

Report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services to the meeting of Executive Committee to be held on 11 July 2017.

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Subject:

Primary School Proposed Expansions

Summary statement:

This report asks the Executive to:

- Approve the proposals to enlarge All Saints' C of E Primary School premises by increasing the capacity of the school from 315 to 420 from September 2018 onwards.
- Approve the proposals to enlarge Poplars Farm Primary School premises by increasing the capacity of the school from 210 to 420 from September 2018 onwards.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:**Children's Services**

1. SUMMARY

This report asks the Executive to:

- 1.1 Approve the proposals to enlarge All Saints' C of E Primary School (Ilkley) premises by increasing the capacity of the school from 315 to 420.
- 1.2 Approve the proposals to enlarge Poplars Farm Primary School premises by increasing the capacity of the school from 210 to 420.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Over the last few years there has been an increase in the pupil population within the District. Recent data however shows a slight reduction in the number of children across the district requiring places in September 2017. The numbers do increase for entry in 2018 onwards in particular as a result of new housing in parts of the District. The Council is also working towards having 5% surplus across the District to ensure that new families coming into the District can be placed in an appropriate school.
- 2.2 Using data from previously published forecasts, the Local Authority proposed to increase the Published Admission Number (PAN) of All Saints' C of E Primary School (Ilkley) from 45 to 60 and Poplars Farm Primary School from 30 to 60 for September 2018. An increase in PAN is not a change requiring statutory consultation. However for a community school, the Local Authority (as admission authority) must consult at least the governing body of the school where it proposes to increase the PAN.
- 2.3 For some schools where an increase in PAN has been proposed there will also be the need to enlarge the premises which would increase the physical or net capacity of the school. For some enlargements which are significant changes there is a requirement to publish statutory proposals. Statutory proposals are required for proposed enlargements of premises of schools where the capacity of the school is increased by both more than 30 pupils and by 200 pupils or 25% of the existing capacity, whichever is the lesser. For all enlargements less than this, publication of statutory notices is not required. Note any incremental increases in the last 5 years must be taken into account when calculating the overall size of the enlargement.
- 2.4 There is no longer a prescribed pre-publication consultation period for significant changes. However, DfE guidance states that there is strong expectation on schools and Local Authorities that they consult interested parties in developing their proposals prior to publication, as part of their duty under public law to act rationally and to take into account all relevant considerations. All responses received to such consultation must then be considered in deciding whether to publish the necessary statutory proposals.
- 2.5 If there is a proposal to increase the PAN which would involve a statutory proposal to enlarge the premises increasing the physical capacity of the school there are therefore two related consultation processes:
 - i) Consultation on the proposal to increase the PAN
 - ii) Consultation on the proposal to enlarge the premises increasing the physical capacity of the school prior to publication of statutory proposals

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

CONSULTATION

3.1 All Saints

Consultation on a change to the Published Admission Number (PAN) from 45 to 60 and to enlarge the premises of All Saints' C of E Primary School (Ilkley) from 315 to 420 was carried out between 2 November 2016 and 16 December 2016. See Appendix A. A summary of the analysis of responses to the consultation is appended to this report Appendix D

- 3.1.1 The list of those consulted is shown in Appendix C. The local media publicised the consultation. Details were also placed on the Council's website and on Bradford Schools Online, Facebook and Twitter.
- 3.1.2 At its meeting on 7 February 2017 Executive approved the increase of the PAN from 45 to 60 from 1 September 2018 and authorised the publication of statutory proposals to enlarge the premises of the school by increasing the capacity from 315 to 420 from 1 September 2018.
- 3.1.3 Standalone statutory proposals were published on 27 April 2017 for the enlargement of the premises of All Saints' C of E Primary School (Ilkley) by increasing the capacity from 315 to 420 from 1 September 2018. See Appendix F.
- 3.1.4 During the representation period of 4 weeks any person or organisation could submit comments on and objections to the proposal to the Council to be taken into account by the decision maker. No responses to these statutory proposals were received.

