

Proposals for Prescribed Alterations (Maintained School)

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This proposal takes account of The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013, the School Organisation Maintained Schools Statutory Guidance for Proposers and Decision Makers (January 2014) and the Education and Inspections Act 2006.

In respect of the LEA Proposal: School and Local Authority details:

The name and address of the School:

Bitterne Park (Community Secondary) **School** (URN: 116458)
(DfE Establishment Number 852/4278)
Copsewood Road
Southampton
SO18 1BU

The name and address of the Local Authority:

Southampton City Council (852)
Civic Centre
Southampton
SO14 7LY

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation:

Pre-Publication Consultation on this proposal took place between Monday, 6 October and Monday, 10 November, 2014 (5 Weeks: to take account of the October Half-Term).

A final proposal based on this consultation is published here.

There will be four Weeks of Statutory Consultation from the date of publication (Monday, 17 November, 2014) to Monday, 15 December, 2014.

A final decision should be made on the proposal by 17 February, 2015.

If a decision is made to continue, the Education Funding Agency and the Department for Education will implement the planning and building process, which will require further Cabinet decisions.

The additional places should be available for September 2017.

Description of Alterations:

As part of a wider expansion of secondary schools across the City, we are proposing that Bitterne Park School should expand from 1500 to 1800 pupils (10 Form Entry (FE) to 12 FE) from 1 September 2017. The Published Admission Number for the school (the number of pupils admitted in Year 7) would rise from 300 to 360 from the same date and in subsequent years until the new capacity is fully achieved.

It is proposed to rebuild and extend the current premises on the existing school site to achieve this expansion.

Admission and transport arrangements for pupils attending the school will not be affected by these proposals.

The Local Authority successfully bid for funding from the Education Funding Agency (EFA) under the first phase of the Priority Schools Building (PSB) Programme. The bid was to rebuild Bitterne Park School as an 1800 place Secondary School. The bid took account of future demand on the City's Secondary provision.

Evidence of Demand:

Southampton will exceed its overall Secondary capacity (in all year groups) around 2022-23, but is projected to exceed its Year 7 PAN capacity sooner; in 2018-19.

