



School Places Public consultation

on a proposal to join together

**Moor Allerton Hall Primary School and
Allerton Grange High School
from September 2018.**

Consultation dates:

Thursday 12 October 2017 to Wednesday 29 November 2017

This consultation document tells you the reasons for the consultation and explains the decision making process.

For your views to be taken into account please respond by 4pm on 29 November 2017



Background

The Education Act 1996 places a duty on local authorities to ensure there are sufficient school places for all children living in its area. The local authority (LA) is also required to promote choice and diversity, and therefore must also ensure that there are a range of options available to parents.

Since 2012 Leeds City Council has created an additional 630 permanent primary school places (90 places per year group) as well as adding in temporary/bulge solution in the Roundhay area to address an ongoing demand for places. Much of this increase can be attributed to factors such as a city wide rise in births, Roundhay being an area that young families tend to move into ahead of their children starting primary school which is also coupled with small pockets of new housing.

As previously mentioned, several schools within the Roundhay ward and surrounding wards have either already permanently expanded or have had additional accommodation added to their site as part of a short term temporary/bulge increase. Other schools simply don't have a site large enough to expand and therefore options to create additional local places, have been limited.

Demographic analysis based on NHS data sets indicate that the demand for school places is going to continue in a similar trend, with an additional 60 places per year group required (the equivalent of a new two form entry primary school), as a permanent solution to manage the need going forward.

Over the past couple of years, the local authority has worked closely with a parents group 'The Fair Access Group', who were successful in their bid to open a free school within the Roundhay area following their application to the Department for Education (DfE). Following this approval, work began in partnership with the council, the Trust and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) to identify a suitable site for the school. However establishing a suitable site has proven problematic and following Government announcements about changes to the free school budget nationally the ESFA asked the council to self-deliver the project.

A lack of clarity around what 'self-delivery' means, and a significant shortfall in funding for the scheme from the ESFA coupled with significant planning issues at sites preferred through public consultation, make it unlikely that the Trust would be in a position to provide the required places in Roundhay for September 2018. In light of these issues the council has sought creative and innovative solutions to provide good school places within walking distance of the families who need them.

The proposal we are asking you about

To address the longer term need for additional primary school places in the local area, Leeds City Council are proposing that Allerton Grange High School and Moor Allerton Hall Primary School join together to form a through school for children aged 3-19 years. The proposal would require the following to happen:

- formally closing Moor Allerton Hall as a separate primary school, and reopening the primary provision as part of Allerton Grange Through School;
- lowering the age range of Allerton Grange High School, from 11-19 to 3-19 year olds;
- From September 2018, expand the reception intake within the through school from 60 places to 120 places, creating an additional two forms of entry of primary school places for the local community

It is anticipated that Early Years and Key Stage 1 children and staff would remain within the existing Moor Allerton Hall Primary School building with enhanced outdoor facilities and a nurturing environment. Key Stage 2 children and staff would be located within the North East Learning Centre building and Key Stage 3 and 4 children would continue to be located within the high school building. Any changes needed to the existing facilities, with additional accommodation or the remodelling of existing buildings would form part of the design and planning process should the proposal proceed.

PLEASE NOTE: Any changes to the facilities WILL NOT include the use of Allerton Grange Fields. This will remain unaltered.

The proposal would mean that there would be one school operating from three sites as mentioned above, with one Head Teacher, one Governing Body and a primary phase lead. Children who are on roll of the school from September 2018 would automatically stay on roll of the school through to sixth form, unless they chose to apply for an alternative place to start in year 7.