3.2 Poplars Farm

Consultation on a change to the Published Admission Number (PAN) from 30 to 60 and to enlarge the premises of Poplars Farm Primary School from 210 to 420 was carried out between 2 November 2016 and 16 December 2016. See Appendix B. A summary of the analysis of responses to the consultation is appended to this report Appendix E

- 3.2.1 The list of those consulted is shown in Appendix C. The local media publicised the consultation. Details were also placed on the Council's website and on Bradford Schools Online, Facebook and Tter.
- 3.2.2 At its meeting on 7 February 2017 Executive approved the increase of the PAN from 30 to 60 from 1 September 2018 and authorised the publication of statutory proposals to enlarge the premises of the school by increasing the capacity from 210 to 420 from 1 September 2018.
- 3.2.3 Standalone statutory proposals were published on 27 April 2017 for the enlargement of the premises of Poplars Farm Primary School by increasing the capacity from 210 to 420 from 1 September 2018. See Appendix G.
- 3.2.4 During the representation period of 4 weeks any person or organisation could submit comments on and objections to the proposed to the Council to be taken into account by the decision maker.
- 3.2.5 Since the November consultation and subsequent publication of statutory notices, up to date nhs data provided by the health authority has been received. This appears to show a reduction in the number of children of all age groups across the District. Despite the overall reduction, demand for school places in the Bradford East planning area is still higher than the current capacity in the area.
- 3.2.6 Only two responses to these statutory proposals was received objecting to the proposal, however the one objection being that the students would receive less contact hours and therefore would mean a decrease in overall results and standards and concerns about

parking. The second being about access, parking and traffic already considered plus the number of children and youths who could cause littering and nuisance. See Appendix H.

- 3.2.6 As pointed out in the Executive Report of 7 February 2017 section 2.10.4, it is not envisaged that the school will be required to teach in classes larger than 30.

4. OPTIONS

- 4.1 Considering the results of the consultations, the Executive can decide to:

4.2 All Saints' C of E Primary School (Ilkley)

a) Approve the stand alone proposal to enlarge the premises of All Saints' C of E Primary School (Ilkley) by increasing the capacity of the school premises from 315 to 420 from 1 September 2018 (subject to the grant of planning permission) .

4.3 OR

b) Reject the proposal to enlarge the premises of All Saints' C of E Primary School (Ilkley) .(subject to the grant of planning permission).

4.4 4.6 Poplars Farm Primary School

a) Approve the stand alone proposal to enlarge the premises of Poplars Farm Primary School by increasing the capacity of the school premises from 210 to 420 from 1 September 2018.

OR

b) Reject the proposal to enlarge the premises of Poplars Farm Primary School .

5. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 5.1 Schools receive funding through the Fair Funding Formula which allocates funding to schools based on the number of pupils attending the school.

- 5.2. Basic Needs Funding would be used for expansion of the primary schools subject to approval and responses to the publication of Statutory Notices.

- 5.3 The estimated cost for the enlargement of All Saints' C of E Primary School currently stands at £2.1 million.

- 5.4 The estimated cost for the enlargement of Poplars Farm Primary School current stands at £3.6 million.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 There are no significant risks arising out of the implementation of the proposed recommendations.

7. LEGAL APPRAISAL

The Local Authority has a duty to ensure there are sufficient school places in the District.

- 7.1 Statutory proposals are required for proposed enlargements of premises of schools where the capacity of the school is increased by both more than 30 pupils and by 200 pupils or 25% of the existing capacity, whichever is the lesser.

- 7.2 There is no longer a prescribed pre-publication consultation period for significant changes. However, statutory DfE guidance states that there is strong expectation on schools and Local Authorities that they consult interested parties in developing their proposals prior to

publication as part of their duty to act rationally and to take into account all relevant considerations. All responses received to such consultation must be considered in deciding whether to publish the necessary statutory proposals on the basis proposed.

