

Consultation on the proposal to enlarge Calthorpe Park School

Hampshire County Council would like to hear your views about the proposal to enlarge Calthorpe Park School.

We are running a consultation from 16 May 2018 until the 29 June 2018.

Why do you need to enlarge the school?

Throughout Hampshire the birth rate has risen in recent years which, has created a pressure on pupil places in the primary and secondary sector. This equally applies to the Fleet area, which together with significant levels of new housing has resulted in an increase in pupil numbers. Hampshire County Council anticipates that this level of demand will continue and is therefore proposing to enlarge Calthorpe Park School to meet this need.

Hampshire County Council is proposing to increase the physical capacity of Calthorpe Park School to allow them to offer 60 additional places in Year 7 (age 11+) from September 2021. This expansion will increase the Year 7 pupil admission number to 345 pupil places and create a total capacity of 1725 pupil places across all five year groups.

What building works will be taking place?

The proposed building works will consist of a new school building together with some internal alterations to the existing accommodation. These works will provide the additional classrooms needed to meet the increase in pupil numbers.

The current proposed building plans are being developed in line with discussions with the Headteachers and Governing Body. The site plans showing possible areas for development are available for viewing online during the consultation period and at the drop in session which is to be held on 5 June 2018, from 4:00 – 7:00pm at Calthorpe Park School.

When will the building works start and how will you ensure the health and safety of pupils attending the school whilst the works are taking place?

It is planned that the building works to create the permanent facilities will commence in 2019 and be completed in July 2021, ready for the autumn term in 2021. We will provide the school with further details as the design work for the project progresses so the school can keep you informed of progress and inform you of key dates.

Health and safety of pupils, staff and visitors is paramount. The County Council works with our construction partners who have significant experience of working on school sites. A detailed health and safety plan will be drawn up with the school to include items such as restricting delivery times for materials to avoid the beginning and end of the school day, maintaining safe access routes for pupils, staff and visitors etc.

What will be the impact on pupils within the school and will this impact on teaching and learning?

The school will continue to operate as normal during the building works. Everything will be done to minimise the impact on pupils teaching and learning but we do acknowledge there may be some disruption. The County Council is liaising fully with the Headteachers and Governors on the project to ensure that the planning for the building works runs as smoothly as possible.

What about the impact on traffic due to the school taking more pupils?

The County Council appreciates that local residents will be concerned about potential traffic implications around the expansion of the school. By planning to create school places as close as possible to where children live we create the best chance for those children will make their way to school other than by car.

A School Travel Plan is a document produced by the County Council's School Travel Team in partnership with the whole school community and any other interested parties. This long-term strategy seeks to deliver sustainable transport options and solutions and is regularly reviewed by the School Travel Champion.

It looks at how pupils, staff and visitors travel to and from school, and sets out measures to;

- Encourage and enable pupils, parents, guardians and staff to use sustainable transport methods which have an overall low impact on the environment, including walking, cycling, car sharing and public transport.
- Encourage and provide educational curriculum-linked programmes relating to child travel and how this links to the environment, safety and health.
- Improve safety.

The School Travel Plan will be reviewed as part of the process associated with the enlargement of the school. Work is already underway to identify the key issues associated with the increase in the number of children attending the school and identify possible opportunities to minimise the impact locally. This involves discussions with Hart District and Fleet Town Councils as well as other key stakeholders.

There will be an opportunity to discuss potential impact on school travel issues, at the initial consultation and again at the pre-planning consultation which will happen later in the year.

Will all staff be able to park on the site once the expansion is complete?

County Council architects and school travel advisors are working closely with the school to develop staff parking provision. The early indications are that the anticipated additional staff required to support the school as it expands will be accommodated on site.

Will the school receive additional funding due to the numbers increasing?

The funding of schools is based around the number of pupils on roll, so as numbers increase so will the funding.

What happens after this consultation?

This consultation will run until 29 June 2018. Officers will then take into consideration all the consultation responses before deciding whether the proposal should continue to the formal publication stage.

If so, statutory Public Notices will be published, setting out Hampshire County Council's intent to enlarge the school. It is anticipated that these will be published in September 2018.

After the date of publication there will be a four week period in which any representations can be made. After the conclusion of this period the County Council will decide whether or not to proceed with the proposal. It is anticipated that a decision will be made in October 2018.

Will I have the opportunity to discuss the proposal and ask questions?

Yes. A drop-in session where you will be able to discuss the proposal with County Council officers is planned for **5 June 2018 from 4:00pm until 7:00pm at Calthorpe Park School.**

If you are unable to attend this session and wish to make a comment then please write to Mark Saunders, Strategic Development Officer, Children's Services Department, E11 Court North, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8UG or e-mail strategicplanningunit@hants.gov.uk by 29 June 2018.

How can my views be heard?

We will listen to views at the drop-in session.

We will also consider all responses received via e-mail or letter.

The closing date for responses is 29 June 2018.