

Statutory proposals for a prescribed alteration

School and LA details:

School: Gledhow (Community) Primary School, Lidgett Lane, Leeds, LS8 1PL
Local Authority: Leeds City Council, The Director of Children's Services, PO Box 837, Capacity Planning & Sufficiency, Leeds, LS1 9PZ.

Description of alteration:

The proposal is to permanently increase the capacity of Gledhow (community) Primary School from 420 to 630 pupils with effect from 1 September 2016. The current admission number for the school is 60 into Reception Year (aged from four) and the proposed admission number for Reception Year is 90 (aged from four). This increase would only apply to reception classes from September 2016 and it would therefore take seven years for the school to reach its full capacity. The proposal will require additional building and the remodeling of existing school accommodation. This will be phased in agreement with the school, and be subject to the normal planning permission process. The existing specialist provision for children with speech and language difficulties will continue to operate in the school. There are no current plans to expand the existing specialist provision.

Evidence of demand:

There are currently 540 permanent reception places in Roundhay. Local demographics show that the demand for reception places in the area will significantly exceed the number of reception places available from 2015 going forward. There are 600 children currently living within the Roundhay planning area who will be starting school in 2015, 554 in 2016 and 583 in 2017. 30 additional reception places were created at Roundhay School in September 2014 to manage the growing demand for school places ahead of a permanent solution for the area. There is limited new housing in the area and any demand for school places will be managed by these proposals.

Effect on other schools:

There are 9 other primary schools in the Roundhay/Wigton planning area. This includes two voluntary aided schools, the remaining schools are all community schools. All places were allocated in these schools in 2014. The number of children living in the area is increasing and the demand for schools places will therefore remain.

Objectives:

The objective of the proposal is to create additional capacity to accommodate the increasing demand for primary school places caused by the growing local pre-school population. This proposal would provide additional places at Gledhow (Community) Primary school allowing more local children to benefit from the outstanding standards of teaching and learning already in place at the school.

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation:

The proposal is to expand Gledhow (Community) Primary School from a capacity of 420 pupils to 630 by increasing the number of pupils entering reception from 60 to 90 places with effect from 1 September 2016. It will therefore take 7 years for the school to reach its full capacity.

Project Costs

The final design solution is subject to detailed design and development and it is therefore not yet possible to estimate the cost of the delivery. This project would be funded by the local authority.

Objections and comments:

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, i.e. by 4pm on 24 October, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Leeds City Council, Capacity Planning and Sufficiency Team, PO Box 837, Leeds, LS1 9PZ, or by email to educ.school.organisation@leeds.gov.uk