
REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF EDUCATION LEEDS

EXECUTIVE BOARD: 16 July 2008

SUBJECT: Proposal to Make a Prescribed Alteration at Harehills Primary School

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 1 The report informs the Executive Board of the outcome of statutory notices published on the proposal to make a prescribed alteration to permanently increase the admission number at Harehills Primary School from 60 to 90 Reception places.
- 2 With the abolition of the Leeds School Organisation Committee on 25 May 2007, the Executive Board resolved at its meeting on 17 October 2007 that where no objections are received to school organisation proposals following statutory consultation, the executive Board would make the decision where they have a responsibility to do so.
- 3 No objections having been received the Board are invited to determine the proposal.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 4 In response to an increase in demand for primary places in the Harehills area of Leeds, the admission number at Harehills Primary School was temporarily increased from 60 to 90 (3FE) for the academic years 2005-06 and 2006-07. The continued demand for places in this area led to a report being submitted to the Leeds Admissions Forum on 23 November 2006 outlining the need to increase primary provision at Harehills Primary School to 3 FE for a further two years, 2007 and 2008, the report and temporary increase being noted.
- 5 On 14 March 2007 Executive Board agreed that a public consultation be undertaken on a proposal to permanently increase the admission limit at the school. On 11th September 2007 the outcome of that consultation was reported to the Board who agreed to the publication of a statutory notice.
- 6 The shortfall of places is particularly acute within a fairly well-defined area bounded by Harehills Avenue, Harehills Lane, Ashley Road, Bayswater Road, and Sholebroke Street. This increase in demand also affects the nearby school, Bankside Primary. Bankside currently has an admission number of 70 and therefore, whilst not strictly 3 FE school, it operates as such and was identified

within the same Admissions Forum report with plans to also increase the admission number to 90.

- 7 Education Leeds believes this increase in demand in the area will continue and demand for places will be higher than the number of Reception places available in the area. Therefore it is considered that a permanent increase in provision at Harehills Primary School is necessary to meet the demand for places at the school.

MAIN ISSUES RAISED AS A RESULT OF THE STATUTORY NOTICES

- 8 A Statutory Notice was published on 18th April 2008 (copy attached) and expired on 16th May 2008. No representations were received, either supporting or objecting to the proposal. There are no new issues to report.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 9 Additional accommodation will be required at the school. Plans are in place to provide additional temporary accommodation to meet the immediate demand for places. It will be necessary in time to provide permanent additional classrooms and infrastructure to support the increase in admission number. Investigations are also underway to explore the potential to expand the overall site area of the school.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10 Executive Board is invited to:
- i. Agree to proceed with the proposal to permanently increase the admission number for Harehills Primary School from 60 to 90 reception places with effect from September 2009.

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Electoral Wards Affected:	
Gipton and Harehills	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:	
Equality & Diversity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Cohesion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Narrowing the Gap	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Eligible for Call-in

Not Eligible for Call-in
(Details contained in the Report)

1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 1.1 The report informs the Executive Board of the outcome of statutory notices published on the proposal to make a prescribed alteration to permanently increase the admission number at Harehills Primary School from 60 to 90 Reception places.
- 1.2 With the abolition of the Leeds School Organisation Committee on 25 May 2007, the Executive Board resolved at its meeting on 17 October 2007 that where no objections are received to school organisation proposals following statutory consultation, the executive Board would make the decision where they have a responsibility to do so.
- 1.3 No objections having been received the Board are invited to determine the proposal.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Harehills Primary School is situated in the Harehills / Gipton primary planning area. It is located a short distance away from Bankside Primary School (0.4 miles) which is part of the Chapel Allerton planning area. Given the close geographic proximity of these two planning areas in the inner NE wedge, linking the two provides a clearer picture of the overall area. These planning areas consist of a mix of community and voluntary aided schools, the majority of which are two form entry schools. The other schools in the two areas are Hovingham, Woodlands,

Oakwood, Wykebeck, Harehills St Augustine's and St Nicholas Catholic primary schools, and Bracken Edge, Hillcrest, Chapel Allerton, St Matthews Church of England and Holy Rosary and St Anne's Catholic primary schools. Information about their individual admission numbers and net capacities is available in Appendix 1, Table 1.