7.3 At its meeting on 7 February 2017 Executive approved the publication of statutory proposals to enlarge the premises of the schools by increasing their net capacities. Statutory proposals were published on 27 April 2017 with a four week Representation Period during which period any person or organisation could submit comments on or objections to the proposals to the Council to be taken into account by the decision maker. These will be considered by the Executive in its capacity as decision-maker when it determines the proposals at the end of the Representation Period. Executive can decide to reject, approve, approve with modifications, or approve subject to certain conditions e.g. granting of planning permission.

7.4 The following factors need to be considered in deciding whether or not to approve Statutory Proposals. The Executive should:-

- be satisfied that: appropriate consultation and representation period has been carried out
- all comments and objections received must be considered by the Executive
- consider the quality and diversity of schools in the relevant areas
- consider the demand for new school places
- in assessing demand consider proposal admission arrangements
- have regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty
- consider impact on community cohesion
- be satisfied that travel and accessibility has been properly taken in to account
- be satisfied that any land, premises or capital required to implement the proposal will be available
- consider if the schools will be able to fulfil the legal requirement that suitable outdoor space can be provided in order to enable physical education is provided to pupils in accordance with the school curriculum; and that pupils play outside. The provision may be fulfilled by access to suitable facilities off-site

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

The Local Authority's admissions policy and admission criteria must not discriminate directly or indirectly against any group or individual. Equalities Impact Assessment was completed on 26 May 2017 (see Appendix H)

8.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Any buildings works undertaken as part of these proposals will have an impact on sustainability in the district. The Local Authority will aim to ensure that development is undertaken in a sustainable way which minimises the future impact of the Local Authority's carbon footprint.

8.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

The proposals would not impact on gas emissions. If children are able to attend their local schools this could lead to a reduction in emissions.

8.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

Concerns have been raised in relation to traffic and parking issues. The Local Authority will work with both Schools to try and mitigate any adverse impact on traffic and parking.

8.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There are no direct Human Rights implications arising from this report.

8.6 TRADE UNION

Trade unions have been informed of the proposals. The proposed enlargement of the schools may lead to an increase in staffing levels.

8.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Ward Councillors have been consulted about the proposed changes to the Schools in their wards

9. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 The Executive is asked to approve the proposals to enlarge the premises of All Saints' C of E Primary School (Ilkley) by increasing the capacity of the school premises from 315 to 420 from 1 September 2018 (subject to the granting of planning permission).
- 10.2 The Executive is asked to approve the proposals to enlarge the premises of Poplars Farm Primary School by increasing the capacity of the school premises from 210 to 420 from 1 September 2018 (subject to the granting of planning permission).

11. APPENDICES

- Appendix A Sample consultation letter All Saints' C of E Primary School (Ilkley)
- Appendix B Sample consultation letter Poplars Farm Primary School.
- Appendix C List of Consultees
- Appendix D Summary (i) and comments (ii) previously submitted in response to consultation on All Saints' C of E Primary School (Ilkley)
- Appendix E Summary (i) and comments (ii) previously submitted in response to consultation on Poplars Farm Primary School
- Appendix F Copy of Statutory Proposal to enlarge the premises of All Saints' C of E Primary School (Ilkley)
- Appendix G Copy of Statutory Proposal to enlarge the premises of Poplars Farm Primary School
- Appendix H Response to Poplars Farm Statutory Notices
- Appendix I Equalities Impact Assessment

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

The School Admissions Code 2014.
Education Organisation Plan
Executive Report 7 February 2017

Parents/Carers of Children Attending
All Saints' C of E Primary School (Ilkley)

Department of Regeneration

Education Client Services
First Floor
Margaret McMillan Tower
Princes Way
Bradford BD1 1NN

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Date: 2 November 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Consultation on increasing the Published Admission Number (PAN) and the Expansion of All Saints' C of E Primary School (Ilkley) in the Wharfe Valley Primary School Planning Area.

This letter is to seek your views on the proposed enlargement of All Saints' C of E Primary School.

We are proposing to increase the Published Admission Number (PAN) at All Saints' C of E Primary School from 45 to 60. The net capacity of the school is currently 315 and would be increased to 420.

