

Consultation about the Re-Location and Expansion of Lisburne School

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1. Why are you moving the school?

We are consulting on re-locating and expanding the School because we need additional places to meet increasing demand. We want to give the best educational opportunities for young people in Stockport. The existing buildings are not fit for purpose and there is not space for the size of building required on the existing site.

2. When would the school move?

Following consideration of responses to the consultation, if the Council's Cabinet agrees the proposal, the date would be September 2021.

3. Will my child have to attend a different school if Lisburne moves?

If your child already attends Lisburne School, they will continue to do so. The Council and the School will work with you about any arrangements which may be necessary to make it an easy transition to the proposed new site.

4. Can I choose a different school?

Placements at Lisburne are determined by the Special Education Needs Panel and are based on an assessment of the child's individual needs. The location of the School does not therefore influence placements.

The proposed School site will be equipped to deal specifically with the types of placement which are most appropriate for Lisburne pupils and there will be significant benefits to the new location.

5. Will there be enough staff if you are increasing numbers?

As the numbers attending the School increase, the Headteacher and Governing Body will recruit more staff to support the numbers of pupils at the School.

6. What will happen to group sizes/class sizes?

Group sizes should not change. As the size of the School increases, the number of staff will also increase meaning that group sizes should remain similar to current levels.

7. Will the pupils be disrupted by the work over the next year?

Pupils will remain at the current School site on Half Moon Lane while re-development work at the former Offerton School site is undertaken. This means there will be no disruption for pupils due to buildings works.

Once the building works are completed, we will arrange for the resources and equipment to be moved to the new site and pupils will then transfer to their new location.

8. Why can't the money you're spending be used to keep the School at its existing school site?

There is not enough space at the current School to allow for the additional provision that is proposed. The current building is also not fit for purpose. The new building will be developed specifically to meet the needs of the pupils who will attend.

9. Will the School uniform change?

There are no proposals to change the school uniform at this time. Any proposal to change the uniform in future would be the subject of consultation by the School.

10. Will the School change its name if it moves?

There are no plans to change the name of the school at this time. Any proposal to change the School's name in future would be for the Governing Body to propose and consult about.

11. How will my child get to and from the new School site?

Children attending Lisburne School currently have the same travel options that are currently available to them. These arrangements should not change as a result of the proposal. If you have any specific questions regarding your child, please contact the School.

12. What will happen to the current building when the School moves out?

There are no firm plans for the existing building at this time. The Council will consider the matter in due course.

13. What will happen to the rest of the Offerton site when the school moves in?

The former Offerton School site is currently identified in the Draft Greater Manchester Plan for Homes and Jobs – GMSF 2019 as a proposed housing site. It is also however identified as delivering additional SEND places on the site to allow for the relocation and expansion of Lisburne School. A fundamental requirement of the draft policy is to make contributions towards the

provision of additional school places generated by the development. This is however only one consideration of the policy which seeks to ensure that infrastructure which is essential to support the development should be deliverable.

The Sports Centre currently located in the Curzon block of the Offerton site will remain until alternative sports facilities have been developed for the Offerton area.

14. Can I view drawings for the building work proposed at the Offerton site?

Copies of initial drawings will be available to view at the drop-in sessions with further detailed plans as the planning application submission is developed.

15. How will the construction work at the Offerton site be managed?

If a planning application for the new building is approved, the appointed contractor will be required to manage their access and construction works in a way which limits any disruption to local residents and the existing schools. This will include limiting the times at which deliveries can be made, restricting hours of work. Full contact details will be made available and the contractor will be expected to engage positively with the local community.

16. Why is only one option proposed for the location of the school?

A number of options have been considered and these are detailed in the consultation document. The option selected for consultation provides the best possible sustainable solution to benefit pupils and families.

17. How can I have my say about the proposals?

Consultation will take place from 11/03/2019 until 03/05/2019. The consultation document sets out how to let us know your views so that they can be considered when a final decision is taken. Consultation drop-in sessions have been arranged so that any interested parties can discuss the proposal further with Council officers and ask any questions. You can also respond by email or online.

18. Will it make any difference if we don't want the school to move or is the decision already made?

The consultation will be a thorough and open process. No decision has been made and the Cabinet will consider all feedback about the proposal before taking a final decision. In addition, planning permission will be required as part of a separate process which will include further consultation.

The consultation document sets out how to let us know your views so that they can be considered when a decision is taken. Consultation drop-in sessions have been arranged so that you can discuss the proposal further with Council officers and ask any questions. You can also respond in writing, by email or online.

19. How will you deal with the additional traffic?

The School will have 208 places and a large number of children will be transported in mini-buses which will minimise the impact of cars to the site. A full review of highways infrastructure will be undertaken during the design and planning process and will be subject to review as part of the Planning Application Decision.