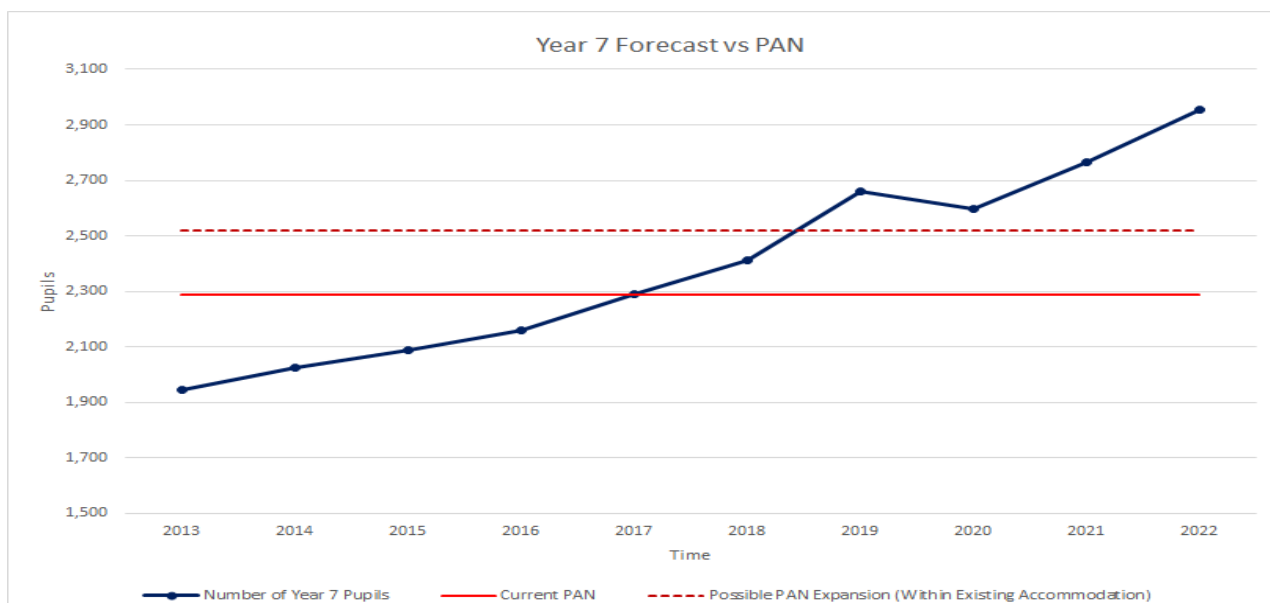


Figure 1 - Year 7 long-term PAN projection across Southampton schools

There are currently 2,290 places available in Southampton for Year 7 pupils. The Local Authority is in the process of planning additional capacity within the City for the projected increase in pupil numbers.

Some Southampton schools are projected to fill up faster than others (see figure 2). Schools in the East of the City will see a more gradual increase in demand, however Bitterne Park School is currently oversubscribed and will need to expand to take account of parental choice.

Forecast (Year 7 Intake)									
School	AREA	Year 7 PAN	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	
Regents Park Community College	CENTRAL	150	126	136	129	145	148	150	
Cantell Maths and Computing College	CENTRAL	230	163	173	182	195	204	227	
St George Catholic College	CENTRAL	120	130	122	123	125	125	138	
St Anne's Catholic School	CENTRAL	200	194	184	194	208	206	230	
The Sholing Technical College	EAST	210	210	219	214	224	220	221	
Chanberlayne College for the Arts	EAST	180	54	66	82	63	64	67	
Bitterne Park School	EAST	300	301	306	321	307	320	348	
Woodlands Community College	EAST	180	111	117	116	113	122	141	
Oasis Academy: Mayfield	EAST	180	160	159	180	201	230	224	
Redbridge Community School	WEST	210	206	216	228	221	239	225	
Upper Shirley High School	WEST	150	155	149	154	184	159	204	
Oasis Academy: Lord's Hill	WEST	180	103	109	112	120	116	121	
Year 7 TOTAL City Wide		2,290	1,913	1,956	2,035	2,106	2,153	2,296	

Figure 2 - Projected Year 7 Intake, by Southampton school. Red cells indicate projection above PAN.

Projected Year 7 Pupil Places

School	AREA	Year 7 PAN	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Regents Park Community College	CENTRAL	150	130	136	129	150	150	153
Cantell Maths and Computing College	CENTRAL	230	163	173	182	203	213	234
St George Catholic College	CENTRAL	120	120	120	120	120	120	138
St Anne's Catholic School	CENTRAL	200	200	186	197	200	200	220
The Sholing Technical College	EAST	210	210	210	210	210	210	210
Chanberlayne College for the Arts	EAST	180	54	66	82	63	86	131
Bitterne Park School	EAST	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
Woodlands Community College	EAST	180	112	125	141	155	180	180
Oasis Academy: Mayfield	EAST	180	160	166	180	180	180	180
Redbridge Community School	WEST	210	210	210	210	210	210	213
Upper Shirley High School	WEST	150	150	150	150	150	150	154
Oasis Academy: Lord's Hill	WEST	180	104	114	134	165	154	183
Year 7 TOTAL City Wide		2,290	1,913	1,956	2,035	2,106	2,153	2,296

Figure 3 - Projected Year 7 Pupil Placement, by Southampton school. Red cells indicate projection above PAN. Green Cells show pupils redistributed contrary to parent choice.

Across the City, secondary schools in Southampton are forecast to have no spare Year 7 capacity by 2018/19 (see figure 3). The data above is based on the rise on indigenous population growth alone.

Ahead further, Southampton is expecting to have zero capacity across all year groups by 2022/23 unless work is undertaken to increase capacity.

Further details about forecasting school places and school planning can be found in the Southampton City Council School Organisation Plan.