The number of reception places required across the District continues to increase due to the increasing population and numbers of housing developments. This year the demand for places in Ilkley has become particularly challenging and we are therefore consulting on increasing the PAN and capacity of All Saints' C of E Primary school in Ilkley.

Actual numbers at the school and other schools in the Wharfe Valley planning group show:

School	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Addingham	30	18	32	32	30	31	25
All Saints'	44	46	47	44	45	49	44
Ashlands	56	59	64	67	64	77*	61
Ben Rhydding	28	31	32	32	34	33	26
Burley & Woodhead	30	30	32	32	30	32	31
Burley Oaks	59	60	64	66	59	63	58
Menston	48	62	81*	58	59	67	44
The Sacred Heart	25	25	34	31	30	31	29
Total	320	331	386	362	351	383	318

*Bulge classes

The total number of reception places available is currently 345, the actual number of first preferences for schools in this area for admission in 2016 was 321. However there do not this year appear to be any children applying from the new housing development in Menston compared with last year.

Ashlands, Burley Oaks and Menston Primary schools have already expanded to help meet the demand for places.

Health Authority data (HA) for all children registered up to 31st August 2015 (latest figures not yet

available) for the Wharfe Valley planning area shows

Planning Area	Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3	Age 4	Age 5	Age 6	Age 7	Age 8	Age 9
Wharfe Valley	345	346	363	378	346	344	387	345	363	355
Reception year	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008

However these figures will not include children of families who may move into the new housing developments in this area. Families moving into the District are not always included in the information provided by the Health Authority as they may not register with GPs or Health Centres immediately they arrive particularly for the younger ages.

The school is on a sufficiently large site to allow modifications to be made to the buildings to increase its' capacity and for additional car parking spaces to be created. The Local Authority would work closely with the school to ensure that educational requirements continue to be met and for least disruption to be caused to the pupils and staff.

There would be no changes to admission arrangements for the school other than increasing the number of reception children allocated each year to 60 from September 2018.

This letter is therefore to gain your views and comments on the Council's proposed enlargement of the school premises and an increase in the school's published admission number as part of the overall consultation prior to any decision being made. We will also be informing the local community and other stakeholders in the area.

The consultation process will continue until 16 December 2016 after which a full analysis and report with recommendations will be made to the Executive of the Council in February 2017.

Letters of consultation are also to be sent to the schools in your primary school planning area, to parents of known Early Years children in the area, the Catholic and Church of England Diocese, the Muslim Association and other relevant bodies and Local Authorities.

Any comments or suggestions can be made on the response form which is included. This should be forwarded to Nina Mewse at the above address or alternatively emails may be sent to: educationconsultation@bradford.gov.uk. quoting changes to All Saints' C of E Primary School.

Yours sincerely



Nina Mewse
Senior Provision and Places Officer

Response Form

Please complete details below and return to:

Nina Mewse
Senior Provision and Places Officer, Education Client Services,
1st Floor, Margaret McMillan Tower, Princes Way, Bradford BD1 1NN by 16 December 2016
at the very latest.

Consultation on increasing the Published Admission Number (PAN) and the Expansion of All Saints' C of E Primary School (Ilkley)

Name(optional) Home address **postcode**

Please tick as relevant:

- I am: A parent/carer Member of school staff A school governor
Local Councillor Member of the Local Community Parent of younger child
Other, please give details:

- Option 1. Agree that All Saints' C of E Primary school be expanded to enable it to increase its admission number from 45 to 60
- Option 2. Disagree that the school should be expanded.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the options and for giving your opinion.

Please ensure that this form is returned to the above address or email to educationconsultation@bradford.gov.uk by 16 December 2016 at the very latest.





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Dear Parent/Carer

Consultation on increasing the Published Admission Number (PAN) and the Expansion of Poplars Farm Primary School in the North East 2 Primary School Planning Area.

This letter is to seek your views on the proposed enlargement of Poplars Farm Primary School.

We are proposing to increase the Published Admission Number (PAN) at Poplars Farm Primary School from 30 to 60. The net capacity of the school is currently 210 and would be increased to 420.

