

Stopsley Community Primary School

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Luton Borough Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Stopsley Community Primary School, Hitchin Road, Luton, LU2 7UG from 20th December 2013.

It is proposed to enlarge the School by adding additional accommodation.

The current capacity of the School is 480 and the proposed capacity will be 630. The enlargement builds on a previous increase in capacity (formerly 420). The current number of pupils registered at the School is 409. The current admission number for the school is 90 for the Reception Year and Year 1 and 60 for all other year groups. The proposed enlargement of the school premises will ensure that the School can continue to accommodate 90 pupils at the Reception Year intake point.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from Deborah Smith by telephoning 548041 or by writing to the Planning & Admissions Team, 4th Floor Unity House, 111 Stuart Street, Luton LU1 5NP. Alternatively, the complete proposal can be viewed at: www.luton.gov.uk/currentconsultation

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to, or make comments on, the proposal by sending them to Mrs Deborah Smith, Planning & Admissions Officer, 4th Floor Unity House, 111 Stuart Street, Luton, LU1 5NP.

Signed: Martin Pratt – Corporate Director, Children & Learning

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Proposals for the Expansion of Stopsley Community Primary School

These proposals have been published by Luton Borough Council, Town Hall, Luton, LU1 2BQ and relate to Stopsley Community Primary School, Hitchin Road, Luton, LU2 7UG. Stopsley Community Primary School is a Community School, maintained by Luton Borough Council.

Implementation:

It is proposed to expand the capacity of Stopsley Community Primary School by a physical expansion of the school premises.

The Admission Number for current Years R and 1 has been increased to 90; the Admission Number for all other year groups is 60. The expansion of the school premises is required to allow 90 pupils to be admitted in future Year R intakes.

Objections and comments:

Any objections to, or comments on, the proposals should be put in writing and addressed to:

Mrs Deborah Smith
Planning & Admissions Officer
4th Floor Unity House
111 Stuart Street
Luton, LU1 5NP

The period for comments on, or objections to, the proposals is four weeks from the date of publication. The closing date for objections is therefore 24 February 2013.

Alteration description:

Additional building works will expand the current premises to enable the School to cater for the proposed increase in the number of pupils.

The Council plans to provide an additional classroom cluster, along with new toilet facilities, as well as a new staffroom, office suite and main reception. The building work will help to link the existing infant, junior and dining room blocks and provide an improved presence and access from Hitchin Road.

School capacity:

The current capacity of Stopsley Community Primary School is 480

The proposed capacity of Stopsley Community Primary School is 630

The current number of children on roll at Stopsley Community Primary School is 405

The Admission Number for Years R and 1 is currently 90. All other year groups have an admissions number of 60. The enlargement of the school premises will ensure that the School can continue to accommodate 90 pupils at the Year R intake point.

Objectives:

The objective of these proposals is to provide additional school places to accommodate Luton's growing pupil population.

Consultation:

All applicable statutory consultation requirements have been complied with.

The following people/organisations were consulted before the publication of these proposals:

Governing Body of Stopsley Community Primary School
Staff at Stopsley Community Primary School
Parents & Prospective Parents
Trade Union Representatives
Local residents
MPs and Ward Councillors
Governing Bodies of neighbouring schools
Local pre-schools and nurseries.

A report on the consultation is attached to these proposals (see Appendix A).

Project costs:

The expansion of Stopsley Community Primary School will cost approximately £1.1m which will be funded from Luton's allocation of Basic Need Capital Funding allocated by the Department for Education.

Need for additional places:

Demand for school places across the town is high and some children are unable to gain a place at a local school. At the time of publication, Stopsley Community Primary School had spaces in all year groups, although in some years these were extremely limited and pupil numbers in the local area are continuing to increase, with few or no vacancies in neighbouring schools.

Luton has a growing primary school population. Pupil forecasts for Luton show that pupil numbers in the primary sector will increase by 19% between September 2011 and September 2016. The pressure on school places is most intense at the Reception Year (Year R) intake point. If the Council does not create new primary school places there will not be enough places for all of Luton's children.