



PROPOSALS FOR PRESCRIBED ALTERATIONS TO SCHOOLS OTHER THAN FOUNDATION PROPOSALS

This proposal is published in accordance with The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013. Specifically, Regulation 5 with Schedule 2 which prescribe the alterations capable of being published by a local authority to maintained schools, and ; Regulation 6 (1) – (3) with Schedules 1 and 3 which provides for the information to be provided in relation to published proposals and prescribe the manner of their publication, determination and implementation, are relevant.

Guidance indicates that a statutory proposal for making significant changes to schools must contain sufficient information for interested parties to make a decision on whether to support the proposed change. A proposal should be accessible to all interested parties and therefore use “plain English”.

School and LA details

School details are:

St Mary's Catholic Junior School
Shorts Road,
Carshalton,
Surrey SM5 2PB

Category: Voluntary Aided

Contact details for the Local Authority as proposer are:

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Description of Alteration

Enlargement of the school from a 2FE (PAN of 66) to a 3FE (PAN of 99) junior school which will be capable of accommodating up to 396 pupils. This enlargement will require the provision of additional accommodation through the adaptation of existing provision and/or through new build.

Evidence of Demand for Additional Places

Sutton has experienced a 34% increase in births since 2001 which is one of the highest rates of the 32 London Boroughs, and the largest in South West London. There is a trend of continuing high levels of births in excess of 2700 annually coupled with increasing net in-migration which will increase future demand for places across all years. There has been a particularly steep increase in demand for primary places in the Worcester Park area.

Considerable investment has been put into the Primary Expansion Programme with a total of 18 bulge classes and 18FE of permanent expansion either already in place or planned by 2015 in response to additional demand for places in primary schools. 15 of the 41 primary schools in the Borough have been involved in the Expansion Programme. Even with this considerable expansion of capacity there will be a very small number of “spare” places to absorb increased demand.

In relation to the total net capacity of Sutton’s primary schools at May 2013 (around 15,600 places), a further 1600 additional places, will be required to accommodate this increased demand. After 2017/18, projections indicate that school rolls will continue to rise to almost 17,600 by 2021/22 The projected increase in demand equates to approximately an additional 18FE relative to the capacity in 2011/12 when the first phase of permanently expanded primary schools took their first increased cohorts.

Despite the significant investment in providing additional capacity in the primary sector, there is still very little slack in the system to facilitate parental preferences and to ensure that the overall geographical coverage of places matches the pattern of demand sufficiently well to reduce to the minimum the number of pupils having to travel long distances in order to secure a school place.

In relation to the proposed expansion of junior schools, the corresponding infant schools have previously been expanded and the local authority and the schools directly involved have now to plan how to accommodate the increased cohorts moving through the infant phase and who will be requiring a place at junior school in 2015.

School Capacity and details of the current number of pupils admitted to the School in each relevant year

The current Net Capacity, which assesses the physical space in the School, is 264 places. Once the proposals have been implemented and the necessary building works have been completed, the proposed Net Capacity will be at or around 360 places.

The current planned number of children who can be admitted to the School is 264 with a PAN of 66 at Y3. The proposal would result in a permanent increase in PAN from 66 to 99 with effect from September 2015. The current number of pupils on roll as at January 2014 is:

YEAR	NOR
Y3	66
Y4	66
Y5	66
Y6	66
TOTAL Y3 TO Y6	264

The School’s PAN will be permanently increased to 120 for Y3 children starting in September 2015 and each subsequent year. If the School recruits up to its PAN in future, the projected numbers of pupils on roll (NOR) will be:

YEAR	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Y3	66	66	99	99	99	99	99	99
Y4	66	66	66	99	99	99	99	99
Y5	66	66	66	66	99	99	99	99
Y6	66	66	66	66	66	99	99	99
TOTAL NOR	264	264	297	330	363	396	396	396

Objectives (including how the proposal would increase educational standards and parental choice)

To meet the need for additional school places across the Borough from September 2015 by increasing the PAN from 66 to 99 for admission at Year 3.

To remodel and expand existing facilities and provide additional accommodation to provide a sufficient and suitable mix of facilities to meet the needs of an intake of 99 children as they progress up the school.

Special Educational Needs

Where proposals are to establish or alter provision for special educational needs:

N/A

Where proposals are to discontinue provision for special educational needs:

N/A

For any proposals relating to provision for special educational needs a description of the specific educational benefits that will flow from the proposals in terms of:

N/A

Possible effects on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area

The area which St Mary's Catholic Junior School serves is an extensive one which, in common with many parts of the area has experienced a considerable increase in demand in recent years which has led to the expansion of primary capacity. Catholic schools are recruiting strongly and there is every indication that they will continue to do so. The corresponding infant school was expanded in 2012 and the larger cohort, currently in Y1 of 90 children will require places in the junior school from September 2015.

