

Proposed Expansion of Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary 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 Cardinal Newman Catholic School A Specialist Science College (Voluntary Aided), Warden Hill Road, Luton, LU2 7AE from 01 September 2012.

It is proposed to enlarge the School by refurbishing the current school premises and adding additional accommodation.

The current capacity of the School (for Years 7-13) is 1,450 and the proposed capacity will be 1,800. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 1,446. The current admission number for the Year 7 intake is 242 and the proposed admission number for the Year 7 intake will be 300. The number of Sixth Form places (Years 12-13) will increase from 240 to 300.

The proposals will be implemented by the Luton Borough Council 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 and Learning Department, Luton Borough Council, 4th Floor Unity House, 111 Stuart Street, Luton LU1 5NP. Alternatively, the complete proposal can be viewed at: 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, Children & Learning, Luton Borough Council, 4th Floor Unity House, 111 Stuart Street, Luton, LU1 5NP.

Signed: Debbie Jones – Corporate Director, Children & Learning

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Explanatory Notes

The refurbishment and proposed expansion of Cardinal Newman Catholic 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 education transformation. The expansion in the number of places at the School is required to accommodate growing pupil numbers across the Borough and increased demand for denominational places.

Proposals for the expansion of Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School

These proposals have been published by Luton Borough Council and relate to Cardinal Newman Catholic School, Warden Hill Road, Luton, LU2 7AE. Cardinal Newman Catholic School is a Voluntary Aided Secondary 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 2012.

Objections & 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 10th February 2010.

Alteration Description:

The proposals for Cardinal Newman High School will provide:-

- Improved pedestrian and vehicular segregation.
- A new entrance plaza including the chapel emphasising that this is a Catholic School.
- A new build main entrance and associated youth facilities.
- Remodelling of the main hall and dining facilities to make these spaces highly usable and functional for a variety of uses.
- Extensive remodelling and modernisation of the main three storey teaching block to accommodate the Science Department.
- A new 4 court sports hall.
- Various new build extensions and remodelling including a new teaching block, covered courtyards and covered walkways.
- Remodelled and refurbished teaching accommodation to provide an excellent learning environment with an agile ICT infrastructure.

- A new All Weather Pitch.
- Improved landscape to provide outdoor learning spaces, 'quiet areas' and an allotment.

School Capacity:

The current capacity of Cardinal Newman Catholic School for Years 7-11 is 1,210 places.

The proposed capacity of Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School for Years 7-11 is 1,500 places.

The current number of children on roll at Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School in Years 7-11 is 1,222.

The attached Sixth Form currently accommodates 240 students. It is proposed to increase the number of Sixth Form places to 300.

The Published Admission Number for Year 7 intakes is currently 242 pupils. Following the enlargement of the school premises, it is proposed to increase the School's Published Admission Number for Year 7 intakes to 300. This increased Admission Number will apply to the Year 7 intake for September 2012 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 with the approval of the Governing Body of Cardinal Newman Catholic School. 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 Cardinal Newman Catholic School.
- Staff and pupils at the School.
- Parents & prospective parents.
- Trade Union representatives.
- Local residents.

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- MPs and Ward Councillors.
- Roman Catholic Diocese of Northampton.
- Governing bodies and staff at neighbouring schools.
- Main feeder primary schools in Luton.

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 Cardinal Newman Catholic School (see Appendix B). A public meeting was held at the School on 23rd November 2009 where Council officers and School representatives were available to answer queries. All attendees were asked to record their comments on a response form, for a full analysis of responses please see Appendix B. Copies of the consultation document were available at the public meeting as well as from the School and the Council (including the Council's website).

Project Costs:

The project is expected to cost approximately £22.5 million, which is to be funded from the Building Schools for the Future Programme.

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's secondary schools, including Cardinal Newman Catholic School, are needed to ensure there are sufficient secondary school places for Luton's children. The expansion of Cardinal Newman Catholic School will ensure that the supply of Catholic denomination places will better match the output from its feeder schools.