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


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.

| The Discovery School, Discovery Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4GJ. Community school. |

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.

| It is intended that the proposal will be implemented on 1 September 2013, with 90 reception pupils being admitted, and each year thereafter, thus taking four years to fill the school. |

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.

| (a) 10 March 2013. |
| (b) David Adams, Kent County Council, Mid Kent Education Office, Kroner House, Eurogate Business Park, Ashford, Kent TN24 8XU. |

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.

| Expansion of This Discovery School by the addition of 30 reception places per year, taking four years for the school to grow to its full size. |
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 designated capacity is 420. However, internal alterations together with the recent addition of two class bases means that the school can accommodate its 476 pupils.

The proposed capacity is 630.

(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 school currently admits 90 pupils into reception each year. The Published Admissions Number was increased for September 2012 to 90. This proposal seeks to enable that to continue.

It is proposed that the school will admit 90 pupils into reception each year.

(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;

It is proposed that the school will admit 90 pupils into reception classes in September 2013, and each year thereafter, thus taking four years to reach the capacity of 630 pupils.

(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.

476 on roll in the autumn term 2012.

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.
    To expand The Discovery School from a 2fe primary school to a 3fe primary school to meet the demand for additional places in the area.

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.

(a) In accordance with agreed KCC policy the following groups were consulted:
    Staff, students, parents and governors at the school. Primary and secondary schools in the Ashford area, County Councillors, the Borough Council, the Parish Council, local MP, union representatives, Diocesan Authorities, local Early Years providers, local libraries and other interested parties.
(b) A public meeting was held on 27 November 2012 at the school. The notes of the
public meeting are attached to the Report to Education Cabinet Committee on 18 January 2013.  
https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=746&Year=0
(c) The views of all persons consulted are summarised in the Report to Education Cabinet Committee on 18 January 2013.  
https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=746&Year=0
(d) All applicable statutory requirements in relation to the proposals to consult were complied with.
(e) A copy of the Consultation Document is available on KCC’s website at  
www.kent.gov.uk/schoolconsultations  E-mails containing the website link and/or hard copies of the Consultation Document were distributed to the consultees listed in (a) above. Further copies were available at the public meeting.

**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.

| Total cost of the new build will be in the region of £500k and 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).

| See 12 above. |

**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;

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.

The proposal will enable the school to enhance its extended services as the number of pupils on roll rises.

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;

Data indicates that Kings Hill has a high level of inward pre-school migration which is consistently creating cohorts significantly in excess of 120 pupils.

Forecasts of school age children show that there is currently a deficit of 12 primary places within one mile of The Discovery School. Forecasts show that this trend will continue.

(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

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


N/A