Consultation

Consultation on the possible expansion of three junior schools: Cheam Common Junior, St Elphege's Catholic Junior and **St Mary's Catholic Junior** took place between 6 January and 14 February 2014. Consultation documents were distributed widely and were available for downloading from the Sutton website. Three public meetings were held at the schools involved and the matter was reported to the relevant local area committee.

Specific Consultees

The following persons/bodies were consulted:

Parents/Carers, Staff and Governors of primary schools proposed for expansion.

Extended Services, Community and other of the primary schools proposed for expansion.

Parents/Carers, Staff, Chairs of Governors of all other nursery and primary schools in Sutton

Headteachers and Chairs of Governors of all secondary schools in Sutton

Headteachers of all special schools in Sutton

Headteachers/Teachers in Charge of Pupil Referral Units in Sutton

Children's Centres

Principal of SCOLA

Principal of Orchard Hill College

Principal of Carshalton College of Further Education

All elected members (councillors) of the London Borough of Sutton

Chairs of all Sutton Local Committees

Directors of Children's Services of neighbouring Local Authorities (Merton, Croydon, Richmond, Kingston and Surrey)

MPs and MEPs

Local Dioceses – Church of England and Roman Catholic

Chair of the Sutton Schools Forum

Chair of the Sutton Admissions Forum

Chair of the Sutton Primary Headteachers Group

Chair of the Sutton Secondary Headteachers Group

All Strategic Directors (London Borough of Sutton)

All Executive Heads of Service (London Borough of Sutton)

Secretaries of relevant Trades Unions and Teachers Professional Associations
Sutton Racial Equality Council
Chair of Early Outcomes and Extended Services Partnership
Chair of Sutton Voluntary Sector Forum (Children and Families)
Chief Executive, Sutton and Merton Primary Care Trust
Metropolitan Police – Area Commander, Sutton
Early Years and PVI settings
GPs
Young Advisers Faith and Belief Forum

Summary of the views of persons consulted

In respect of the three junior schools under consideration for expansion, there were 167 responses to the question “Do you support the proposal to expand the following schools?” From response forms, e-mails and other communications, 99 (59%) responses expressed support for the expansion of a particular school; 30(18%) expressed opposition to the expansion of a particular school and 38 (23%) were not sure. For St Mary’s Catholic Junior specifically, there were 57 responses of which 35 (62%) were in favour; 11 (19%) were against and 11 (19%) were not sure about the proposal to expand.

The responses from all schools showed more than 50% in support of the expansion proposals. With regard to those who supported the proposal, the broad thrust of the comments is noted below:

The need for more primary places has been demonstrated and the proposed expansions appear to address this issue

The expansions are vital to ensure continuity of education for the enlarged cohorts moving through into Year 3 from the infant schools

Concerns about traffic, congestion, parking and nuisance to local residents were by far the most frequent response and were raised at all of the schools identified. In addition, the areas of concern listed below were frequently raised:

The reduction in the amount of outdoor play space because of encroachment of additional accommodation onto such spaces

The adequacy of the school’s infrastructure and whether there would be sufficient facilities such as halls, dining spaces, small group rooms, offices, toilets etc.

Disruption of children’s education and interruption of their enjoyment of school during building works to provide additional accommodation (particular comment on this at CCJS because of the disruption caused during the expansion of the infant school)

Details of how to view consultation documents and minutes of meetings

Consultation documents and the minutes of meetings can be obtained from:

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Project costs and an indication of how these will be met, including how long term value for money will be achieved

Final costs have yet to be determined for the project. The funding will come from the Council’s allocation of Basic Need Capital Funding and is likely to be in the order of £2.0m to £2.5m.

The Council has processes for scrutinising costs, for example based on benchmarking and examination of unit rates as well as having extensive experience of implementing similar projects in the recent past

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation

It has been agreed that the proposals for the expansion of the school are published by the Local Authority with the full support of the School's Governing Body. The Local Authority will be funding the additional accommodation necessary and will be responsible for the overall management of the build.

Additional Site

N/A

Explanation of the procedures for responses: support, objections and comments

Within four weeks from the date of the publication of these proposals (Tuesday 22 April 2014), any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to the London Borough of Sutton.

The Statutory Proposal/Notice was published on the London Borough of Sutton's Website (www.sutton.gov.uk) on 22 April 2014 and valid representations must be received at the relevant offices of the Local Authority by the close of business on Monday 19 May 2014.

Any representations should be sent to:
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