The number of reception places required across the District continues to increase due to the increasing population and numbers of housing developments. This year the demand for places in this area has become particularly challenging and we are therefore consulting on increasing the PAN and capacity of Poplars Farm Primary School.

Actual numbers at the school and other schools in the North East 2 planning group show:

School	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Fagley	30	30	30	30	30	31	29
Grove House	60	54	60	60	60	60	59
Poplars Farm	30	30	30	35	29	30	28
St Clare's	30	30	30	29	31	28	21
St Francis	32	30	29	31	29	30	27
St Luke's	30	30	32	31	32	30	28
Swain House	60	59	63	64	64	64	58
Wellington	65	61	64	62	61	61	60
Total	337	324	338	342	336	334	310

The total number of reception places available is currently 330, the actual number of first preferences for schools in this area for admission in 2016 was 359. There have been particular pressure on Poplars Farm due to the new housing developments in the Canal Road area.

Fagley and St Clare's have already increased their PANs to help meet the demand for places in this area and a number of children have been admitted above PANs via the appeals process in some cases meaning larger class sizes.

Health Authority data (HA) for all children registered up to 31st August 2015 (latest figures not yet available) for the Wharfe Valley planning area shows

Planning Area	Age 0	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3	Age 4	Age 5	Age 6	Age 7	Age 8	Age 9
North East 2	371	346	346	354	372	339	359	327	333	335
Reception year	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008

However these figures will not include children of families who may move into the new housing developments in this area. Families moving into the District are not always included in the information provided by the Health Authority as they may not register with GPs or Health Centres immediately they arrive particularly for the younger ages.

A feasibility study has been carried out on and around the school on how the school building could be expanded. The Local Authority would work closely with the school to ensure that educational requirements continue to be met and for least disruption to be caused to the pupils and staff.

There would be no changes to admission arrangements for the school other than increasing the number of reception children allocated each year to 60 from September 2018.

This letter is therefore to gain your views and comments on the Council's proposed enlargement of the school premises and an increase in the school's published admission number as part of the overall consultation prior to any decision being made. We will also be informing the local community and other stakeholders in the area.

The consultation process will continue until 16 December 2016 after which a full analysis and report with recommendations will be made to the Executive of the Council in February 2017.

Letters of consultation are also to be sent to the schools in your primary school planning area, to parents of known Early Years children in the area, the Catholic and Church of England Diocese, the Muslim Association and other relevant bodies and Local Authorities.

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Name(optional)

Home address **postcode**

Please tick as relevant:

I am: A parent/carer Member of school staff A school governor

Local Councillor Member of the Local Community Parent of younger child

Other, please give details:

Option 1. Agree that Poplars Farm Primary School be expanded to enable it to increase its admission number from 30 to 60

Option 2. Disagree that the school should be expanded.

Comments:

Thank you for taking the time to consider the options and for giving your opinion.

Please ensure that this form is returned to the above address or email to educationconsultation@bradford.gov.uk by 16 December 2016 at the very latest.

List of Consultees

ADs Children's Services
All Cllrs
All Neighbourhood Forums
Parish Councils
All Schools
Catholic Diocese
CE Diocese
Council for Mosques
Children's Services Managers
Early Years Officers
Bradford Achievement Service
Head /Chair Governors
Media
MPs
Muslim Assoc.
OLA - Leeds, NY.Kirklees, Calderdale
Other Early Years providers
Parents (via schools)
Playgroups
Private/Independent schools
School Staff
Unions/OJC
Bradford Schools online
Bradford Website
Bradford Youth Service
Facebook
Twitter
Other Officers: Planning; Highways

Summary of responses to consultation on All Saints' C of E Primary School (Ilkley) expansion

Consultation was open between 2 November 2016 and 16 December 2016.

A total of 47 responses were received , one on 19 December which has been included. Where provided, these were mainly from local people living in the LS29 9 area of the District but also included Menston, Bingley, Heaton in Bradford and LS21 which is part of the Leeds District.

