

Outcome of statutory notice on a proposal to permanently increase learning places at Allerton High School from September 2022

Representations received during statutory notice (published 9th July - 6th August 2021)

Response no.	Response / comments:	Supporting / formal objection or neither but wish to comment
1	I wholeheartedly support the proposal to expand this excellent school.	Supporting
2	I am so pleased that this proposal has been given the go ahead. I see no reason why anyone would object to this. There are new flats being built close to the school so the demand for places will clearly grow in the next few years. Also, all of the children living in Alwoodley really do not have an easily accessible alternative school. (Grandmother of 2 children living in Alwoodley)	Supporting
3	Good afternoon, I have studied the zone maps following on from the current proposal to permanently expand Allerton High. I find it frustrating to see that the small street I live on [REDACTED] - has been split so the zone 2 border accommodates the majority of the houses, but does not accommodate [REDACTED] houses in [REDACTED]. As a parent of [REDACTED] children I was naturally going to apply for Allerton High. My eldest daughter currently going to [REDACTED] Primary with many of her class friends residing in and around Alwoodley. My daughter will be starting high school September 2022. The cut off on the zone 2 map suggests that the majority of the children who reside on our street will be within zone 2, and my [REDACTED] children will not be, due to the zone border splitting across our street. In terms of safety to and from school, I find it hard to understand why a full cul-de-sac cannot be placed within the same zone so children can walk to school together. It makes sense in terms of road safety so that neighbouring children can walk to school together. As my address [REDACTED] is one of the [REDACTED] houses cut off from the zone 2 map border, it feels unfair to not accommodate the whole street into the same school zones. Can this request be considered? Thank you for your time.	Sought clarity on position however no reply received from respondent
4 (i)	Hi, I'd like to comment on the current proposal to put forward extra places at Allerton High. We live less than a mile from the school on the North side but currently would not get a place due to numbers. There are no other schools in the area so would go to a school out of the area. If this happens we will have to move out of the area as I want my kids to be local to a school. A local high school should accommodate all kids in the area not just the closest. Thanks	Replied to respondent to seek position
4 (ii)	Hi, yes definitely support the proposal and changes required. Thanks	Supporting
5 (i)	Hello, I fully support the expansion of the school, as it is much needed to support the 5 or more primary schools in the area. However, as a local resident who walks twice a day on my primary school run, down Nursery Lane and onto King Lane, I am gravely concerned about the already incredibly congested traffic during school drop off/pick up times and the type of parking by parents that is sometimes dangerous and inconsiderate. Not to mention the environmental impact on our area. I would like to know what the school proposes to do, to tackle the major pressure extra pupils generate to an area so heavily congested already. I feel the school has a moral obligation to consider the impact on local residents, surrounding roads and the environment. Regards	Supporting

5(ii)	<p>I appreciate the detailed response thank you. I am afraid to say however, that as a resident who walks the Nursery Lane to King Lane route every day to school, even the local pupils get a lift from their parents, particularly in poor weather, not everybody will use the park and ride on King Lane, due to such congested traffic, and this is where my concern lies. I would also like to add that the Allerton C of E Primary 'highways work' has only really moved the traffic congestion problems elsewhere. Namely Nursery Lane, where several more cars park on here on a morning as a result of the Primary Schools back gate access. Not to mention the fact that as a pedestrian myself, the paths on Nursery Lane simply are not equipped for such a level of footfall from parents and pupils entering both Allerton High and Allerton C of E, so this is another concern of mine with the additional pupils proposed. You would only experience all of these negatives if you used the road daily as myself and my 2 children do. I also mentioned in my concerns the environmental impact that it would have on the local area, litter, noise, petrol pollution, etc, can you advise on what the council proposes for this type of inevitable impact please? I look forward to hearing from you.</p>	See above
6	<p>Hi we agree that the school should expand. Local primary schools now have up to 3 classes on each year group. Treble the amount on the last 20 years. This has impacted greatly on numbers requiring a place in their locality. And with more people moving into Alwoodley ward this adds to the pressure on the high school. Allerton High should be expanded immediately to enable pupils in the locality to attend from September 2022 or earlier. Regards.</p>	Supporting
7	<p>Further to the proposal to expand Allerton high for next September I hope this does get approved. My daughter is currently at Alwoodley Primary and will hopefully go to Allerton with the majority of her class in 2022. We live in the [REDACTED] and this is her closest school, when I bought the house in 2014 I did this with the plan for my children to go to Alwoodley & Allerton as these are the closest schools. Her younger brother will still be at Alwoodley and the logistics of getting her to a school further away/in another direction will be impossible. Starting high school is scary in any situation, but adding to this starting barely knowing anyone & leaving behind all your friends is already causing my daughter and myself upset. Thank you</p>	Supporting
8(i)	<p>Hello, Thank you for the opportunity to have a say in the situation regarding the possible increase in places available for Allerton High School. I would ideally like my daughter [REDACTED] to join the school in September 2022 - however I am just ever so slightly out of the catchment area (zone 2) and the increase in available places might hopefully make my application more successful. Many Thanks.</p>	Replied to respondent to seek position
8(ii)	<p>Hello Janet, With regards to the proposal to permanently expand Allerton High School - my husband and I would like to express our full support and hope that the proposal will be successful in the hope that our child will be placed there next year. Best Regards.</p>	Supporting
9	<p>I would like to submit my support for the proposal to expand Allerton High School. We are a family of [REDACTED] who have moved into the area due to being allocated a primary school here. In our previous location we didn't get into our local primary school. My children currently go to Allerton Church of England Primary School. We live about 0.6 miles from Allerton High School, and if the school is not expanded we risk not being able to attend it. We have already had to move once in order to be able to walk to the primary school we were allocated. It will be more than disappointing if we cannot then attend our local and nearest High School, which we can easily walk to from where we live. My son (and daughter) have friends from their primary school and local area and would be upset at having to go to a school which isn't their local school with people they know. I feel that traffic will actually be reduced if the school is expanded as children who live near the school will be able to walk to it rather than have to be driven or get public transport to a school further away. There are no other options for us as regards nearby High Schools. We are not in a position to be able to afford Leeds Grammar School and we are out of catchment for Allerton Grange and Carr Manor. Expanding</p>	Supporting

