

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Decision maker Portfolio Holder (Child Safeguarding, Early Intervention and Schools)

Date of Decision-Not before 26 August 2011

Report Title Proposal to Increase the Admission Number of Camp Hill Primary School

Summary This report gives details of the response to formal consultation on the proposal to increase the admission number of Camp Hill Primary School and seeks permission to publish statutory notices.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? No

Background papers

- School Organisation Framework Document 2005/10
- Cabinet Report 16.12.2010
- Formal Consultation Paper

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-

Details to be specified

Other Committees

 Cabinet 16.12.10

Local Member(s)

 Councillor Tooth
Councillor Chattaway
Councillor Clarke
Councillor Foster
Councillor Farnell
Councillor Heatley
Councillor Hicks
Councillor Jackson
Councillor Lobbett
Councillor Longdon
Councillor McCarney
Councillor Ross
Councillor Tandy.

Other Elected Members

 CYP&F O&S Chair and Vice Chair for information:
Cllr June Tandy
Cllr John Ross

CYP&F O&S Spokespersons for information:
Cllr Peter Balaam
Cllr Carolyn Robbins

Cabinet Member

 Cllr Heather Timms (Decision Maker)

- Chief Executive
- Legal Fay Ford "*comments incorporated into the report*"
Barry Jukes
- Finance John Betts, Head of Finance
Chris Blundell
John Harmon
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals Dan Byles, MP

FINAL DECISION **No**

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee For final decision
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

Proposal to increase the Admission Number of Camp Hill Primary School

Recommendations

That the Portfolio Holder:

- considers the response to formal consultation on proposals to increase the capacity of Camp Hill Primary School from 45 to 60 places per year;
- approves the proposal;
- approves the publication of statutory notices;
- authorises officers to seek approval of the Schools Adjudicator to formally apply the new admission number with effect from September 2012.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 On 16 December 2010 Cabinet agreed to the Strategic Director carrying out formal consultation with stakeholders on proposals to increase provision in primary schools to ensure the Local Authority would be able to fulfil its statutory duty to ensure a sufficiency of school places.
- 1.2 One of the locations identified as requiring additional spaces was the Camp Hill area of Nuneaton. After initial formative discussions with the school, formal consultations with stakeholders took place between 6 June and 15 July 2011.

2. Background

- 2.1 Camp Hill Primary School is a Community primary school serving the Camp Hill area of Nuneaton. The school currently has 281 pupils on roll, an admission limit of 45 pupils per year, and a capacity of 315 pupils. In addition there are 39 children in the nursery class.
- 2.2 Warwickshire is experiencing, and is forecast to continue to see, a significant growth in pupil numbers which is feeding into primary schools. The fall and rise in the birth rate in Warwickshire follows the national trend very closely with births falling each year between 1991 and 2001 before entering a rising trend from 2002 until 2009.
- 2.3 Pupil numbers in the area are forecast to continue to rise. If we do nothing, it is likely that there will be insufficient places in reception from September 2012. This would result in children from within the priority area having to travel to a school outside the area to secure a place.
- 2.4 Table 1. Actual and Forecast numbers on roll

Year	Actual Numbers				Forecast Numbers			
	Jan 2008	Jan 2009	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Sep 2011	Sep 2012	Sep 2013	
Camp Hill Primary School								
0	35	37	48	44	49	57	55	
1	36	34	40	46	49	53	59	
2	46	35	36	42	52	53	55	
3	29	42	33	42	44	56	55	
4	34	26	44	34	40	48	58	
5	31	28	28	44	37	44	50	
6	44	31	29	29	48	41	46	
Overall Numbers on Roll	255	233	258	281	319	352	378	

- 2.5 The pupil forecasts shown in the table above take account of the redevelopment of the area and new housing being built. The downturn in the housing market does

mean that building has slowed over recent years and so it might take a little longer for the larger figures to materialise. However, we envisage numbers will increase at reception due to the rise in the birth-rate already witnessed in the area.