Breakdown of responses:

Group	Agree	Disagree	Other/not clear
Parent	15	14	2
Staff member	4		
School Governor	1		
Parent & governor	2		
Parent & Staff member	1	1	
Parent of younger child	1	1	
Current parent & parent of younger child		1	
Other/Unknown	2	1	1
Total	26	18	3

Summary of those agreeing with the proposal:

- Very good school with space to expand.
- Popular well performing school.
- Seems to be the obvious primary school in Ilkley to expand, the additional places would serve the community and cater for future increases in demand.
- The desire to respond to local community needs and the increasing population.
- Recent developments in the curriculum means there is a move to teach in actual year groups rather than mixed age range classes, the move to 2 form entry would aid this.

Summary of those against the proposal

- Traffic congestion. (concerns raised by those who agree or disagree)
- Parking and inadequate provision of drop off points. (concerns raised by those who agree or disagree), particularly commuter parking.
- Lack of space/facilities, existing building not safe to take more children.
- Loss of outdoor playing area as the outside space is limited.
- Not convinced additional places are needed.
- Alternative schools should be expanded.
- Disruption.

Summary of responses to consultation on Poplars Farm Primary school expansion

Consultation was open between 2 November 2016 and 16 December 2016.

A total of 52 responses were received, where provided, these were mainly from current parents of children attending the school and local people living in the BD2 area of the District.

Breakdown of responses:

Group	Agree	Disagree	Other
Parent	9	6	
Staff member	5	1	
School Governor	1		
Parent & member of staff		2	
Councillor			
Member of Local Community	1	18	
Parent of younger child	2		
Current parent & parent of younger child		1	
Other/Unknown		2	4
Total	18	30	4

Summary of those agreeing with the proposal:

- Agree that additional places are needed to meet the increasing demand.
- Children not previously allocated places.
- Provided funding/resources are provided.
- Agree but parking and traffic issues should be addressed.
- Agree but Poplars Park Road should become an all through road.

Summary of those against the proposal

- Significant concerns raised by locals on traffic, parking, access and congestion the main reasons for not wanting the increase.
- Complaints about behaviour of current parents/carers string particularly illegally parked and double parked vehicles, disregard of signs and road markings, blocking access and rude and aggressive parents.
- Increases in population should be dealt with in another way.
- Litter
- Safety

Statutory proposal for a prescribed alteration

Proposal to Enlarge the Premises of All Saints CE Primary School Ilkley

School and Local Authority details:

All Saints CE Primary School, Easby Drive, Ilkley LS29 9BE. This is a voluntary controlled school.

Local Authority - City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, City Hall, Bradford BD1 1HY

Description of alteration:

The proposal is that the school should be enlarged to increase the capacity of the school premises from 1 September 2018. The proposal is to expand the school to 2 forms of entry to admit 60 children per age group.

The current capacity of the school is 315 pupils and the proposed increased capacity will be 420 pupils (ie 7 year groups of 60 pupils). The current number of pupils registered at the school is 321 which is above the school's measured net capacity due to the additional number of pupils admitted as a result of admission appeals.

The current admission number for the school is 45 pupils and the proposed admission number is 60 pupils. They will enter the reception year in September 2018 (aged four on 31 August 2018) and each following year until all age groups can admit 60 pupils.

No new or additional site is required for this change. Some additional building and/or remodelling of existing buildings will be required. This will be phased by agreement with the school, and be subject to the normal planning permission process.

Evidence of demand:

There are currently 345 reception places in the Wharfe Valley Primary School planning area with a total of 2415 places across all year groups. The planning area includes Ilkley, Addingham, Burley and Menston. All Saints CE Primary School is situated in Ilkley where the total number of reception places is currently 165 and the total number of places is currently 1155. The total number of pupils currently attending primary schools in Ilkley is 1185.

Forecasts using Health Authority data and demographic trends predict that the demand for reception school places will continue to increase over the next few years. All other schools in this area are already at capacity.

Consultation:

The Local Authority consulted interested parties and the consultation process started on 2 November 2016 and closed on 16 December 2016. A summary of the responses to the consultation is attached.