<http://www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/school-organisation-plan.aspx>

Objectives:

The Local Authority is under a statutory duty to ensure that there are sufficient school places in the City, promote high educational standards, ensure fair access to educational opportunity and promote the fulfilment of every child's educational potential.¹

The Education Act 1996 requires that Local Authorities secure diversity in the provision of schools and increase opportunities for parental choice.

The expansion at Bitterne Park School is intended to continue to provide children in the area with a high quality education and to provide parents with a choice of schools within the City.

There is a presumption for the expansion of successful and popular schools (in all sectors). Southampton believes that all places in the Secondary sector should be of high quality provision at schools judged to be Good or Outstanding.

Bitterne Park Secondary School has achieved either Outstanding or Good with Outstanding features in its last three Ofsted inspections and continues to produce

¹ School Organisation Maintained Schools Guidance January 2014

GCSE results that are significantly above the national average. Bitterne Park School has been a teaching school since September 2013, leading the Bitterne Park Teaching School Alliance of five schools and has worked to raise standards both in the local area and nationally.

The buildings and infrastructure at Bitterne Park School are in need of renewal if the school is to continue to deliver the quality provision that has seen it oversubscribed in recent years.

The majority of secondary schools in this area of the City have been judged as Good or better in recent years (as have the majority of Southampton's secondary schools). However, pressure on secondary school places is expected to increase (see above) over the coming years and this expansion, in line with the Secondary Expansion Plan, will increase parental choice in this area and will relieve the pressure on other local schools and academies.

Since 2012 the school has included a sixth form. While this provision is not the subject of expansion, the current rise in pupil numbers and changes to legislation will have an impact on post-16 provision in future years.

The proposed expansion would not take place in the existing building but in a new building on the same site funded through the Priority Schools Building Programme (PSBP) and the EFA.

Project Costs:

While an increase in pupil numbers alone can be undertaken through changes to the schools admission arrangements, this proposal requires an enlargement to the school premises to allow that increase. Current EFA guidance on recommended areas for mainstream secondary pupil places gives an average figure of 6.7m² per pupil place². EFA funding allocations³ are based on a figure of £1,113/m² to cover basic construction costs and do not include external works, fees, etc.

This gives an estimated cost for the building works of £13,422,800 (estimated total cost £16,000,000). All funding for the building works will come from the EFA (PSBP) with no direct cost to the Local Authority.

There are a number of additional design and regulatory processes that would also need to be completed, such as planning permission, etc. The public will also have an opportunity to make representations on those detailed proposals in due course.

² Dfe EFA Area Guidelines for Mainstream School (Building Bulletin 103) June 2014

³ DfE EFA Baseline Designs for Schools: Guidance March 2014

Consultation:

Pre-Publication Consultation on this proposal took place between Monday, 6 October and Monday, 10 November, 2014 (5 Weeks: to take account of the October Half-Term).

All representations made under the pre-publication phase of consultation were taken into consideration when producing this proposal.

Previous consultation on City wide secondary expansion has been ongoing and has also included Head Teachers, School Governors and Key Councillors

The Local Authority will comply with all statutory requirements in relation to the proposal, including consulting all interested parties.

All stakeholders will be sent an email and/or letter notifying them of the consultation and providing information including a link to the consultation website and where to obtain copies of the full proposal. Copies were made available at the school and by request from the Local Authority.

Copies of this proposal may be obtained from:

www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/school-consultations/

or by writing to:

Bitterne Park School Expansion School Organisation and Strategy Manager

Children and Families Service
Southampton City Council
Civic Centre (1st Floor, North)
Southampton
S014 7LY

Any person may object to or comment on these proposals. Any objections and comments can be sent to the above address or to School.Organisation@southampton.gov.uk

The final date for submission of representations, objections and comments under this consultation is **Monday, 15 December, 2014.**⁴

⁴ For the purposes of section 21(2) (f) The Education and Inspections Act 2006 the Local Authority is prescribed as the person who (subject to the provisions of Schedule 3 of The School Organisation (prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013) must consider and determine the proposals.