

## **Proposed Expansion of Icknield High 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 Icknield High School (Foundation), Riddy Lane, Luton, LU3 2AH from 01 September 2013.

It is proposed to rebuild the School and provide additional accommodation to enable the capacity of the School to increase.

The current capacity of the School is 1455 and the proposed capacity will be 2400. The current number of pupils registered at the School is 1455. The current admission number for the School is 290 and the proposed admission number will be 480.

The proposals will be implemented by the LA with the approval of the Governing Body.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from Deborah Smith by telephoning 548041 or writing to the Planning & Admissions Team, Children & Learning Department, Luton Borough Council, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Unity House, 111 Stuart Street, Luton, LU1 5NP. Alternatively, the complete proposal can be viewed at: [www.luton.gov.uk/consultationsoneducation](http://www.luton.gov.uk/consultationsoneducation)

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: Debbie Jones – Corporate Director, Children & Learning

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### **Explanatory Notes**

The rebuilding and proposed expansion of Icknield High School is part of the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Programme, which is a government funded scheme designed to significantly invest in secondary school buildings to support educational transformation. The expansion in the number of places at the School is required to accommodate growing pupil numbers.

## **Proposals for the expansion of Icknield High School**

These proposals have been published by Luton Borough Council and relate to Icknield High School, Riddy Lane, Luton, LU3 2AH. Icknield High School is a Foundation School maintained by Luton Borough Council.

### **Implementation:**

It is proposed that the expansion of the school premises should be completed to accommodate a larger Year 7 intake from 1st September 2013.

### **Objections & Comments:**

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

Mrs Deborah Smith  
Planning & Admissions Officer  
4<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

### **Alteration Description:**

The proposal is for the rebuild of Icknield High School alongside Woodlands Secondary School (Community Special) which is relocating to Riddy Lane from its existing Marsh Farm site. The development will provide an inclusive learning environment enabling all pupils, to be located on one site.

Outline planning permission has been sought for the new, integrated school. The proposals include:

- New classrooms, science, design and technology, arts, performance and sports facilities,
- Central 'street' area to include administration, leadership and dining facilities,
- Community and integrated youth services facilities,
- Respite care for young people aged 11- 19
- Car parking

- Outdoor sports facilities

Some of the facilities will be shared with Woodlands; all of the facilities will be fully accessible.

**School Capacity:**

The current capacity of Icknield High School is 1455

The proposed capacity of Icknield High School is 2400

The current number of children on roll at Icknield High School is 1455

Pupils are admitted up to the Published Admission Number, which is currently 290 pupils. Following the enlargement of the school premises, it is proposed to increase the School's Published Admission Number to 480. This increased Admission Number will apply to the Year 7 intake for September 2013 and for all subsequent intakes.

It is not proposed to change the age range of the school.

**Implementation:**

The proposals for the expansion of the school premises will be implemented by Luton Borough Council. The implementation of the expansion is dependent on planning permission being granted.

**Objectives:**

The objective of this proposal is to increase the School's capacity to enable the Published Admission Number to increase. The proposed expansion is necessary to ensure there are sufficient school places within Luton for the town's growing pupil population.

**Consultation:**

All applicable statutory consultation requirements have been complied with.

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

- Governing Body of Icknield High School.
- Staff and pupils at the School.
- Parents & prospective parents.
- Trade Union representatives.
- Local residents.
- MPs and Ward Councillors.
- Governing bodies and staff at neighbouring schools

- Main primary feeder schools.

A copy of the consultation document is attached to these proposals (see Appendix A) together with a report setting out responses to the consultation in respect of Icknield High School (see Appendix B). Public meetings were held at the School on 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November 2009 where Council officers and the Headteachers of both Woodlands Secondary School and Icknield High School were available to answer queries on the proposals. All attendees were asked to complete written response forms to document their comments. Copies of the consultation document were available at the public meetings, from the School and Council and available to download on the Council's Website.

### **Project Costs:**

The estimated total cost of the new builds for both Icknield and Woodlands is approximately £53.24 million. Capital Funding allocated to the Council from the Department for Children, Schools and Families through the Building Schools for the Future programme will fund £51.74m. Luton Borough Council is contributing £1.5m to the project.

### **Need or demand for additional places:**

The pupil projections, set out at Table 1 in Appendix A, demonstrate that the town has a rising pupil population. There is currently acute pressure on school places in the primary sector. Pupil projections indicate that the secondary population will grow by 3,399 pupils between September 2008 and 2018 – this is a 28% growth in pupil numbers within 10 years.

The expansion of Luton secondary schools, including Icknield High School, are needed to ensure there are sufficient secondary school places for Luton's children.

Icknield High School is geographically well placed to provide additional school places for local children.

### **Expansion of Popular & Successful Schools:**

Luton Borough Council considers that the presumption for the expansion of successful and popular schools applies to these proposals as Icknield High School is considered to be a popular & successful school as demonstrated by:

- GCSE results are approximately in-line with the national average.
- Results place the school slightly above the average for Luton.

- GCSE CVA score is in-line with expectations and improved for 2009.
- Improvements in CVA are evident, although the main outcome results measure (5+ GCSEs including English and Maths) remains static.

Icknield High School is popular in terms of parental preference. The School is consistently oversubscribed for the Year 7 intake and year groups are normally full with waiting lists.