Proposed Expansion of Wyton on the Hill Primary School

PROPOSALS FOR PRESCRIBED ALTERATIONS BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY TO MAINTAINED SCHOOLS.
(As outlined in Schools Organisation for maintained Schools: Guidance for proposers and decision makers (April 2016)):

Information to be included in or provided in relation to proposals

LA Proposal: School and local education authority details

The name, address and category of the school and a contact address for the local education authority who are publishing the proposals.

| Wyton on the Hill Primary School, Cambridge Square, Wyton on the Hill, Huntingdon, PE28 2JB  
| Community Primary School  
| Local Authority contact:  
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Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation

1. 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.

In accordance with section 19 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, to enlarge the premises from 210 to 315 places with effect from 1 September 2019.

Objections and comments

A statement explaining the procedure for making representations, including

- the date by which objections or comments should be sent to the local education authority; and
- the address of the authority to which objections or comments should be sent.

Statutory Notice published in the Hunts Post on 12 September 2018 with a four-week period for representations.

The deadline for representations is 10 October 2018.
Alteration description

1. A description of the proposed alteration and in the case of special school proposals, a description of the current special needs provision.

The expansion will increase the school’s capacity from 220 pupils (1 Form of Entry (FE)) in September 2018, to 315 pupils (1.5FE) from September 2019 onwards. The school will increase to its maximum capacity (PAN) to admit 45 four year old pupils (1.5FE) each year as required.

The school currently has 7 permanent classrooms and a Hall. The existing school has many problems relating to maintenance, condition and the suitability of the accommodation. These issues combine to cause the County Council, the school and its governing body significant concerns. The construction of a new 1.5 Form of Entry Primary School within the existing school site will be followed by the demolition of the existing school. The new building will provide 11 classrooms, a hall, additional group spaces, cloak areas and toilets, a kitchen area and a room for early years/preschool.

School capacity

2.—(1) Where the alteration is an alteration falling within any of paragraphs 1 to 4, 8, and 12-14 of Schedule 2 of The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013, 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 net capacity is 210 pupils. The net capacity from June 2019 will be 315.

(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;
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;

The formal increase of the school’s PAN from 30 up to 45 will be implemented in September 2019.

Where the alteration is an alteration falling within any of paragraphs 1 to 4, 8, and 12 to 14, of Schedule 2 of The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 a statement of the number of pupils at the school at the time of the publication of the proposals.

There were 184 pupils registered in June 2018.

Implementation

3. 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.

The proposals will be implemented by the County Council.

Objectives

4. The objectives of the proposals.

To re-provide the school which was not fit for purpose and had a number of structural issues. Whilst the school was being rebuild it seemed prudent to increase the capacity of the school from 210 places to 315 places to provide for the increased demand for places in the local area arising from an increase in the population aged 4-10 years within the school’s catchment area and due to an anticipated increase in the number of military personnel arriving on the RAF Wyton site in the next 2 years.

Consultation

5. 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) There have been ongoing discussions between the Council and the Governing Body of the school. The school has been kept informed of these proposals and has been involved in the proposed design of the building and the increase in the Published Admission Number and overall capacity of the school.
b) There has been ongoing consultation with neighbours as the proposed scheme has been taken through the Planning Application process. A public consultation was held at the school to view the new plans.
d) 67 people attended the consultation and 31 people left feedback forms. Individuals were able to respond by completing the questionnaire at the end of the consultation document or writing separately to:

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Or by email to: penny.price@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
As required by statutory guidance, copies of the Council’s proposal have been sent directly to:
• the governing body
• the schools Adjudicator
• local members and councillors

Project costs

6. 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.

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<th>The total capital cost of the proposal is £8.9 million. The Council is meeting the cost of the proposal from within the Council's Capital programme.</th>
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7. 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).

| Funding for the costs of the project will be made available by the Council via its five-year rolling capital programme, using its basic need allocation, Section 106 funding or prudential borrowing. |
Age range

8. Where the proposals relate to a change in age range, the current age range for the school.

N/A

Early years provision

9. Where the proposals are to alter the lower age limit of a mainstream school by three years or more, except where the alterations are temporary as mentioned in paragraph 2, 3 of Schedule 2 in The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 —

(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;

The early years room will have capacity for 35 children at any one time. The school plan to run their own provision which will be open term time during the school day.

(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;

As the early years provision will be run by the school there will be excellent transition links with the school.

(c) evidence of parental demand for additional provision of early years provision;

There is currently only one provider in Wyton on the Hill and this setting is run from a building owned by the RAF, and as part of the service agreement the provider has to offer 80% of their places to the RAF. This has left a sufficiency need for civilian families living in Wyton on the Hill.

(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;

Spring - RAF Wyton Day nursery rated Good (2018) no capacity in the village of Wyton on the Hill.
All below are within a 3 mile radius of the school at Wyton on the Hill.
Houghton and Wyton Preschool rated Outstanding (2016)
(e) reasons why such schools and establishments who have spare capacity cannot make provision for any forecast increase in the number of such provision.

The settings above in Houghton and St Ives are all near capacity for children in the town and any space capacity will be filled by the new housing being built in the town. Parents from Wyton on the Hill would need to transport their children or investigate a safe walking route to the settings in Houghton or St Ives.

Need or demand for additional places

10. If the proposals involve adding places—
   (a) a statement and supporting evidence of the need or demand for the particular places in the area;

The Council has faced significant pressure on primary school places in the St Ives area as a result of a rise in the annual number of births and house building.

Pupil forecasts indicate that Wyton on the Hill Primary school will need to expand to 1.5 forms of entry of Reception places (45 places) from 2019. The additional space will allow for the school to accommodate the children in permanent classrooms as the PAN increases to 45 and will have the capacity to accommodate children from families of RAF Wyton who are being relocated to the base in the next 2 years.