



BOROUGH OF TELFORD AND WREKIN PROPOSAL TO EXPAND HADLEY LEARNING COMMUNITY PRIMARY PHASE

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Telford and Wrekin Council intends to expand Hadley Learning Community - Primary Phase.

1. Name, address and contact details of proposer

School Organisation Services, Telford and Wrekin Council, 6b Darby House, Lawn Central, Telford, TF3 4JA.

2. Name and address and category of school

Hadley Learning Community – Primary Phase, Waterloo Road, Hadley Telford, Shropshire TF1 5NU a community school.

3. Date of Implementation

Telford and Wrekin Council proposes that the school's published admission number (PAN) would permanently increase from 60 to 90 pupils from September 2016. The proposal would see the school increase the intake into its reception year group by an additional 30 pupils at the beginning of each academic year and each subsequent academic year, until it reached its new capacity of 630 pupils in September 2023. The expansion will be achieved by remodelling the existing building and construction of additional capacity to the dining facilities to accommodate additional pupils. If the proposals proceed it is anticipated that construction would start on the school site imminently with completion in August 2016.

4. Objectives

Telford and Wrekin Council is proposing to increase the permanent capacity of Hadley Learning Community – Primary Phase to meet demand for school places in the North Telford area both current time and in the future. This increase in demand is the result of both recently completed and further new housing developments within the area, which will see the Hadley area increase by over 800 dwellings. This amount of housing is expected to yield in excess of 220 new pupils across the primary age-range. It is highly unlikely that the schools offering primary education in Hadley would be able to offer places to all pupils residing in the town, without an expansion of the permanent capacity available at Hadley learning Community.

This proposal forms part of the Telford and Wrekin Council's ongoing commitment to meet its statutory obligation of providing sufficiency of school places within the Borough. It is intended that the proposals will maintain the excellent standards within the Hadley area by providing additional facilities for the pupils attending Hadley Learning Community as well as allowing pupils residing in the area to attend their local school, negating the need to travel to alternative locations for their education.

5. Effect on other educational provision in the area

It is not anticipated that the proposed expansion of Hadley Learning Community will have any impact on other educational facilities within the local area. The proposal has been made to accommodate the increase in pupil numbers that is expected to arise from the new housing developments within the Hadley area and in addition to this, it is expected that the vast majority of the increased capacity that will result from this proposal will be filled by those pupils residing in Hadley. As such, very little capacity is expected to be available to other pupils residing in the wider area. This would negate any possible detrimental impact on the surrounding educational provision.

6. Project Costs

The project to increase the permanent capacity at Hadley Learning Community-Primary Phase, to provide accommodation for the additional pupils that would be educated on the school site, in the event that this proposal proceeds, is expected to cost £1,730,000

The project would be funded by a combination of Section 106 developer contributions and basic need grant funding received from the Department for Education (DfE). As well as fulfilling part of Telford and Wrekin's statutory obligation of providing sufficiency of school places the proposal would also ensure that pupils are able to attend their local primary 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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Schoolorganisation@telford.gov.uk

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