

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

PROPOSAL TO EXPAND ALL SAINTS CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY (VA) SCHOOL

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Northamptonshire County Council intends to expand All Saints Church of England (VA) Primary School.

1. Name, address and contact details of proposer

Strategic Planning Team, Northamptonshire County Council, John Dryden House, 8-10 The Lakes, Northampton, NN4 7YD.

2. Name, address and category of school

All Saints Church of England Primary (VA) School, Castle Street, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, NN8 1LS a voluntary controlled school.

3. Description of Alteration and Implementation

Northamptonshire County Council is proposing to increase All Saints Church of England Primary (VA) School's Published Admission Number (PAN) from 30 to 60 places per year group. The total number of places available at the school will rise from 210 to 420 places. The County Council is proposing that the school will undergo an expansion to provide the physical accommodation necessary for the increased number of pupils attending the school. As there is no room for expansion on the current site of All Saints Church of England Primary (VA) School, Castle Street, the proposal is to establish a second site on Croyland Road, which would operate as an annex. This will add an additional 30 places per year group, Reception to year 6, a total of 210 places once fully operational. Subject to the approval of the Cabinet of Northamptonshire County Council and various planning considerations, it is anticipated that work will begin on site in Spring 2017. It is intended that the additional 30 pupils will enter the Reception year group at the school in September 2017 and each academic year thereafter, until the school reaches its new capacity in September 2023.

4. Objectives and evidence of demand

The objective of this proposal is to ensure that Northamptonshire County Council continues to meet its statutory obligation of providing sufficiency of school places in this area of the County. This proposal also forms part of the County Council's ongoing commitment to ensure that all primary-aged children residing within the County have access to a local school. Primary school places in Wellingborough are in great demand and several schools in the town have already been extended, including Redwell, Victoria and Oakway Primary. Despite this, there is very limited availability of places across all age groups within the town centre, with particular pressure on

Years 1, 4, 5 and 6.

The pupil yield from planned housing development within the town is also expected to begin to impact upon the school in the near future.

The proposal to extend All Saints Church of England Primary (VA) School with an annex site, has been developed in conjunction with the school itself and Borough Council of Wellingborough, who are very keen to ensure all primary aged children residing in Wellingborough can attend a local school. All Saints Church of England Primary (VA) School, is a popular church school and is over-subscribed each year. The Head Teacher and Governing Body aspire to offer additional places to parents who have expressed a preference for All Saints, including families who favour the ethos of a church school and those who reside in the local area. The school is the only one form entry primary school within the town and is full in every year group. All Saints Church of England Primary (VA) School has an Ofsted rating of 'Good' (November 2013). Increasing the capacity of the school to 420 pupils in total will also give the school greater financial stability and provides benefits in terms of curriculum delivery and staff organisation.

5. Effect on other educational institutions in the area

Given All Saint's central location and that the proposal has been developed specifically to ensure that pupils residing within Wellingborough town can access a local primary school, it is not anticipated that the proposed extension will have any detrimental effect on any other educational institution in the School's vicinity.

6. Project costs

The project to increase the capacity of All Saint's Primary School from 210 to 420 places is expected to cost £4.5m and will be funded through 'Basic Need' grant funding received from central government and Section 106 contributions received from the developers of new housing in the locality of the School. To ensure that long-term value for money is provided, Council officers have engaged fully with the School to ensure any extension provides the maximum use of space and benefit to pupils being educated at the School.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any interested party may; support, object to, or make comment upon the proposal by sending them to:

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schoolconsultation@northamptonshire.gov.uk

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