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Dear Parents/Guardians

Proposal to increase the capacity of Prospect School, Havant – Consultation

I am writing to invite your views in respect of Hampshire County Council's proposal to increase the capacity of Prospect School.

Prospect School is currently a 62 place special school for 11-16 year old boys with social, emotional and mental health difficulties.

The County Council is proposing to increase the capacity of the school by adding an additional 18 places. This will give a final overall capacity of 80 places at Prospect School.

Prospect School is successfully meeting the needs of children with a range of social, emotional and mental health difficulties in a safe and secure environment.

To accommodate the increased number of places, it is proposed that existing spaces on site at Prospect School will be converted into teaching accommodation to enable more children to attend. The proposed works will include refurbishment of the spaces to provide an appropriate learning environment.

Reason for proposal

Hampshire County Council is committed to expanding successful provision where possible to meet demand. Currently there is an increased need to provide support for boys with social, emotional and mental health difficulties in this area of the county. This proposal will provide much needed specialist educational capacity to meet this increased need.

Where a Local Authority proposes to permanently enlarge a special school's capacity by 10% or more it must follow a procedure set out by the Department for Education. This information and some Frequently Asked Questions are available on the following website; <http://consultations.hants.gov.uk/active.aspx>

Director of Children's Services
Steve Crocker OBE

The Consultation

The primary purpose of this consultation is to seek the view of consultees on the principle of increasing the school capacity to meet the demand for additional special school places in the local area. We understand that you may have some questions regarding how the school building will be adapted to accommodate additional pupils and whether there will be an impact on travel to and from the school as a result of accommodating additional pupils. Both of these aspects are important but at this stage these details will not be available as we need to obtain approval to the expansion before detailed work commences. It is important to hear your views at this stage so we can consider them as part of the detailed work to be undertaken should approval to increase the capacity of the school be obtained.

This consultation will run from the 4 February to the 4 March 2019. Officers will then take into consideration all the consultation responses received before deciding whether the proposal should continue to the formal publication stage.

If so, a statutory Public Notice will be published, setting out Hampshire County Council's intent to increase the capacity of the school. It is anticipated that this will be published in March 2019.

After the date of publication there will be a four week period in which any representations can be made to the local authority. After the conclusion of this period the County Council will decide whether or not to proceed with the proposal. It is anticipated that a decision will be made in April 2019.

Further Information

A drop-in session where you will be able to discuss the proposal with Hampshire County Council officers will take place on the 25 February 2019 between 4pm and 6pm at Prospect School, Havant.

A website has also been set up with the details of the consultation which includes some 'Frequently Asked Questions' that may address any queries you have. To access this website please follow: <http://consultations.hants.gov.uk/active.aspx>

The proposed building plans are currently being developed with the Headteacher and governing body.

If you are unable to attend this session or visit the above website and wish to make a comment then please write to Claire Campling, SEN Service Manager, Children's Services Department, E11 Court North, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8UG or e-mail strategicplanningunit@hants.gov.uk by the 4 March 2019.

Yours sincerely,



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