Objectives:

The objective of the proposal is to create additional capacity to accommodate the increasing demand for primary school places in the district caused by the growing local population.

The proposal would build on the good standards for teaching and learning already in place at the school and provide additional local places for local children without having any negative impact on other schools, academies and educational institutions in the area. This would also

increase parental choice in the area.

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation:

The additional places proposed would enable the school to admit 60 reception children in a phased development targeted from 1 September 2018 onwards.

All pupils entering the reception year and each year thereafter will stay on roll until the end of Year 6 when they transfer to secondary school. It is proposed that all year groups in the school will be established and would have 60 pupils by September 2024.

Project Costs:

The final design solution is subject to detailed design and development and it is not therefore yet possible to estimate the full cost of delivery. The project will be funded by the Local Authority using basic needs funding. The updating of the fabric of the building will achieve long term value for money.

Objections and comments:

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, i.e. by 5pm on 25 May 2017, any person or organisation may object, support or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Nina Mewse, School Provision and Places Officer, 1st Floor Margaret McMillan Tower, Princes Way, Bradford, BD1 1NN or email educationconsultation@bradford.gov.uk

Statutory proposal for a prescribed alteration

Proposal to Enlarge the Premises of Poplars Farm Primary School

School and Local Authority details:

Poplars Farm Primary School, Poplars Park Road, Bradford BD2 1LQ. This is a community school.

Local Authority - City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, City Hall, Bradford BD1 1HY

Description of alteration:

The proposal is that the school should be enlarged to increase the capacity of the school premises from 1 September 2018. The proposal is to expand the school to 2 forms of entry to admit 60 children per age group.

The current capacity of the school is 210 pupils and the proposed increased capacity will be 420 pupils (ie 7 year groups of 60 pupils). The current number of pupils registered at the school is 213.

The current admission number for the school is 30 pupils and the proposed admission number is 60 pupils. They will enter the reception year in September 2018 (aged four on 31 August 2018) and each following year until all age groups can admit 60 pupils.

No new or additional site is required for this change. Some additional building and/or remodelling of existing buildings will be required. This will be phased by agreement with the school, and be subject to the normal planning permission process.

Evidence of demand:

There are currently 330 reception places in the North East 2 Primary School planning area with a total of 2301 places across all year groups. The total number of pupils currently attending the primary schools in this area is 2304.

Forecasts using Health Authority data and demographic trends predict that the demand for reception school places will continue to increase over the next few years. All other schools in this area are already at capacity.

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Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation:

The additional places proposed would enable the school to admit 60 reception children in a phased development targeted from 1 September 2018 onwards.

All pupils entering the reception year and each year thereafter will stay on roll until the end of Year 6 when they transfer to secondary school. It is proposed that all year groups in the school will be established and would have 60 pupils by September 2024.

Project Costs:

The final design solution is subject to detailed design and development and it is not therefore yet possible to estimate the full cost of delivery. The project will be funded by the Local Authority using basic needs funding. The updating of the fabric of the building will achieve long term value for money.

Objections and comments:

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, i.e. by 5pm on 25 May 2017, any person or organisation may object, support or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Nina Mewse, School Provision and Places Officer, 1st Floor Margaret McMillan Tower, Princes Way, Bradford, BD1 1NN or email educationconsultation@bradford.gov.uk

Response to Poplars Farm Statutory Proposals.

Firstly, Poplars farm primary is one of the last remaining good standard primary schools in Bradford and the BD2 area. Increasing the size will only drop standards as this has been proven in the past with other schools. Higher class numbers will only result in students receiving less contact hours and therefore a decrease in overall results and standards.

My secondary concern is in regard to the traffic congestion already causing major problems on Poplars park Road. There is a major build up of vehicles at school times which is causing problems for residents and parents. Selfish drivers are causing dangerous conditions as they regularly park on yellow lines and zig zag lines outside the school.

By expanding the school the traffic situation will only get worse and cause more problems for residents and parents and in turn the school and council. I firmly believe increasing the school size will have a detrimental effect on traffic around already small roads.

