

Proposed Expansion of Great Oaks School

School and LA details;

Great Oaks School (Vermont Close, Southampton, SO16 7LT) and Southampton City Council are proposing to expand Great Oaks School by 25 additional places from September 2014.

Description of alteration and evidence of demand;

The proposal is to increase the size of Great Oaks School by 25 places. This would allow 17 additional Year 7 (age 11-12) to start at the school in September 2014 and will allow the school to admit an additional 8 pupils in September 2015. The school and Local Authority know that more students require a place than there are currently places available so this expansion is most certainly required.

Objectives (including how the proposal would increase educational standards and parental choice);

The objective of this proposal is to ensure students in the city can receive the best educational support available.

The effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area;

Great Oaks is the only school in the city that specially supports for students aged 11-18 with Learning Difficulties and/or Autism and, as such, is the only appropriate school that could expand to accommodate these additional students. It should, therefore, have no impact upon any other schools in the area.

Project costs and indication of how these will be met, including how long term value for money will be achieved;

It is anticipated that the cost of providing the extra accommodation would be approximately £100,000 - £120,000, although this is subject to change. It is proposed that modular classrooms are located on the current site or an off site provision is developed.

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation; and

If approved, the additional accommodation would be in place in August / September 2014.

17 additional places would be available in September 2014.

8 additional places (as well as those places vacated by Year 11 leavers) would be available in September 2015.

A statement explaining the procedure for responses: support; objections and comments.

Great Oaks Expansion Consultation, Infrastructure, Southampton City Council, 4th Floor, One Guildhall Square, Civic Centre, Southampton, SO14 7FP; or infrastructureandcapital.projects@southampton.gov.uk

Any responses must be submitted by **Friday 30 May 2014**.