



Expansion of The Waterloo School by providing satellite provision at Woodcot Primary School

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Description of current service/policy

The Waterloo School is currently a 74 place special school for 5-11 year olds with social, emotional and mental health difficulties.

Hampshire County Council is committed to expanding successful provision where possible to meet demand. Currently there is an increased need to provide support for children with social, emotional and mental health difficulties in the Gosport and Fareham area. The Waterloo School has insufficient space on site and therefore the proposal is to provide satellite provision at Woodcot Primary School. This proposal will provide much needed specialist educational capacity to meet this increased need.

Geographical impact: Fareham, Gosport

Description of proposed change

The County Council is proposing to increase the capacity of the school by adding an additional 8 places. This will give a final overall capacity of 82 places at The Waterloo School. This proposal will provide much needed specialist educational capacity to meet this increased need by providing satellite provision of 8 places at Woodcot Primary School.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out?

Yes

The following have been consulted during the development of this project:

Headteacher

School Governors

Neighbouring schools and governors

Children's Services

Local County Councillor

Local District Councillors

Local Residents

Local Member of Parliament

Local Dioceses

Trade Union Representatives

5 responses were received in total regarding the proposal to enlarge the school. The responses were mainly concerning the impact on Woodcot Primary School pupils. In considering the responses received the County Council felt that the provision of additional school places was necessary, and that comments received did not represent sufficient concern to prevent proceeding with the enlargement.

Statutory considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Age: Positive	By increasing the capacity at The Waterloo School will allow more opportunities for 5-11 year olds with social, emotional and mental health difficulties to gain a place at the school.	
Disability: Positive	By increasing the capacity at The Waterloo School will allow more opportunities for 5-11 year olds with social, emotional and mental health difficulties to gain a place at the school.	
Sexual orientation: Neutral		

Race: Neutral		
Religion and belief: Neutral		
Gender reassignment: Neutral		
Gender: Neutral		
Marriage and civil partnership: Neutral		
Pregnancy and maternity: Neutral		
Other policy considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Poverty: Neutral		
Rurality: Neutral		

Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)

Any other information