primary schools within a 2 mile radius of Highgate Community Primary School: Redlands Community Primary School, Seagrave Village Primary School, Cossington Church of England Primary School and Christ Church & St. Peter's Church of England Primary School.

Cossington Church of England Primary School and Christ Church & St. Peter's Church of England Primary School are forecast to have deficit pupil places within the next 5 years.

Redlands Community Primary School and Seagrave Village Primary School are forecast to be close to capacity within the next 5 years.

Overall there is a deficit of primary pupil places in the area.

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 Highgate Community Primary School from 210 to 315 places will cost circa £1.277m. The project is funded from Basic Need Capital Programme for 2016/17 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 210 place school to a 315 place school with effect from Wednesday, 23rd August 2017. 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 will complete in April 2017 to enable the school to increase the numbers of admissions for entry in 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