- 2.2 Pupil numbers are increasing in the area at a greater rate than other parts of the city and demand for school places is particularly high in the fairly well-defined area bounded by Harehills Avenue, Harehills Lane, Ashley Road, Bayswater Road, and Sholebroke Street. Information on the projected reception intakes and first preference data is in Appendix 1 Table 2. The four schools most likely to be affected are Hillcrest, Bankside, Harehills and Hovingham. Appendix 2 shows the projections for the four schools based on the 2008 PLASC figures. The distances between these schools are illustrated in Appendix 3. Demand for places at Harehills and Bankside Primary Schools has been particularly high.
- 2.3 The admission number for Bankside Primary School is currently 70 but the school has been operating as a 3FE school for a number of years and is already larger than two-form entry. The admission number at Harehills Primary School was temporarily increased from 60 to 90 reception places for the academic years 2005-06 and 2006-07. The continued demand for places in both schools led to a report being submitted to Admissions Forum on 23 November 2006 outlining the need to increase primary provision at Harehills and Bankside primary schools to 3 FE for a further two years, 2007 and 2008, the report and temporary increase being noted.
- 2.4 On 14 March 2007 Executive Board agreed that a public consultation be undertaken on a proposal to permanently increase the admission limit at the school. On 11th September 2007 the outcome of that consultation was reported to the Board. The responses were broadly supportive, and the main concerns noted in representations were:
- It might increase the chances of local children being able to get into their local school
 - That class sizes should not be increased as a result
 - That staffing levels should be increased to maintain class sizes
 - The provision of additional accommodation and play space
 - The consideration of the option to create a new school
 - The potential impact on standards if class sizes were increased
 - The ability to get into the expanded school meaning children do not have to walk longer distances to the next nearest school
 - Whether further increases in capacity may be needed in future
- 2.5 Responses were provided in the report to the satisfaction of the Executive Board, who agreed to the publication of a statutory notice. A statutory notice was published on 18th April 2008 and expired on 16th May 2008. No representations were received.
- 2.6 Education Leeds believes this increase in demand in the area will continue and demand for places will be higher than the number of Reception places available in the two planning areas, and therefore a permanent increase in provision at Harehills Primary School and Bankside Primary School is needed. The addition of 20 reception places to permanently increase Bankside Primary School to a three-form entry does not require a statutory process. A formal consultation process to permanently increase provision to 90 reception places at Harehills Primary School has been conducted, and statutory notices published.

3.0 **MAIN ISSUES**

3.1 There were no representations received in response to the statutory notices. There are no new issues to report.

4.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL POLICY AND GOVERNANCE**

4.1 Planning primary school places is relevant to a number of key priorities identified in the Children and Young People's Plan, the Asset Management Plan and the Corporate Plan, in terms of managing the supply and demand of school places and school improvement. It is also relevant to the Narrowing the Gap agenda, with the planning of school places taking consideration of wider socio-economic factors and regeneration.

5.0 **LEGAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The review of primary provision fulfils the LA's statutory requirement to keep under review the supply and demand of school places.

5.2 After full consideration of the views expressed during the consultation and now the Statutory Representation period, Education Leeds is of the view that this proposal should proceed. Since no representations have been received the proposal can be determined immediately by the Executive Board.

5.3 Additional accommodation will be required at the school. Plans are in place to provide additional temporary accommodation to meet the immediate demand for places. However, it will be necessary to provide more permanent additional classrooms and infrastructure to support the increase in admission number. Investigations are also underway to exploring the potential to expand the overall site area of the school.

6.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 Executive Board is invited to:

- i. Agree to proceed with the proposal to permanently increase the admission number for Harehills Primary School from 60 to 90 reception places with effect from September 2009.

Appendix 1

Demographic Data

Table 1: Pupil data for schools in the Chapel Allerton planning area based on School Census 2008

SCHOOLS	ADM No.	NUMBER ON ROLL	NET CAPACITY	SURPLUS	
				Number	%
CHAPEL ALLERTON PLANNING AREA					
Bankside PS	70	501	517	16	3%
Bracken Edge PS	45	283	378	95	25%
Chapel Allerton PS	60	396	420	24	6%
Hillcrest PS	60	373	388	15	4%
St Matthews CE PS	60	397	417	20	5%
Holy Rosary and St Anne's PS	30	203	210	7	4%
AREA TOTAL	325	2153	2330	177	8%
HAREHILLS / GIPTON PLANNING AREA					
Harehills PS	60	502	473	-29	-6%
Hovingham PS	60	393	413	20	5%
Oakwood PS	60	363	420	57	14%
Woodlands PS	60	384	407	23	6%
Wykebeck PS	45	179	210	31	15%
Harehills St Augustine's Catholic PS	50	352	352	0	0%
AREA TOTAL	375	2449	2555	106	4%

Appendix 2

Projections for Harehills Primary School, and Area Projections for Harehills and for Chapel Allerton Planning Areas.

