



A PROPOSAL TO EXPAND CHEAM PARK FARM INFANTS SCHOOL AND CHEAM PARK FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL BY 0.5 FE

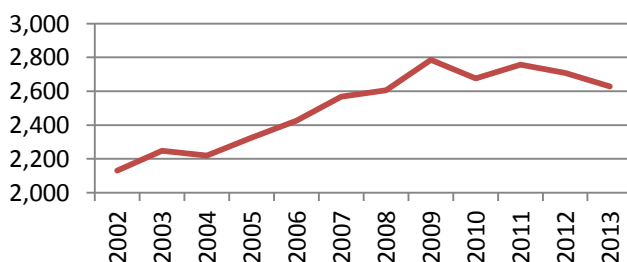
The proposal

1. The Governing Bodies of Cheam Park Farm Infants School and Cheam Park Farm Junior School, in partnership with Sutton Borough Council, are proposing that both schools permanently increase their Published Admission Numbers from 105 to 120.
2. With respect to the infants school, this would increase the total capacity of the school from 315 to 360 – 45 additional pupils. With respect to the junior school it would increase the capacity of the school from 420 to 480 – 60 additional pupils.
3. Additional accommodation / remodelling of existing spaces would take place on both sites to enable this change to take place. Sutton Borough Council would provide the capital funding for this proposal as part of its ongoing primary expansion programme. If approved, it is proposed that this change would take effect from September 2016 for the Infant school and by 2018 for the junior school.

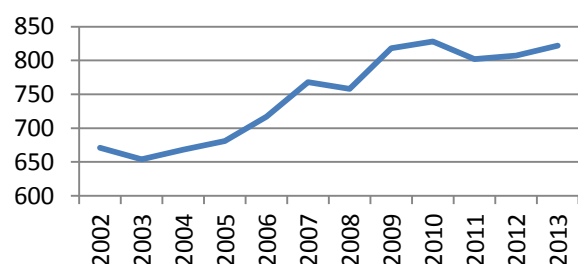
Why is this proposal being made?

4. Demand for school places - Between 2001 and 2011 live births increased by 32% in the Borough of Sutton. This has resulted in significant additional demand for primary school places in the Borough with the Local Authority commissioning 18 additional permanent forms of entry to the primary sector since 2008 (over 4200 additional places including temporary provision).
5. Births started to drop back marginally in 2012 and 2013 across the Borough (2017 academic year intake – see graph below) but it is not clear whether this is blip or an ongoing trend. Births have also remained high in the wards surrounding Cheam Park Farm Infants and Junior schools suggesting that demand will remain high in the area local to both schools (Stonecot, Worcester Park, Nonsuch, Sutton West/North* - see graph below).

Births in Sutton



Births in surrounding wards*



6. Although it is possible that births will drop back in future, as the population of the Borough increases any reduction could be mitigated by inward migration and additional pupil yield



generated by future housing in the Borough. Given the current position in the primary sector remains very tight, with the vast majority of schools full to capacity, the Local Authority is of the view that this is needed and represents a sustainable proposal.

- Primary school places are principally planned at the year of entry (reception). Table 1 below shows the total number of pupils recorded in reception classes (NOR) and the permanent Published Admission Numbers (PAN – e.g. the numbers of places available) across all primary schools in the Borough. Where NOR exceeds PAN, this will be because additional places have been added temporarily through ‘bulge class’ provision. Figures in black represent actual numbers, figures in red represent LA forecasts for the future.

Table 1 - Actual and projected reception numbers in Sutton

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Reception NOR	2056	2243	2365	2493	2521	2565	2567	2508	2560
PAN Capacity	2131	2275	2415	2535	2565	2505	2505	2505	2505
Surplus/Deficit	75	32	50	42	44	-60	-62	-3	-55

- Cheam Park Farm Infants School and Cheam Park Farm Junior School agreed to take an additional 15 pupils for the September 2015 intake (known as a ‘bulge class’) to help the Local Authority address the expected shortage of school places in 2015. Bulge classes were also commissioned at Victor Seymour, Manor Park and the Avenue Primary schools such that additional permanent provision is required in future - as the above table demonstrates.
- On this basis, Governors of both schools have agreed in principle to permanent expansion subject to engagement with parents, pupils and the wider local community and more formal approvals such as planning permission for any building works, Department for Education approvals and capital funding from the Local Authority.
- Organisation of the school – Cheam Park Farm Infants and Cheam Park Farm Junior School are both three and a half form entry schools. At the Infants School there has been mixed age group teaching in some classes. This has been managed very successfully however, increasing the PAN will allow the school to organise the school into single year classes which will have both educational and financial benefits and is a more efficient organisation.