Finally, I would like to advise that an increase on school size has financial implications also. With current budget cuts this will no doubt leave the school in a far worse position.

I believe expanding the school will cause un-necessary issues and therefore I am truly against this. Good schools like Poplars farm need to be saved from a drop in education standards by expanding them un-necessarily. Please take this into account when making a final decision.

I am a parent and local resident to Poplars Farm school and I wish to object to the proposal in expanding the school due to the following reasons:

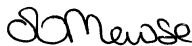
1. There is insufficient parking facilities and the school's travel plan has not indicated in any improvements to the mode of transport to the school. Despite allowing for further parking restrictions, this will only bring congestion to the residential area further away from the school. Parents will continue to bring children by car and doubling the capacity will almost have immediate adverse effect to the disruption caused by traffic.
2. The school access and egress is via the same road which requires all vehicles entering Poplars Farm Road to turn around and exit. There is no suitable provisions for this manoeuvre except a mini-roundabout which does not have sufficient swept paths for normal sized cars and situated on a gradient. One of the entries to the roundabout has frequently speeding vehicles as there are no traffic calming measures downstream.
3. The footways have insufficient width for the safe passage of mass pedestrians. There is a lack of maintenance on the overgrown vegetation on the verges which already reduces the footway width. I have raised this issue before with the council and the hazardous situation exists to this day.
4. No suitable pedestrian crossing provisions within Poplars Farm Road.

5. The highway alignment of the Poplars Farm Road causes severe inter-visibility with crossing pedestrians and on-coming traffic combined with narrow lane.
6. Access to King's Road will possibly require part-time signals which would increase journey time and reliability for the wider road network.
7. The school is situated on a higher level overseeing the residential area. The sound levels of children during the breaks and lunch time is echoed which currently is not a nuisance but may again be exacerbated by doubling the capacity.
8. A larger school may attract further littering, an area for youths to congregate and potential trespassing violations which is not welcomed to a generally peaceful community.

Equalities Impact Assessment

Department: School Organisation and Place Planning, Children's Services	Completed by (lead): Nina Mewse	Date of initial assessment: 05/06/2017
Area to be assessed: (i.e. name of policy, function, procedure, practice or a financial decision)	Report to the Executive on Primary School Proposed Expansions for September 2018	
Is this existing or new function/policy, procedure, practice or decision?	Decision	
What evidence has been used to inform the assessment and policy? (please list only)		
Report details, Pupil Forecasts, Consultations		

1. Describe the aims, objectives or purpose of the function/policy, practice, procedure or decision and who is intended to benefit.	The report seeks to agree to the expansions of All Saints' Primary (Ilkley) and Poplars Farm Primary Schools, to ensure that all children regardless of age, gender, religious affinity or disability are able to gain access to a school.			
The Public Sector Equality Duty requires the Council to have "due regard" to the need to:- (1) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation; (2) advance equality of opportunity between different groups; and (3) foster good relations between different groups (see guidance notes)	2. What is the level of impact on each group/protected characteristics in terms of the three aims of the duty? Please indicate high (H) medium (M), low (L), no effect (N) for each.	3. Identify the risk or positive effect that could result for each of the group/protected characteristics?	4. If there is a disproportionately negative impact what mitigating factors have you considered?	
Protected characteristics	Age	L	n/a	n/a
	Disability	L	n/a	n/a
	Gender reassignment	L	n/a	n/a
	Race	L	n/a	n/a
	Religion/Belief	L	n/a	n/a
	Pregnancy and maternity	N	n/a	n/a
	Sexual Orientation	L	n/a	n/a
	Sex	L	n/a	n/a
	Any other area	n/a	n/a	n/a

5. Has there been any consultation/engagement with the appropriate protected characteristics?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. What action(s) will you take to reduce any disproportionately negative impact, if any? None required		
7. Based on the information in sections 2 to 6, should this function/policy/procedure/practice or a decision proceed to Detailed Impact Assessment? (recommended if one or more H under section 2)	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assessor signature: 	Approved by: Nina Mewse	Date approved: 05/06/17