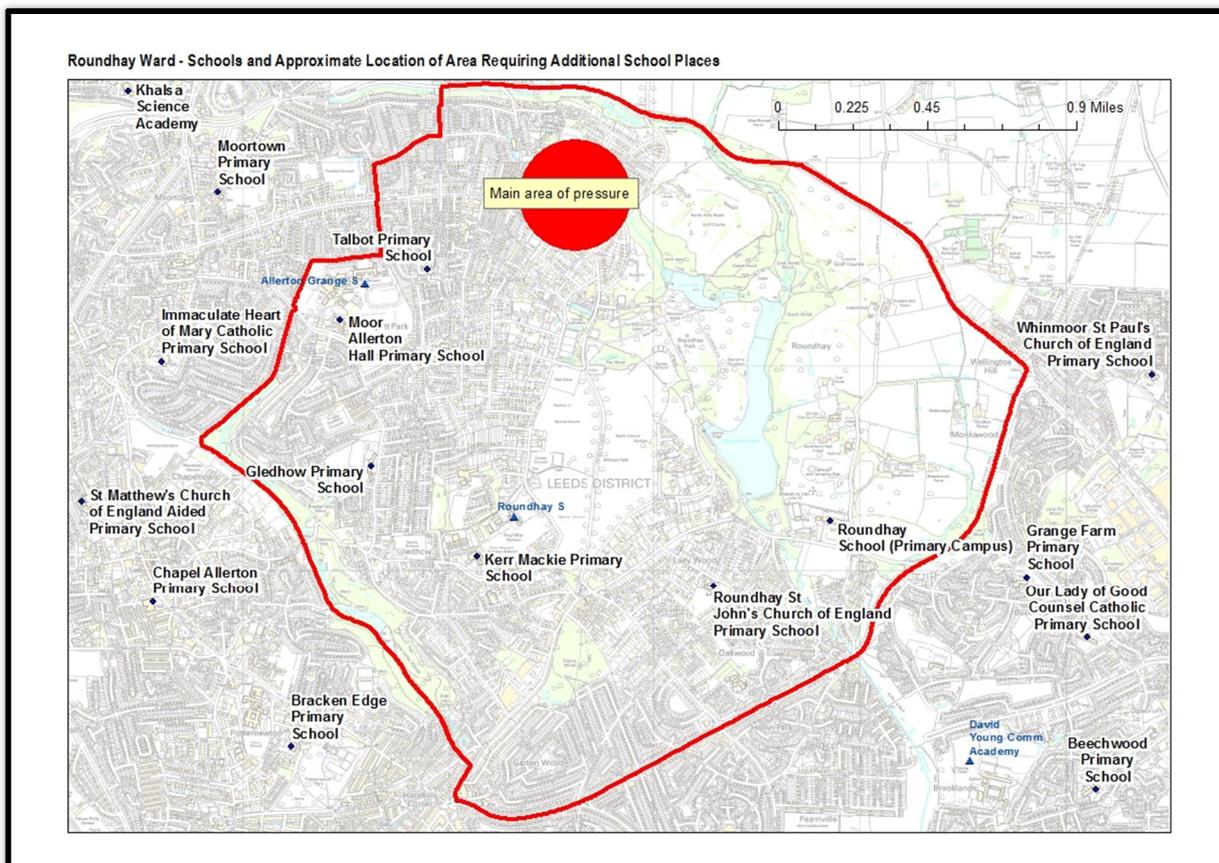
We are asking that you consider the proposals set out in the booklet and would welcome your attendance at one of the public drop-in sessions that we will be holding to enable you to have your say and find out more about these proposals.

Supporting information: Roundhay Ward Demographics and Map

There are currently six primary schools within the Roundhay Ward providing a total of 360 places. However, as is already widely known, demographic data indicates that there is an immediate and ongoing need for approximately two forms (60 places) of additional permanent provision because of significant and sustained population growth within this area. Our projections for future primary school Reception years are based on methodology employing the actual number of 0-5 year old children living within the area and the application of historical attendance trends. This enables us to check whether we have enough provision within an area to meet the future demand for places.