	Allerton High is the only option for families who live north of the school. If the school does not expand there is a risk that these children will be travelling all over Leeds to other further away schools. This does nothing for the community, and can only be detrimental to traffic and the environment.	
10	As a local parent, I fully support the expansion of Allerton High School. My daughter is due to start high school in 2022 and we know that there is a 'bulge' of additional local children in her year due to the 80 additional places that had to be created at local primary schools to accommodate this cohort. We now need to ensure that there are sufficient secondary school places locally to accommodate the growing number of local children. It is unacceptable for children to be expected to travel several miles to school because there aren't enough places locally (not to mention the environmental impact).	Supporting
11 (i)	Hello firstly I do agree to expand the schools in take but the change to the catchment area last year was disgraceful!! You lot call this a debate but how is it a debate when changing the catchment area back was off the table it should be a circle around the school for zone 1 and anything around the first circle should be zone 2. I gave my views and I never had a response this was not a debate this was Leeds city council stamping their authority as usual?? #change the catchment area back.	Supporting (with concerns raised about the catchment zones)
11 (ii)	Thank you for your reply. Can I just say zone1 go's back to pool in Wharfedale ? Why? any housing estate could get built? Still worrying The Children from cranmers and queenshills made that school what it is over the years too! Now it feels they have been shut out? And how come there are so many car's on a morning dropping children off from outside the area??	See above
12	Dear Sir/Madam, I would like to comment on the proposed expansion of AHS for 2022 onwards as I feel very strongly that this must go ahead, for the following reasons - Children in the newly set up Priority 2 area have historically always been offered places at AHS, so the demographic of the school would change. It's the nearest school for those children. Its in walking distance avoiding the need for being driven causing extra traffic pollution, keeping children fitter and healthier. Surely that is more logical than making children go to a school they have to be driven to or get public transport to. It is safer. as no major roads to be crossed. The ring road is a very fast dual carriageway that could be the scene of a fatal accident if 11/12 year olds are being made to cross if being driven to school is not an option. For me, I am the grandmother of children at Alwoodley Primary School and have a granddaughter going into year 6 and a grandson going into year 3, and i do the pick up twice a week for my daughter who is a [REDACTED] working mum. The logistics of collecting both children would be impossible if my granddaughter does not get into AHS. I'm very concerned about the safety of her trying to get to say Carr Manor or Lawnswood! I trust the expansion will go ahead and that Priority 2 children are treated the same as Priority 1. Kinds regards	Supporting
13	Hi, Totally support the decision of adding extra places in Allerton High School. In this connection, I would also like to request to reverse the decision regarding allocating Adel to Priority Zone 2 of the school catchment area. We live in [REDACTED] and Allerton High School is the closest high school to our house (and the only one within walking distance). It was really unfair we were assigned to Priority Zone 2 in the context of shortage of places in the school in 2020 (in spite of a large number of parents of Adel Primary School objecting to the decision). For many of us, the proximity to Allerton High was a major factor for buying our houses in the area. Given that the capacity expansion will help in improving the issue, I would like the council to revisit the decision. Regards	Supporting

