

APPENDIX B

PROPOSALS FOR PRESCRIBED ALTERATIONS OTHER THAN FOUNDATION PROPOSALS: Information to be included in a complete proposal

Extract of Part 1 of Schedule 3 and Part 1 of Schedule 5 to The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools)(England) Regulations 2007 (as amended):

In respect of a Governing Body Proposal: School and governing body's details

1. The name, address and category of the school for which the governing body are publishing the proposals.

n/a

In respect of an LEA Proposal: School and local education authority details

1. The name, address and category of the school .

Holmemead Community Middle School, Mead End, Biggleswade, Beds, SG17 8JU.
Principal Assistant (School Places), Central Bedfordshire Council, Room 148, High Street
North, Dunstable, Beds, LU6 1LF.

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation

2. The date on which the proposals are planned to be implemented, and if they are to be implemented in stages, a description of what is planned for each stage, and the number of stages intended and the dates of each stage.

1st September 2010

Objections and comments

3. A statement explaining the procedure for making representations, including —
- (a) the date prescribed in accordance with paragraph 29 of Schedule 3 (GB proposals)/Schedule 5 (LA proposals) of The School Organisation (Prescribed

- Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended), by which objections or comments should be sent to the local education authority; and
- (b) the address of the authority to which objections or comments should be sent.

Within six weeks from the date of publication of this proposal (i.e. 6th November 2009), any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Edwina Grant, Director of Children, Families & Learning, Central Bedfordshire Council, Room 148, High Street North, Dunstable, Beds, LU6 1LF.

Alteration description

4. A description of the proposed alteration and in the case of special school proposals, a description of the current special needs provision.

It is proposed that the school will make new provision for children who have been identified as having specific difficulties, recognised by the local education authority, relating to an Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The new provision will cater for up to 8 children.

School capacity

- 5.—(1) Where the alteration is an alteration falling within any of paragraphs 1 to 4, 8, 9 and 12-14 of Schedule 2 (GB proposals)/paragraphs 1-4, 7, 8, 18, 19 and 21 of Schedule 4 (LA proposals) to The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended), the proposals must also include —

- (a) details of the current capacity of the school and, where the proposals will alter the capacity of the school, the proposed capacity of the school after the alteration;

The current capacity of the school is 560. The proposal is for the addition of an inclusive SEN base, which will not affect the number on roll or capacity at the school.

- (b) details of the current number of pupils admitted to the school in each relevant age group, and where this number is to change, the proposed number of pupils to be admitted in each relevant age group in the first school year in which the proposals will have been implemented;

The current admission number of the school is 140 at year 5. The proposal does not intend to alter this number.

- (c) where it is intended that proposals should be implemented in stages, the number of pupils to be admitted to the school in the first school year in which each stage will have been implemented;

n/a

- (d) where the number of pupils in any relevant age group is lower than the indicated admission number for that relevant age group a statement to this effect and details of the indicated admission number in question.

n/a

(2) Where the alteration is an alteration falling within any of paragraphs 1, 2, 9, 12 and 13 of Schedule 2 (GB proposals) /paragraphs 1, 2, 8, 18 and 19 of Schedule 4 (LA proposals) to The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended), a statement of the number of pupils at the school at the time of the publication of the proposals.

Number on roll as at summer term 2009 (latest census data available) was 499.

Implementation

6. Where the proposals relate to a foundation or voluntary controlled school a statement as to whether the proposals are to be implemented by the local education authority or by the governing body, and, if the proposals are to be implemented by both, a statement as to the extent to which they are to be implemented by each body.

n/a

Additional Site

7.—(1) A statement as to whether any new or additional site will be required if proposals are implemented and if so the location of the site if the school is to occupy a split site.

n/a

(2) Where proposals relate to a foundation or voluntary school a statement as to who will provide any additional site required, together with details of the tenure (freehold or leasehold) on which the site of the school will be held, and if the site is to be held on a lease, details of the proposed lease.

n/a

Changes in boarding arrangements

8.—(1) Where the proposals are for the introduction or removal of boarding provision, or the alteration of existing boarding provision such as is mentioned in paragraph 8 or 21 of Schedule 2 (GB proposals)/7 or 14 of Schedule 4 to The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended) —

- (a) the number of pupils for whom it is intended that boarding provision will be made if the proposals are approved;

n/a

- (b) the arrangements for safeguarding the welfare of children at the school;

n/a

- (c) the current number of pupils for whom boarding provision can be made and a description of the boarding provision; and

n/a

- (d) except where the proposals are to introduce boarding provision, a description of the existing boarding provision.

n/a

(2) Where the proposals are for the removal of boarding provisions or an alteration to reduce boarding provision such as is mentioned in paragraph 8 or 21 of Schedule 2 (GB proposals)/7 or 14 of Schedule 4 (LA proposals) to The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended) —

- (a) the number of pupils for whom boarding provision will be removed if the proposals are approved; and

n/a

- (b) a statement as to the use to which the former boarding accommodation will be put if the proposals are approved.