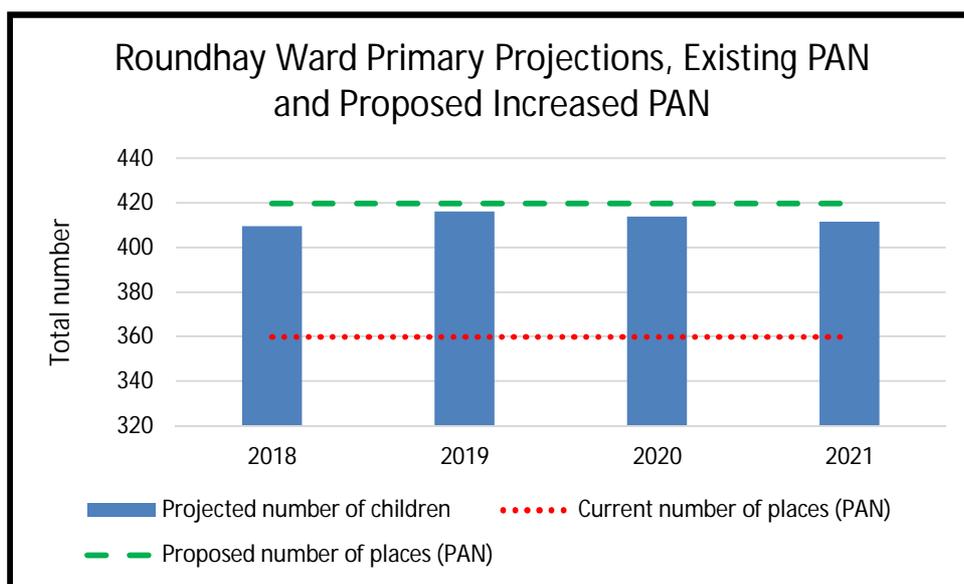
The Roundhay Ward and the area of need

The Roundhay area has experienced sustained population growth over the last decade. The map on the next page shows all of the primary and secondary schools located within the Roundhay ward and the area identified as containing the majority of the demographic pressure. Allerton Grange High School and Moor Allerton Hall Primary School are both situated within a reasonable distance of this area of pressure and would be well placed as an Admission Point to meet all of the identified additional demand shown in the graph below.



Looking forward: Reception projections vs. potential future pupil admission numbers if the through-school proposal is approved

The graph below shows the number of children projected to require a school place within the Roundhay Ward in each Reception class year between 2018 and 2021 (current 0 -5 year old cohorts) and demonstrates the scale of the challenge, with a current shortfall of up to 56 places each year. The graph also shows the total number of school places currently available at all schools in the Roundhay ward and the total number that would be available if the consultation proposal were to go ahead. It can be seen that, should the proposal proceed, the additional places would meet all anticipated additional demand for the foreseeable future.



Further information regarding the proposal

Through schools enable children and young people to experience the same core values, culture and ethos across their entire education journey. They also provide:

- Developed pastoral support;
- Physical flexibility over use of accommodation to reflect the different sizes of cohorts and ages of children;
- Access to a broader curriculum with specialist teaching;
- Children and young people can benefit from leadership and mentoring of older children;
- A similar educational approach provides consistency of teaching and learning;
- Ability to manage a bigger overall budget and staff, bringing flexibility and potentially enhancing stability in overall staffing levels;
- Supportive of children with increased social, emotional and mental health needs as there is less disruption and change;

- A longer amount of time to develop and nurture relationships with teachers, staff and pupils;
- Improved access to specialist facilities and resources, especially for younger children, such as sporting areas, music rooms and scientific equipment;
- Improved transition arrangements and the ability to personalise learning further by having greater flexibility to support gifted and talented pupils as well as those needing additional support;
- Continued wrap around care for vulnerable families, who would have continuity of staff when moving through year groups;
- Removes the need for parents to apply for a place in Year 7 as the children are already on roll, however parents retain the option to apply elsewhere if preferred;
- Greater range of staff to provide wider expertise and broader professional development;
- Carr Manor and Roundhay through schools are both successful schools that have implemented strong educational provision within a nurturing environment.

Will the Deaf and Hearing Impaired provision remain?

Provision for deaf and hearing impaired children currently at Moor Allerton Hall and Allerton Grange, will not be affected and will continue to operate as it does now, but as part of a through school model if the proposal proceeds.

Will the Children's Centre still run its services from its current location on the school site?

Children Centre services will not be affected and will continue to operate within the existing building alongside the Early Years provision.

Will the transition to secondary school change?

From September 2018, any child on roll of the newly formed through school in year groups Reception to Year 6, would remain on roll and therefore would not need to apply for a Year 7 place at this school. However, parents would still have the opportunity if they preferred to apply for an alternative secondary place through the normal admissions round.

How would additional traffic and parking issues be addressed?

Planning approval requires officers from Highways to formally comment on all applications. Measures identified by the highways department as a requirement for approval, would be incorporated in the scheme of works. A full transport assessment would be carried out by Highways services to identify any off site traffic calming measures are required as well as onsite parking.

Will stakeholders be able to see the plans for the additional accommodation?

Yes, drop-in sessions would be arranged as part of the design and planning stage, where more detailed drawings would be available to for stakeholders to comment on.

How to put your views forward

You may choose to attend one of the drop-in sessions shown in the table below. These events provide an opportunity to ask questions and gather more information from council officers in an informal one to one basis.