14	<p>To whom it may concern, We are writing to express our support for the proposal to expand Allerton High School. It is clear that, with the numbers of pupils in the area increasing year on year, this is a necessary action to ensure that local children can access local school places. We live to the north of Allerton High and if this proposal did not go through, our children would not be able to access a place there. This has been proven in recent years when children living on our street have missed out on places. Not only would we not be able to access Allerton High but we would also not be able to access any other local school within a reasonable distance of our home. There are many families in a similar situation and the numbers of children affected is increasing every year. We would therefore strongly support the proposal to expand Allerton High School to give local children the best possible chance of attending a local school. Thank you for your time in considering our comments</p>	Supporting
15	<p>We, as the Governing Body and leaders of Carr Manor Community School, in the spirit of supporting all local communities in an equitable manner, oppose the proposal to permanently expand Allerton High School because of the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We feel that this proposed increase in admission number and building expansion is not justified. We also feel that the 'Evidence of demand' section of the statutory proposal document is misleading as it indicates that "the number of children living across the Alwoodley/Moortown area, in particular those living nearest to both Allerton High School and Allerton Grange School, has increased" but doesn't show the big decrease in demand to follow in the next 3 years, as per the census data available. • The census data below, for the next 5+ years, shows that after an initial increase to 269 primary age pupils in the Allerton High School catchment, there will be a steady decline in the number of pupils who are within their catchment area. With only 226 pupils on census who would qualify for a place within the Allerton High School catchment in 2024, to propose a PAN of 280 is not supported by data and would risk negative impact on local schools' own intake. This decline in numbers contradicts the claim that there is a need to permanently increase Allerton High's admission numbers for September 2022 onwards by 60 places above their already increased PAN from 198 – an overall increase of 82 spaces. Census Figures as provided by Leeds City Council: 2021 (264 children), 2022 (269 children), 2023 (267 children), 2024 (226 children), 2025 (253 children), 2026 (230 children), 2027 (230 children). • In September 2021, there were only 4 applicants from Zone 1 who were not offered a place initially, who eventually secured a place following the recent expansion of 22 places (from 198 to 220 places in September 2021). This does not justify the need for the proposed extra 60 places, in addition to the 22 places that have been recently added to the school's PAN – without consulting with other local schools, including Carr Manor Community School. This makes a total increase of PAN by 82 places within 2 years. • The proposed expansion could have detrimental effects on other schools in the area, including, but not limited to, Carr Manor Community School. In the 'Objectives' section of the statutory proposal document, it mentions that "Creating 60 additional permanent places each year at Allerton High School would also provide more choice for local families and help ease the ongoing increase in demand for places" however, it neglects to say that this increase in demand is temporary and there will be a sharp decline in demand from 2024; which means that these additional permanent 60 places will be filled by children who would have normally gone to other local schools, including Carr Manor Community School, which is one of their catchment schools. The surplus places at Allerton High School from 2024 would impact on the number of Year 6 pupils local to Carr Manor Community School, with them being able to cross the Ring Road to receive a place at Allerton High School. 	Formal objection

- There are new schools opening in the east area of Leeds which could have knock-on effect on parental choice. Until a more sustained pattern of preference is established and in order to address the bulge for the next couple of years, temporary solutions rather than permanent ones should be considered.
- There are no proposed new housing plans in the catchment area that would justify a permanent need for additional spaces following the bulge cohort in the next 2 years. We identify precedent for bulge cohorts being accommodated within local schools, as we previously did at Carr Manor and are happy to do so again.
- We are concerned that the proposed expansion is not solely to meet a need of school spaces in the area as suggested, which if it is the case should be addressed by looking at a different solution, where local schools agree to absorb between them the increase in demand for the next 2 years by taking on a bulge cohort in years 2022 and 2023. This will provide a better outcome in future, instead of the proposed expensive permanent expansion of one school which could negatively affect the admissions to other North Leeds schools for years to come.
- We feel that the cost of £8 million for 300 places is not justified and that the buildings' expansion would not have been agreed if it was for 30 places only (which is more realistic when taking the data into account) and therefore the proposal is for 60 additional places. We also believe that the school is over expanding to justify additional buildings to potentially expand Allerton High's Sixth Form, as was suggested in one of the consultation meetings.
- As a school committed to, and with a track record of, partnership we are objecting to this proposal. It is our strong belief that we should be actively collaborating across the wider area, to find a solution to accommodate the need for additional Secondary School places. Carr Manor Community School will be willing to collaborate with Allerton High, Allerton Grange and others to reach a satisfactory long-term solution to this issue. To that end, we will be willing to play our part in helping to absorb the extra need for places.

This statement is on behalf of the Governing Body and leaders of Carr Manor Community School and comes in the spirit of our long history of support for the Local Authority and our track record of working equitably and responsibly to serve all of our communities in the city.