Current number of places available at Cheam Park Farm Infants School and Cheam Park Farm Junior School

- The table below shows the existing number of places available at the two schools.

School	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	
CPFI	105	105	105					315
CPFJ				105	105	105	105	420



Proposed number of places available at Cheam Park Farm Infants School and Cheam Park Farm Junior School

12. The table below shows the proposed number of places at both schools:

CPFI	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
2015	120*	105	105					330
2016	120	120	105					345
2017	120	120	120					360
School reaches full capacity in 2017								

CPFJ	R	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
2015				105	105	105	105	420
2016				105	105	105	105	420
2017				105	105	105	105	420
2018				120	105	105	105	435
2019				120	120	105	105	450
2020				120	120	120	105	465
2021				120	120	120	120	480
School starts to grow in 2018 reaching fully capacity in 2021								

* Figures in red indicate bulge provision which is already committed

Admissions Criteria

13. This proposal does not change the admissions criteria of either school, for the academic years 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 - only the Published Admission Number and hence how many places there are to offer at each school will change. For details of the admissions criteria for the schools please visit their respective websites.

What additional accommodation will be provided at the schools to enable the expansion?

14. At this stage Governors of both schools have only agreed to the principle of expansion. However, a high level 'feasibility study' has been completed for both schools to show how the requisite accommodation could be provided. We expect to share some of these ideas with parents at the meeting identified below. As we start to formalise these proposals there will also be opportunities to formally comment as part of the planning permission process.

Are the proposals for Cheam Park Farm Infants School and Cheam Park Farm Junior School one proposal or two separate proposals?

15. There is a formal admissions link between the infant and junior school with the vast majority of infant pupils going on to attend the Junior school. For this reason, the two proposals are considered to be related to the extent that we would not be proceeding with one and not the other.



How can I find out more about the proposals?

16. The Governors are holding a meeting with parents, residents and any other interested parties on the **7th September 2015 at 7pm to explain the proposals further**. The meeting will be held in the school hall at Cheam Park Farm Infants School.

Who makes a decision on the proposals?

17. Both Cheam Park Farm Infants and Cheam Park Farm Junior Schools are Academies and therefore ultimately it is for the Secretary of State at the Department for Education to approve this proposal. Generally speaking this will happen if there is support from each Governing Body of each Academy Trust and where it can be demonstrated that there are sufficient approvals in place (e.g. funding for any capital works, planning permission and so on...).

How can I make my views known?

18. Governors have circulated this document to a range of stakeholders and are keen to hear back on what people think about the proposals.
19. We would prefer that respondents use our online survey which can be accessed via the following web address <https://sutton.citizenspace.com/> and then searching for 'Cheam Park Farm Infants and Cheam Park Farm Junior Schools'. The consultation only takes a few minutes to complete.
20. Alternatively you can make your views known by completing the form at the end of this document according to the instructions given.

Next steps

21. The following next steps are envisaged for the proposal though dates may be subject to change. Timeframes below relate to Cheam Park Farm Infants school given that additional accommodation is most urgent on this site, however in practice it is likely that the Junior school will be undertaking works ahead of the September 2018 increase in PAN (timescales still to be determined):

- September - October 2015 - period of Consultation (education related)
- 7 September 2015, 7pm – consultation meeting at Cheam Park Farm Infants School
- October 2015 - Governing Bodies meet to review consultation responses and decide whether to proceed to prepare planning application.
- October 2015 to January 2016 - Prepare a planning application including further planning related public consultation.
- January - March 2016 - Tender period and Children, Families and Education approval for funding.
- March / April 2016 - anticipated start on site (Infants school)



We would prefer that respondents use our online survey to respond to this consultation which can be accessed via the following web address <https://sutton.citizenspace.com/> and then searching for 'Cheam Park Farm Infants and Junior School'. Should that not be possible, the following form can be filled out and sent to address given below:

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	YES	NO	NOT SURE
Do you support the proposal to expand the above schools?			

Please use the space provided below to add any comments or views on the proposed school expansions.



For monitoring purposes, please could you provide the following details:-

Capacity in which responding:

	Cheam Park Farm Infants	Cheam Park Farm Junior	Other
Parent/Carer			
Pupil			
Teacher			
Member of Staff			
Governor			
Resident			
Other			

My post code is:

Please complete the attached response form and return it:

- By post to: Cheam Park Farm Infants School Consultation, Molesey Drive, Surrey, SM3 9UU
- By e-mail to: office@cheamparkfarminfants.org.uk

The last date for responding to the consultation is 2 October 2015

Thank you for taking the time to complete the response