Drop-in sessions – location, dates and times

Venue	Date	Time
Moor Allerton Hall Primary School	Thursday 19 th October 2017	5.00pm - 7.00pm
North East Learning Centre, Talbot Avenue	Wednesday 1 st November 2017	6.30pm - 8.30pm
Moor Allerton Hall Primary School	Wednesday 15 th November 2017	8.45am - 9.30am
North East Learning Centre, Talbot Avenue	Thursday 16 th November 2017	5.00pm - 7.00pm
North East Learning Centre, Talbot Avenue	Saturday 18 th November 2017	10.00am - 12.00pm

Responses can be made in the following ways:

Complete a consultation response form (provided in this booklet and available at the drop-in sessions) and:

- Hand it in during a drop-in event
- Leave it with either School Office
- Email it to educ.school.organisation@leeds.gov.uk
- Post it to Leeds City Council, PO Box 837, c/o Leeds Town Hall, Sufficiency and Participation Team, Leeds, LS1 9PZ to reach us no later than 4pm on 29 November

Post a response on the Leeds City Council WordPress site (discussion forum):

<https://leedsschoolplaceplanning.wordpress.com/category/Roundhay/>

Use our on-line survey at: <https://tinyurl.com/yd9hqtqy>

This booklet, along with information on the progress of the proposal, is available at:

<http://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/Pages/Currentschoolsconsultation.aspx>

All responses to this consultation must be submitted no later than 4pm, Wednesday 29th November 2017.

What are the next steps of this process?

Date	Key event
12 October 2017	Seven week consultation phase begins. An opportunity to submit views/responses and attend information drop-in sessions
29 November 2017	Consultation ends at 4pm
December 2017	The earliest date that a report would be considered by the Executive Board for them to decide whether the proposal can proceed to the next stage
January 2018	The earliest date that Statutory notices can be published (if approval is given) followed by a four week representation period
March 2018	The earliest date that a report would be considered by Executive Board for them to make its final decision on the proposal
September 2018	The date when additional primary places would be available if the proposals were approved

If you do not speak English and need help in understanding this booklet, you or a friend can telephone **0113 3785945** and ask for this to be arranged. We will then contact an interpreter. We can assist with any language and there is no charge for interpretation. If any of the information is required in large print/braille/ audio tape/CD please contact us.

Consultation Response Form

A linked proposal to join Moor Allerton Hall Primary School with Allerton Grange High School, creating an additional 2 Forms of Entry of primary school places and establishing a single through school for children aged 3-19 years of age, with effect from September 2018

Please tell us who you are:

- Parent of a child at Moor Allerton Hall Primary School
- Parent of a child at Allerton Grange High School
- Member of staff at Moor Allerton Hall Primary School
- Member of staff at Allerton Grange High School
- School Governor at Moor Allerton Hall Primary School
- School Governor at Allerton Grange High School
- Councillor (Elected Member)
- Local resident
- Other (please state): _____

Please tell us your postcode* _____

Survey Questions:

Do you agree with the linked proposal to join Moor Allerton Hall Primary School with Allerton Grange High School, creating an additional 2 Forms of Entry of primary school places and establishing a single through school for children aged 3-19 years of age, with effect from September 2018?

- Yes I agree No I don't agree

Your comments (further space on back page if needed):

Was the information given to you in this consultation useful?

Yes it was useful

No it was not useful

If there are any improvements that you think we could make to the consultation process please use this space to write them down.

All responses will be taken into account when the decision on whether to proceed is made, but we unfortunately cannot address specific queries. However, if you would like your response to be acknowledged, please provide us with your contact details here:

When you have completed your form you can:

- **Hand it in during one of our Drop-In events – details available via <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/Pages/Currentschoolsconsultation.aspx>**
- **Leave it with either School Office on or before 4pm on 29th November 2017**
- **Email to: educ.school.organisation@leeds.gov.uk or send it to c/o Leeds Town Hall, Leeds City Council, PO Box 837, Sufficiency and Participation Team, Leeds, LS1 9PZ.**

Please use this area to make any additional comments:

Data Protection Act 1998

Under the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998 we must inform you of the following.

Leeds City Council is seeking your views to help inform the decision on this proposal. Your personal information will be used only for this purpose, and may be shared with other agencies who are involved in the consultation, however only to address any issues you raise. If you do not wish to provide personal details your views will still be considered, but we will not be able to acknowledge your response personally.

*This is to enable us to understand how far away from the schools people live who have chosen to help us with this consultation and to report the outcomes. Please note that your personal details will be kept secure and used in line with the Data Protection Act 1998. When results are shared publicly or with other organisations, your response will be anonymised so it cannot be linked back to you.