3. The Proposal

- 3.1 The proposal is to increase the admission number of Camp Hill Primary School from 45 to 60 pupils per year with effect from September 2012 admissions. It is proposed that additional accommodation is provided from September 2012. Two forms of entry, would in time, assist the school in organising into single age classes.
- 3.2 A feasibility study carried out earlier this year indicates that Camp Hill Primary School could be extended to accommodate the additional pupils. The new accommodation will be designed in consultation with representatives of the school with a view to having the provision in place from September 2012 or as soon as possible thereafter.
- 3.3 The total cost of the project is estimated at approximately £1,300,000 and provision has been made within the 2011/2012 capital programme.

4. Consultation

- 4.1 Formal consultation with stakeholders, attached as **Appendix A**, took place between 6 June and 15 July 2011. A consultation paper was sent to all parents, to prospective parents, staff, the Governing Body and the Pupil School Council of Camp Hill Primary School, schools, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, Diocesan Education Authorities, neighbouring Local Authorities and the local Member of Parliament.

- 4.2 A total of 4 responses were received. A summary of responses received with comments is set out below received to date. Copies of all responses have been placed in the Members' Group Rooms and the Cabinet Office.

- 4.3 Coventry City Council – no objections to the proposal

Miss Manjit Kaur, Headteacher Queen's School – no objections to the proposal

Councillor Tooth – fully supportive of the proposal

Kay Middleton, Headteacher Galley Common Infant School – concern expressed about the impact on other schools. Has Camp Hill been considered in isolation or have other schools in the area been considered?

- 4.4 *Comment*

A great deal of work has taken place to assess the impact of the increase in the birth rate across the county. We have looked at data provided by the PCT showing numbers of pre school children by school priority area. When considered in conjunction with the most up to date pupil forecasts, we are able to identify potential hot spots where demand for spaces is likely to exceed availability.

Data supports an expansion in provision on Camp Hill. We do not envisage an increase in the PAN, which will be introduced one year group at a time with effect from September 2012, will have a detrimental effect on the other schools in the area.

5. Planned timescales and statutory requirements

- 5.1 As the proposal represents a significant increase in the admission number and includes building work, the proposal would be subject to statutory proposals. The School Admissions Code 2010 requires that all changes to Published Admission Numbers for September 2012 should have been determined by 15 April 2011. However, paragraph 1.2.1 of the Admissions Code of Conduct requires that such a change to the introduction of the new admission number for September 2012 would need to be referred to the School's Adjudicator for final determination after the successful completion of statutory notices.
- 5.2 The key milestones, subject to responses at each stage, are as follows:
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| Statutory consultation | September/October 2011 |
| Referral to Schools Adjudicator | October 2011 |
| Determination by the Schools Adjudicator | November/December 2011 |
| Implementation of proposals | September 2012 |

6. Summary

- 6.1 The report gives details of the response to consultation on the proposal to provide additional primary school places at Camp Hill Primary School. The proposal is supported by the Headteacher and Governing Body of Camp Hill Primary School. The potential benefits for the school of moving over time to a full two form entry school should not be underestimated. Given this and the demonstrated need for primary school places in the area, the Portfolio Holder is asked to consider approving the publication of the necessary statutory notices.

Report Author: Janet Neale

Head of Service: Mark Gore

Strategic Director: Marion Davis

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Heather Timms

12 August 2011

Consultation Paper

Proposal to Increase the Admission Number of Camp Hill Primary School with effect from September 2012 Admissions.

1. The Proposal

The proposal is to increase the admission number of Camp Hill Primary School from 45 to 60 pupils per year with effect from September 2012 admissions. It is proposed that additional accommodation is provided from September 2012.

2. Background

Camp Hill Primary School is a Community primary school serving the Camp Hill area of Nuneaton. The school currently has 281 pupils on roll, an admission limit of 45 pupils per year, and a capacity of 315 pupils. In addition there are 39 children in the nursery class.