n/a

Transfer to new site

9. Where the proposals are to transfer a school to a new site the following information—

- (a) the location of the proposed site (including details of whether the school is to occupy a single or split site), and including where appropriate the postal address;

n/a

- (b) the distance between the proposed and current site;

n/a

- (c) the reason for the choice of proposed site;

n/a

- (d) the accessibility of the proposed site or sites;

n/a

- (e) the proposed arrangements for transport of pupils to the school on its new site; and

n/a

- (f) a statement about other sustainable transport alternatives where pupils are not using transport provided, and how car use in the school area will be discouraged.

n/a

Objectives

10. The objectives of the proposals.

Bedfordshire's SEN Review (January 2008) recommended the setting up of

Specialist Provision where there are gaps. A particular gap was identified in the Biggleswade/Sandy area and parents reported that while their children met the guidance for admission into a Specialist ASD Provision, they did not want their children to travel to the other provisions in the County. In line with this recommendation, it is proposed to develop a specialist provision for up to 8 children from the age of 9 -13 with special educational needs (SEN) in relation to significant difficulties arising from autistic spectrum disorders in the east of Central Bedfordshire.

The provision will be for children from the eastern part of Central Bedfordshire and will complement the ones already developed at St Swithun's Lower School (Sandy), Ramsey Manor Lower School and Arnold Middle School (both Barton-le-Clay), Samuel Whitbread Community College (Clifton) and Streetfield Middle School and Manshead Upper School (both Caddington). All pupils will have statements of SEN which will specify that they need an environment which is more highly and expertly resourced than the provision normally made in a mainstream classroom setting. Admissions will be through Central Bedfordshire's Assessment and Monitoring Team who will consult, as they do for all pupils with statements, the school's Governing Body when they intend to admit.

Consultation

11. Evidence of the consultation before the proposals were published including—
- (a) a list of persons who were consulted;
 - (b) minutes of all public consultation meetings;
 - (c) the views of the persons consulted;
 - (d) a statement to the effect that all applicable statutory requirements in relation to the proposals to consult were complied with; and
 - (e) copies of all consultation documents and a statement on how these documents were made available.

As required by the regulations, all relevant parties were consulted on matters relating to the proposal. A copy of the letter is attached at Appendix 1.

Nine people attended the open meeting on 7th May 2009; six staff from the school and three parents, two of which have a child in the satellite class at Sunnyside Special School. All feedback was positive, with parents saying how such provision had benefited their children. One parent said that she had received positive feedback from other parents who were unable to attend the meeting. The Headteacher said that feedback from staff and Governors had been very positive and that there had been no negative feedback. One email response was received from a parent and was in support of the proposal. The school Governors met on the 4th June and agreed to move forward with setting up the provision.

Initially a statutory notice was posted in the surrounding area on 12th June 2009, however this was later deemed invalid as it had not been properly formulated in accordance with the regulations. A revised notice was then published on 25th September 2009.

Project costs

12. A statement of the estimated total capital cost of the proposals and the breakdown of the costs that are to be met by the governing body, the local education authority, and any other party.

All the capital costs will be met by the Local Authority.

13. A copy of confirmation from the Secretary of State, local education authority and the Learning and Skills Council for England (as the case may be) that funds will be made available (including costs to cover any necessary site purchase).

All the capital costs will be met by the Local Authority.

Age range

14. Where the proposals relate to a change in age range, the current age range for the school.

n/a

Early years provision

15. Where the proposals are to alter the lower age limit of a mainstream school so that it provides for pupils aged between 2 and 5—

(a) details of the early years provision, including the number of full-time and part-time pupils, the number and length of sessions in each week, and the services for disabled children that will be offered;

n/a

(b) how the school will integrate the early years provision with childcare services and how the proposals are consistent with the integration of early years provision for childcare;

n/a

(c) evidence of parental demand for additional provision of early years provision;

n/a

- (d) assessment of capacity, quality and sustainability of provision in schools and in establishments other than schools who deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage within 3 miles of the school; and

n/a

- (e) reasons why such schools and establishments who have spare capacity cannot make provision for any forecast increase in the number of such provision.

n/a

Changes to sixth form provision

16. (a) Where the proposals are to alter the upper age limit of the school so that the school provides sixth form education or additional sixth form education, a statement of how the proposals will—

- (i) improve the educational or training achievements;
- (ii) increase participation in education or training; and
- (iii) expand the range of educational or training opportunities for 16-19 year olds in the area;

n/a

- (b) A statement as to how the new places will fit within the 16-19 organisation in an area;

n/a

(c) Evidence —

- (i) of the local collaboration in drawing up the proposals; and
- (ii) that the proposals are likely to lead to higher standards and better progression at the school;

n/a

- (d) The proposed number of sixth form places to be provided.

n/a

17. Where the proposals are to alter the upper age limit of the school so that the school ceases to provide sixth form education, a statement of the effect on the supply of 16-19 places in the area.

n/a

Special educational needs

18. Where the proposals are to establish or change provision for special educational needs—

- (a) a description of the proposed types of learning difficulties in respect of which education will be provided and, where provision for special educational needs already exists, the current type of provision;

Education will be provided for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders whose needs cannot be met within a mainstream school with support. All children will have statements of special educational needs.

