



Prescribed Alterations (Maintained School)
Statutory Consultation on Proposals to Expand
Thornhill Primary 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:

Thornhill (Community Primary) School (URN: 132117)
(DfE Establishment Number 852/202)
Byron Road
Thornhill
Southampton
SO19 6FH

The name and address of the Local Authority:

Southampton City Council

Civic Centre
Southampton
SO14 7LY

Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation:

Pre-Publication Consultation on this proposal took place between Monday, 1 September and Monday, 12 October, 2015.

A final proposal based on this consultation is published here.

There will be four Weeks of Statutory Consultation from the date of publication (Tuesday, 20 October, 2015) to Tuesday, 1 December, 2015, to take account of the October half-term.

A final decision should be made on the proposal by 19 January, 2016.

The additional places should be available for September 2017.

Description of Alterations:

As part of a wider strategy to ensure sufficient places for all children who require one (and to take account of parental preference) we are proposing that Thornhill Primary School should expand from 315 pupils (345 with current bulge classes) to 420 pupils (1.5 Form Entry (FE) to 2 FE) from 1 September 2017. The Published Admission Number for the school (the number of pupils admitted in Year R) would rise from 45 to 60 from the same date and in subsequent years until the new capacity is fully achieved.

Thornhill Primary School had a PAN of 60 prior to 2006/7 and therefore no building work is currently planned to physically enlarge the school beyond its current net capacity.

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

Evidence of Demand:

There has been an increase in the number of children requiring a school place in Southampton over the past few years. The main reason for this is the increase in the number of children being born in the City. We know this from the following data:

- Southampton Birth data, provided by the Primary Care Trust;
- Child Benefit data, provided by the Department for Work and Pensions.

While the City has maintained a small surplus of Year R places across the City, which is in line with Department for Education recommendations, a shift in parental preferences indicates that for September 2016 an additional 30-60 places will be required in Year R in the east of the City. There will be increasing pressure on school places in all Primary years in this part of the City until at least 2019.

Primary Places	2016/17		2017/18		2018/19	
Current Pan	3,105		3,135		3,135	
Forecast	3,072		2,841		2,923	
+5%	3,199		2,984		3,070	

	Current PAN	2016/17	surplus	2017/18	surplus	2018/19	surplus
West	945	917	28	879	66	883	62
Central	945	878	67	781	164	850	95
	(Hope) Free School						
East	1275	1,277	-2	1,181	94	1,190	85

As the population increases, these additional places will allow the Local Authority to maintain a surplus which allows for in-year access for pupils coming to the City outside of the normal admissions structure and to allow for parental preference.

It is proposed that 15 of these extra places be provided at Thornhill Primary School, returning it to its original Published Admission Number. The Local Authority is in discussion with several schools about possible expansion and the provision of bulge classes in order to ensure we continue to provide sufficient places for all children who require one.

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 Thornhill Primary 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 Primary sector should be of high quality provision at schools judged to be Good or Outstanding.

Thornhill Primary School was rated Good with Outstanding features by Ofsted in November 2012 and was oversubscribed as a school of first choice preference for September 2015.

Project Costs:

Thornhill Primary School had a PAN of 60 prior to 2006/7 and was originally planned to hold the 420 pupils now proposed. Therefore no building work is currently planned to physically enlarge the school beyond its current net capacity.

¹ School Organisation Maintained Schools Guidance January 2014

Consultation:

Pre-Publication Consultation on this proposal took place between Tuesday, 1 September and Monday, 12 November, 2014.

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 relevant 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:

Thornhill Primary School Expansion School Organisation and Strategy Manager

Children and Families Service
Southampton City Council
Civic Centre (Ground 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 **Tuesday, 1 December, 2015.**²

² 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.

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Consultation Response Form

Your views on the proposals are important to us. Please let us know what you think by completing the form below.

I am a (Please tick the relevant box):

Parent/Carer

Governor

Member of staff

Member of the local community

Other (please specify)

Please name the school you are involved with

Do you support the proposal of expanding Thornhill Primary School?

YES

NO

Don't Mind

Any person may object to or comment on these proposals.

You may have your view on this proposal to expand Thornhill Primary School. We would welcome any suggestions you may have for adding extra school places in the City. It is entirely up to you how you respond.

Any objections and comments should be sent to the address given in the consultation booklet or via email to School.Organisation@southampton.gov.uk.

The final date for submission of objections and comments under this pre-statutory stage of consultation is **1 December, 2015**.

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Additional Comments:

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