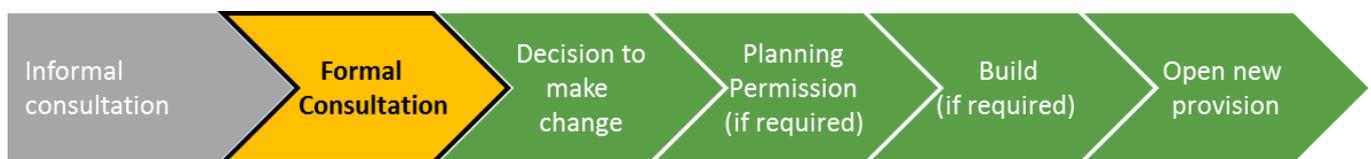


## Complete Statutory Proposal

# A proposal to increase the age range and expand Haversham Village School

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the 'Making prescribed alterations to maintained schools – Statutory guidance for proposers and decision makers, April 2016', that **Milton Keynes Council proposes to increase the age range and expand Haversham Village School (a Community school) with effect from 01 September 2018.**



**Notice Date:** 4 May 2016

### School

Haversham Village School  
The Crescent  
Haversham  
Milton Keynes  
MK19 7AN

### Proposer

Education Sufficiency  
Milton Keynes Council  
Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard  
Central Milton Keynes  
MK9 3HS

The lead officer for this proposal is Simon Sims, Strategic Lead, Education Sufficiency and Access

**This consultation invites interested parties to respond to the principle of the change proposed (i.e. the change of age range and expansion of the school) in terms of the need for additional provision and whether it is appropriate to expand Haversham Village School to meet this demand.**

Subject to agreement to this Proposal, a later stage consultation would be undertaken to invite comments on the physical expansion of the building, leading to a separate political decision regarding planning permission.

### Description of alteration

Haversham Village School is currently an infant school with provision for children aged 4 to 7. The proposal is to increase the age range of the school, so that the school becomes a primary school for children aged 4 to 11. To achieve this, the school will need to increase its capacity through an extension of its premises.

### Evidence of demand

Haversham Village School was judged as providing an 'Outstanding' quality of education when inspected by Ofsted in September 2010. It is a popular choice for many local parents, but priority is given to children living within Haversham Village, Haversham Estate and Little Linford (the catchment area).

At the end of the infant phase, children at Haversham Village School are required to secure a junior school place from National Curriculum Year 3 at a different school. The process by which children must secure a new school place is determined by national legislation. This is complex, and whilst potentially offering a greater choice for parents, it also provides uncertainty.

There have historically been 25 fewer junior school places available within the local area, compared to the number of infant school places. This has not been an issue previously as there has been a significant surplus of school places within the local area. However, the

number of children starting school has increased significantly and there is now a need to secure additional school places in this area for children from the age of 7, to meet this additional demand.

The informal consultation on this proposal was carried out between 1 February 2016 and 13 March 2016, a period of six weeks. Notification of the consultation was sent to a range of stakeholders associated with the school and the consultation was available on line, alongside an electronic response form in order to give stakeholders the opportunity to submit views and discuss the proposed expansion plans in principle.

Of the 64 responses to the consultation, 97% agreed there was a need to secure additional junior school places, and 95% were in favour of the proposal to change the age range at Haversham Village School to support this.

### **Objectives (including how the proposal would increase educational standards and parental choice)**

The objective of the proposal is to ensure that the council can continue to fulfil its statutory duty to provide sufficient school places in this area.

Milton Keynes Council and the Governing Body of Haversham Village School have carefully considered the expansion and believe that it brings many potential benefits to the school and the local community including:

- Ensuring local children can attend a local school;
- It removes the pressure and uncertainty of securing a junior school place;
- Provides easier access for parents with children in different year groups;
- Provides further choice and diversity in the local community.
- Greater opportunities, making it more likely that existing high quality staff would be retained and new high quality staff attracted to the school;
- The larger size would make it possible for the organisation to be even more efficient and effective;

### **Proposed stages for implementation**

The current capacity of the school is 75. The proposed change will make provision for 25 places in Year 3 from **September 2018** onwards. Every September thereafter, 25 pupils will remain at the school so that

the school will eventually accommodate Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. Therefore by September 2021 the school will have a total of 175 places available over the seven year groups.

The school would seek to grow slowly as the older children are retained each year. Ultimately there would be 100 more children attending the school (25 per year group for Years 3 to 6), and additional accommodation would be required to facilitate this.

### **The effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area**

Milton Keynes Council believes the expansion will have little or no effect on other local schools within the area. Local schools were included in the early consultation and are aware of the increasing demand for school places at Years 4, 5 and 6 in the local area.

Pupils who leave Haversham School at the end of Year most commonly transition to Bushfield School. Bushfield School is already expanding to accommodate additional pupils from Wyvern School. The site does not have capacity for further expansion.

### **Project costs and indication of how these will be met, including how long term value for money will be achieved**

The total cost for providing the additional school accommodation is estimated to be in the region of £2.0m. This would be funded by Basic Need Grant provided nationally by the Department for Education.

There is a significant financial challenge on schools' budgets. It is therefore necessary to take any opportunity to implement structural solutions that will enable smaller but high quality schools to continue to be viable and sustainable in the longer term.

### **How to respond to the formal consultation**

The closing date for comments is **1 June 2016**.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal (4 May 2016) any person may support, object or make comments by submitting an online form at [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/consultations) or by emailing [sufficiencyandaccess@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:sufficiencyandaccess@milton-keynes.gov.uk) or in writing to the council address.