Harehills Primary School

	REC	YR 1	YR 2	YR 3	YR 4	YR 5	YR 6	TOTAL	AD LT	CAPACITY	SURPLUS	SURPLUS %
2002\3	57	59	59	57	54	58	60	404	60	420	16	4%
2003\4	60	60	60	59	61	57	60	417	60	473	56	12%
2004\5	60	59	56	57	58	60	60	410	60	473	63	13%
2005\6	90	59	60	60	61	59	60	449	90	473	24	5%
2006\7	86	88	60	61	61	61	60	477	90	473	-4	-1%
2007\8	85	90	89	64	60	58	56	502	60	473	-29	-6%
2008\9	81	83	91	92	66	60	59	532	60	473	-59	-13%
2009\10	99	80	84	93	94	66	61	577	60	473	-104	-22%
2010\11	90	97	80	86	96	95	67	611	60	473	-138	-29%
2011\12	101	88	97	82	89	96	96	650	60	473	-177	-37%

Harehills / Gipton Planning Area

	REC	YR 1	YR 2	YR 3	YR 4	YR 5	YR 6	TOTAL	AD LT	CAPACITY	SURPLUS	SURPLUS %
2002\3	306	332	346	326	331	326	323	2290	375	2527	237	9.4%
2003\4	330	323	344	347	333	347	330	2354	375	2555	201	7.9%
2004\5	330	335	326	344	346	336	347	2364	375	2555	191	7.5%
2005\6	366	328	341	329	341	343	329	2377	405	2555	178	7.0%
2006\7	370	359	337	338	319	341	338	2402	405	2555	153	6.0%
2007\8	373	365	367	345	336	319	344	2449	375	2555	106	4.1%
2008\9	371	369	375	366	339	335	314	2470	375	2555	85	3.3%
2009\10	392	367	379	375	361	339	330	2544	375	2555	11	0.4%
2010\11	383	388	378	379	369	361	334	2592	375	2555	-37	-1.4%
2011\12	403	379	398	377	373	370	357	2656	375	2555	-101	-3.9%

Chapel Allerton Area

	REC	YR 1	YR 2	YR 3	YR 4	YR 5	YR 6	TOTAL	AD LT	CAPACITY	SURPLUS	SURPLUS %
2002\3	316	312	325	306	297	317	307	2180	340	2391	211	9%
2003\4	277	313	301	321	306	301	314	2133	340	2330	197	8%
2004\5	303	279	317	310	326	309	305	2149	340	2330	181	8%
2005\6	331	310	282	312	312	320	327	2194	345	2330	136	6%
2006\7	300	317	307	287	300	304	333	2148	345	2330	182	8%
2007\8	315	300	315	321	292	294	317	2153	345	2330	177	8%
2008\9	319	310	296	322	311	284	304	2147	345	2330	183	8%
2009\10	327	314	305	304	312	301	295	2158	345	2330	172	7%
2010\11	358	323	309	313	295	302	313	2212	345	2330	118	5%
2011\12	353	353	317	316	304	286	314	2244	345	2330	86	4%

Appendix 3

LEEDS CITY COUNCIL LOCAL AUTHORITY

Proposal to increase the Admission Number for Harehills Primary School

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Leeds Local Authority intends to make a prescribed alteration to Harehills Primary School, Darfield Road Harehills Leeds LS8 5DQ from 01 September 2009.

It is proposed to increase the admission number from 60 to 90, and enlarge the premises to accommodate these numbers.

The current capacity of the school is 473 and the proposed capacity will be 630. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 500. The proposed admission number for the school at age 5 will be 90.

The school has been operating with a temporary admissions number of 90 since September 05. This proposal will make that change permanent.

Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: Chief Executive, Education Leeds, FAO School Organisation Team, 9th Floor West, Merrion House, Merrion Centre, Leeds LS2 8DT or by visiting the School Organisation website on www.educationleeds.co.uk/schoolorganisation.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, that is 16th May 2008, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Chief Executive, Education Leeds, FAO School Organisation Team, 9th Floor West, Merrion House, Merrion Centre, Leeds, LS2 8DT or alternatively email to: educ.school.organisation@educationleeds.co.uk

Signed :

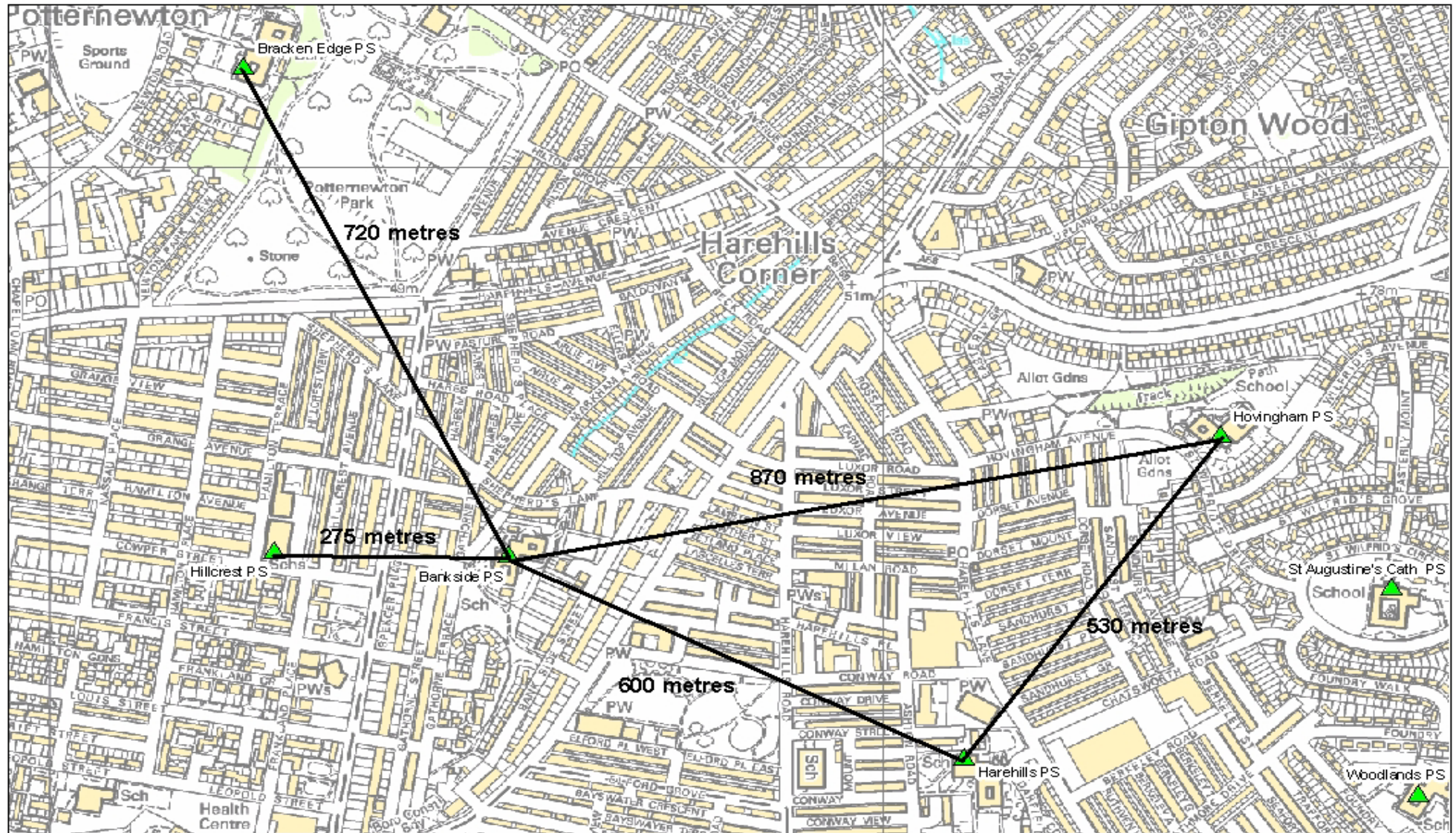


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Appendix 4
Location of schools



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