- (b) any additional specialist features will be provided;

The children will access the existing school buildings. Central Bedfordshire will also provide additional accommodation and specialist ancillary areas to expand the existing provision. A feasibility study is being carried out at the school to identify the best solution to providing this accommodation. This will meet all of the basic requirements for the pupils.

- (c) the proposed numbers of pupils for which the provision is to be made;

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- (d) details of how the provision will be funded;

The provision will be funded as an 8 place provision on the basis of need, however many pupils are in the provision.

	8 Place
ASD Place Allowance – £16,618 per place	£132,944
AWPU @ Year 6 (£2,240 per pupil)	£ 17,282
Formula Capital - £189 per SEN Statement Pupil	£ 1,512
School Meals – £19 per pupil (£237 if FSM)	£ 168
Floor Allowance assume 70 sq m – 16.53 per sq m	£ 1,240
Total	£153,146

Actual pupils will be funded through Age Weighted Pupil Units (AWPU) with additional funding through the stated budget according to their category of need and agreed number of places. The budget for an 8 place unit in 2009/10 is £153,146 in total. For the places alone the annual budget for this provision in 09/10 would be £132,944.

- (e) a statement as to whether the education will be provided for children with special educational needs who are not registered pupils at the school to which the proposals relate;

Pupils attending the unit will be registered with Holmemead Middle School.

- (f) a statement as to whether the expenses of the provision will be met from the school's delegated budget;

The expenses of the provision will be met from the school's delegated budget.

- (g) the location of the provision if it is not to be established on the existing site of the school;

n/a

- (h) where the provision will replace existing educational provision for children with special educational needs, a statement as to how the local education authority believes that the new provision is likely to lead to improvement in the standard, quality and range of the educational provision for such children; and

n/a

- (i) the number of places reserved for children with special educational needs, and where this number is to change, the proposed number of such places.

n/a

19. Where the proposals are to discontinue provision for special educational needs—

- (a) details of alternative provision for pupils for whom the provision is currently made;

n/a

- (b) details of the number of pupils for whom provision is made that is recognised by the local education authority as reserved for children with special educational needs during each of the 4 school years preceding the current school year;

n/a

- (c) details of provision made outside the area of the local education authority for pupils whose needs will not be able to be met in the area of the authority as a result of the discontinuance of the provision; and

n/a

- (d) a statement as to how the proposer believes that the proposals are likely to lead to improvement in the standard, quality and range of the educational provision for such children.

n/a

20. Where the proposals will lead to alternative provision for children with special educational needs, as a result of the establishment, alteration or discontinuance of existing provision, the specific educational benefits that will flow from the proposals in terms of—

- (a) improved access to education and associated services including the curriculum, wider school activities, facilities and equipment with reference to the local education authority's Accessibility Strategy;

- (b) improved access to specialist staff, both educational and other professionals, including any external support and outreach services;
- (c) improved access to suitable accommodation; and
- (d) improved supply of suitable places.

n/a

Sex of pupils

21. Where the proposals are to make an alteration to provide that a school which was an establishment which admitted pupils of one sex only becomes an establishment which admits pupils of both sexes—

- (a) details of the likely effect which the alteration will have on the balance of the provision of single sex-education in the area;

n/a

- (b) evidence of local demand for single-sex education; and

n/a

- (c) details of any transitional period which the body making the proposals wishes specified in a transitional exemption order (within the meaning of section 27 of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975).

n/a

22. Where the proposals are to make an alteration to a school to provide that a school which was an establishment which admitted pupils of both sexes becomes an establishment which admits pupils of one sex only—

- (a) details of the likely effect which the alteration will have on the balance of the provision of single-sex education in the area; and

n/a

- (b) evidence of local demand for single-sex education.

n/a

Extended services

23. If the proposed alterations affect the provision of the school's extended services, details of the current extended services the school is offering and details of any proposed change as a result of the alterations.

n/a

Need or demand for additional places

24. If the proposals involve adding places—

- (a) a statement and supporting evidence of the need or demand for the particular places in the area;

n/a

- (b) where the school has a religious character, a statement and supporting evidence of the demand in the area for education in accordance with the tenets of the religion or religious denomination;

n/a

- (c) where the school adheres to a particular philosophy, evidence of the demand for education in accordance with the philosophy in question and any associated change to the admission arrangements for the school.

n/a

25. If the proposals involve removing places—

- (a) a statement and supporting evidence of the reasons for the removal, including an assessment of the impact on parental choice; and

n/a

- (b) a statement on the local capacity to accommodate displaced pupils.

n/a

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Expansion of successful and popular schools

25A. (1) Proposals must include a statement of whether the proposer considers that the presumption for the expansion of successful and popular schools should apply, and where the governing body consider the presumption applies, evidence to support this.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1) applies to expansion proposals in respect of primary and secondary schools, (except for grammar schools), i.e. falling within:

(a) (for proposals published by the governing body) paragraph 1 of Part 1 to Schedule 2 or paragraph 12 of Part 2 to Schedule 2;

(b) (for proposals published by the LA) paragraph 1 of Part 1 to Schedule 4 or 18 of Part 4 to Schedule 4

of the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended).

n/a
