

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

FULL PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF BURBAGE SKETCHLEY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM 420 TO 630 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 Burbage Sketchley Hill Primary School from 420 to 630 pupil places.

1. Name, address and contact details of proposer

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2. Name, address and category of school

Sketchley Hill Primary School, Sketchley Road, Burbage, Leicestershire LE10 2DY. (DFE No 2183)
A Community School.

3. Description of alteration and evidence of demand

An expansion of the school which will increase its capacity from a 420 place school to a 630 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 reception year group only which will then feed through the school year on year with other years retaining the current admission number of 60 in the interim. It is proposed that this will have effect for admissions which are due to start on or after Tuesday, 28th August 2018.

The increase in numbers will be accommodated by extensions to the existing school buildings and a new classroom block.

There are currently 435 pupils on roll (as at the school Autumn Term Census 2017). This figure is forecast to increase to 472 within the next 5 years due to the increase in birth rate and additional housing which cannot be accommodated in the current schools within the local area. The additional places available over and above the forecast will provide places for pupils in the surrounding area where they may not be able to secure a place at other local schools.

4. Objectives

Leicestershire County Council proposes to increase the permanent capacity of Sketchley Hill 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 Hinckley 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 help 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 5 primary schools, 2 infant schools and 2 junior schools within 2 miles of Sketchley Hill Primary School: Burbage Church of England Infant School, Burbage Junior School, Westfield Infant School, Westfield Junior School, St. Mary's Church of England Primary School, St. Peter's Catholic Primary School, Hinckley Parks Primary School, Battling Brook Primary School and Richmond Primary School.

The majority of schools within 2 miles of Sketchley Hill Primary School are currently full and it is anticipated that by providing additional accommodation at Sketchley Hill Primary 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 Sketchley Hill Primary School from 420 to 630 will cost £3.5 million. The project is funded from the Basic Need Capital Programme for 2018/19 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 420 place school to a 630 place school with effect from Tuesday, 28th August 2018. 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 reception year intake only, feeding through the school year on year.

The new school accommodation will be provided on a phased basis with the first classroom provided for August 2018 to enable the school to increase the number of admissions for the 2018/19 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 Wednesday, 9th May 2018.

Signed: Lauren Haslam
Director of Law and Governance

Date: Wednesday, 11th April 2018