

Statutory proposals for a prescribed alteration

Name and address of proposer:

School: Hollybush (Community) Primary School, Broad Lane, Leeds, LS13 2JJ
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 Hollybush (community) Primary School from 420 to 630 pupils with effect from 1st 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 would therefore take seven years for the school to reach its full capacity. The school would also change the lower age limit from 3 to 2 with effect from January 2015.

It is proposed that the expanded provision includes a partnership base for up to eight children with severe learning disabilities. These pupils would be on the roll of the West SILC.

No new or additional site is required for this change. The school will expand on its existing site. Some additional building and/or remodeling of existing buildings will be required. This will be phased in agreement with the school, and be subject to the normal planning permission process.

Evidence of demand:

There are currently 310 permanent reception places in the Bramley area and 2170 places in total across all year groups. 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 388 children currently living within the Bramley area who will be starting school in 2015, 398 in 2016 and 414 in 2017. It is expected that these numbers may further increase each year due to additional housing within this area that is being developed. The establishment of a further 30 places at Hollybush (Community) Primary School would create a further form of entry and would go some way towards reducing pressure for places in the area. Two schools in this area have agreed to take additional children into reception for September 2014 to meet the growing demand for school places.

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 Hollybush (Community) Primary school allowing more local children to benefit from the good standards of teaching and learning already in place at the school.

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation:

The proposal is to expand Hollybush (Community) Primary School from a capacity of 420 pupils to 630 with effect from 1st 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), increasing the capacity year on year for seven years.

The school would also change the lower age limit from 3 to 2 with effect from January 2015.

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 1st October 2014, 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