

Statutory proposals for a prescribed alteration

School and LA details:

School: Fieldhead Carr (Community) Primary School, Naburn Approach, Whinmoor, Leeds, LS14 2EG
Local Authority: Leeds City Council, The Director of Children's Services, Sufficiency & Participation Team, c/o Leeds Town Hall, PO Box 837, Leeds, LS1 9PZ.

Description of alteration:

The proposal is to permanently increase the capacity of Fieldhead Carr (Community) Primary School from 210 to 420 pupils with effect from 1 September 2018. The current admission number for the school is 30 into Reception each year and the proposed admission number for Reception each year is 60. This permanent increase would apply to Reception year from September 2018 and it would therefore take several years for the school to reach its full capacity.

The proposal would require additional building work which would be subject to the normal planning permission process.

Evidence of demand:

Additional permanent primary school places are required in the Whinmoor area because the number of children requiring school places is higher than the number of available places.

The latest birth figures indicate that the number of children aged 0 to 5 in the Whinmoor area exceeds the number of school places. There is also substantial new housing planned for the area, meaning that if no additional primary school places are created there could be insufficient school places available for local families. Additional temporary, "bulge" cohorts have been added in the nearby area of Swarcliffe to address the short term need for additional school places.

This proposal would help to address the longer term need for more places in this area.

Effect on other schools:

Within the Swarcliffe and Whinmoor areas there are 5 schools, one of which is voluntary aided and the others are maintained schools. There is increased pressure for school places within both areas and the effect of planned housing developments near to Fieldhead Carr, will add additional pressure on local schools. Additional places at Fieldhead Carr will help address some of the expected demand, without impacting on any other local schools. Further schools places are expected to be created as these housing developments progress.

Objectives:

The objective of the proposal is to create additional capacity to accommodate the increasing demand for school places in the area. Fieldhead Carr (Community) Primary School is popular with local families and in providing additional places there, this proposal would allow 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 Fieldhead Carr (Community) Primary School from a capacity of 210 pupils to 420 with effect from 1st September 2018.

The current admission number for the school is 30 into Reception Year (aged from four) and the proposed admission number for Reception Year is 60 (aged from four), increasing the capacity of the school year on year for several years.

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.

Support, objections and comments:

Within four weeks of the date of publication of this proposal, i.e. by 4pm on 26 April 2016 any person may submit comments on the proposal (support or objections) to Sufficiency & Participation Team, Leeds City Council, c/o Leeds Town Hall, PO Box 837, Leeds, LS1 9PZ, or by email to educ.school.organisation@leeds.gov.uk