3. Why Are The Changes Necessary?

Warwickshire is experiencing, and is forecast to continue to see, a significant growth in pupil numbers which is feeding into primary schools. The fall and rise in the birth rate in Warwickshire follows the national trend very closely with births falling each year between 1991 and 2001 before entering a rising trend from 2002 until 2009.

Pupil numbers in the area are forecast to continue to rise. If we do nothing, it is likely that there will be insufficient places in reception from September 2012. This would result in children from within the priority area having to travel to a school outside the area to secure a place.

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4. What Is The Impact Of The Change?

a) Building

The design of the new accommodation would be undertaken in consultation with representatives of the school to provide accommodation for an intake of 60 pupils per year from September 2012.

b) Funding

The total cost of the project is yet to be finalised but it is intended that this will be funded from the capital programme.

5. When Would The Changes Take Effect?

If approved, a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 60 pupils will apply to admissions to Camp Hill Primary School from September 2012 onwards.

An increase of the PAN from 45 to 60 would see the overall capacity of the school increase by 15 places in each year group to give an overall capacity of 420. Usually we would only look to expand a school by one year group at a time. However, as the impact of the continuing regeneration of the area will see numbers forecast to increase across the year groups, discussions will take place with the school to determine how best to approach the increase in capacity.

6. What Happens Next?

This consultation paper is being sent to all parents, to prospective parents, staff, the governing body and the Student Council of Camp Hill Primary School. Copies will also be sent to other schools in the area, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, local Parish Councils, Diocesan Education Authorities, admission authorities and the Local Member of Parliament.

The key milestones, subject to responses at each stage are as follows:

Consultation on proposals	-	6 June – 15 July 2011
Consideration by Cabinet	-	8 September 2011
Statutory Consultation	-	22 Sept = 3 Nov 2011
To Schools Adjudicator for decision	-	7 November 2011

We want to know your views. The deadline for responses is Friday 15 July 2011.

Please send you comments on the proposal by email to consultations@warwickshire.gov.uk or in writing to:

Access and Organisation
Learning and Achievement
Children, Young People and Families
Saltisford Office Park
Ansell Way
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Proposal to increase the Admission Number of Camp Hill Primary School.

Responses to consultation

- Coventry City Council
- Queen's School
- Councillor Tooth
- Galley Common Infant School





To: "Halpin, Margaret" <Margaret.Halpin@coventry.gov.uk>
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Re: Coventry response to Proposals for Camp Hill and St. Michael's

Dear Margaret,

Thank you for taking to time to consider he current proposals to increase the capacity at Camp Hill Primary School and St Michael's Primary School Bedworth.

I will ensure your response is made available to Elected Members to inform the decision making process.

Kind regards

Janet

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"Halpin, Margaret"

Dear Janet, thank you for informing us about yo...

07/07/2011 14:51:22

From: "Halpin, Margaret" <Margaret.Halpin@coventry.gov.uk>
To: "janetneale@warwickshire.gov.uk" <janetneale@warwickshire.gov.uk>
Date: 07/07/2011 14:51
Subject: Coventry response to Proposals for Camp Hill and St. Michael's

Dear Janet,

thank you for informing us about your proposals to increase the PAN of Camp Hill Primary School, Nuneaton, and St. Michael's Primary School, Bedworth.
We have no objections to your proposals.

With regards,
Margaret Halpin

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Strategic Planning, CLYP, Coventry City Council

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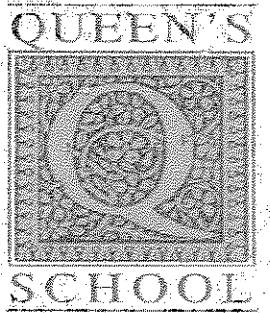
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WCC
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10th June 2011

Dear Ms Neale

Re: Proposal to increase the PAN at Camphill Primary School

I am writing to inform you that I have no objections to the above proposal raised by Camphill Primary School.

Yours sincerely

Miss Manjit Kaur
Headteacher

Queen's Church of England Junior School, Bentley Road,
Nuneaton, Warwickshire CV11 5LR
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16th June 2011

Dear Miss Kaur,

Formal Consultations

- **Proposal to increase the PAN at Camp Hill Primary School**
- **Proposal to Increase the PAN at St. Michael's C E Primary School**

Thank you for taking the time to respond to the current consultations regarding possible increases in the published admissions numbers of Camp Hill Primary School, Nuneaton and St Michael's C E Primary School, Bedworth. I will ensure that you comments are made available to elected members as part of the decision making process.

Yours sincerely,

Janet Neale
Project Officer, Access and Organisation

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Warwickshire*



To: Cllr Tooth/CLLR/WarksCC
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Re: PAN.... Camp Hill Primary school

Dear Councillor Tooth,

Thank you for taking the time to respond to the current consultation on the proposal to increase the published admission number of Camp Hill Primary School.

Discussions are currently taking place between officers and the school to identify build requirements should the proposal be supported by Cabinet.

I will ensure your comments are made known to fellow elected members to inform the decision making process.

Regards

Janet

Janet Neale on behalf of
Access and Organisation
Learning and Achievement.

Cllr Tooth

Reference your letter of June 2011, advising me...

12/06/2011 17:31:57

From: Cllr Tooth/CLLR/WarksCC
To: consultations@warwickshire.gov.uk
Date: 12/06/2011 17:31
Subject: PAN.... Camp Hill Primary school

Reference your letter of June 2011, advising me of a proposal to increase the Pupil Admission Number of Camp Hill Primary School.

I am proud to be the County councillor for the Camp Hill division in which the school is situated and also a member of the Governing Body of the school.

I am fully supportive of the proposal.

The school has become very popular with families because, under the leadership of the head teacher and the guidance of the Governing Body, it is providing an excellent learning environment. It has an excellent and committed staff.

It also accommodates the highly successful Early Years Centre.

The school is located in an area which is attracting a great deal of investment in new housing as part of the PRIDE IN CAMP HILL regeneration programme. New Housing including social housing is a key part of that programme. The demand for places is therefore about to increase exponentially.



To: head2107 <head2107@we-learn.com>
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Re: Camp Hill Primary PAN Increase

Dear Kay,

Thank you for taking the time to respond to the consultation on a proposal to increase the PAN at Camp Hill Primary School from 45 to 60.

I can confirm that pupil forecast data for all schools across Nuneaton and Hartshill were considered when looking at the potential expansion of Camp Hill. Projected numbers are such that we would not envisage the increase having a negative impact on any of the schools in the area. An increase in the birth rate, as well as the continued effect of the regeneration of Camp Hill, suggests that the number of children within the Camp Hill priority area is set to increase quite substantially.

I will ensure that your views are made known to Elected Members as part of the decision making process.

Kind Regards

Janet

Janet Neale
On behalf of
Access and Organisation
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head2107

Dear Janet Thank you for your letter, with referen...

06/06/2011 16:00:45

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To: "consultations@warwickshire.gov.uk" <consultations@warwickshire.gov.uk>
Date: 06/06/2011 16:00
Subject: Camp Hill Primary PAN Increase

Dear Janet

Thank you for your letter, with reference to Camp Hill Primary school increase in PAN from 45 to 60. As an infant school in the Hartshill area, I do have concerns that from the point of view of our own PAN increasing to 50 (from 45), whether Galley Common Infant School and other schools have been taken into account, in terms of their forecast numbers. If all schools in the area have forecast numbers above or at the PAN number for their school, I have no objection to this increase. However, I am aware that there are other schools in the area (such as Nathaniel Newton and St Anne's) which this increase may impact upon significantly.

I am sure forecast numbers of all schools in the area are taken into account during consultation and if that is the case I would have no reason not to support this proposal.

I hope this helps with the consultation process.

Kind Regards

Kay

K Middleton

(Head Teacher - Galley Common Infant School)

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