

Statutory Proposal for a prescribed alteration

School and Local Authority Details

School: St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School, Malton
Highfield Road
Malton
North Yorkshire
YO17 7DB

Local Authority: North Yorkshire County Council
County Hall
Northallerton
North Yorkshire
DL7 8AE

Description of alteration and evidence of demand

The proposal is to permanently expand St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School in Malton through a building programme to create two additional classrooms and ancillary space to include a hall. This expansion proposal is one part of the County Council's strategy to meet the need for primary school places in North Yorkshire and to ensure that the Local Authority's duty to ensure sufficiency of school places under section 14 of the Education Act 1996 is satisfied.

The current capacity of the school is 150 and the proposed capacity will be 210. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 150. The current admission number for the school is 20 and the proposed admission number will be 30 effective from September 2018.

St Mary's RC Primary School serves a wider catchment area due to its denominational status and has continued to see a rise in pupil numbers in recent years. Forecast data predicts an increase in numbers to 176 by 2020/21 from its current number on roll of 150 based on birth rates alone. In addition there are 439 outstanding permissions which could generate an additional 110 pupils in Malton. There has not yet been a formal determination of the Local Plan proposals for future housing allocations in Malton and Norton. However, expansion of St Mary's RC Primary School would serve from both parishes and beyond.

Objectives

(Including how the proposal would increase educational standards and parental choice)

Malton St Mary's was judged to be an outstanding school by Ofsted at its last inspection in February 2014 and as such is a popular choice for parents. Expansion would be in accordance with the NYCC aim of, wherever possible, only expanding schools which hold a good or outstanding judgement. However, the school was originally designed as a three classroom school of 90 places. The expansion would therefore address the need for ancillary space to support both existing and future pupil numbers.

The effect on other schools

(Including academies and educational institutions within the area)

St Mary's RC Primary School shares a site with Malton CP School and an earlier initial proposal saw the expansion of both schools. At the time forecast pupil numbers showed both schools increasing beyond their capacity. A recent review of data has shown pupil numbers are not as expected and a lower demand for places at Malton CP School has been experienced. Efforts have therefore been focussed on the expansion of St Mary's RC at this time.

St Mary's RC is the only denominational school within the Malton and Norton area and the impact on other educational establishments is expected to be minimal.

Project Costs

(Indication of how these will be met, including how long term value for money will be achieved)

The total project cost of delivering suitable facilities for the proposed expansion of St Mary's RC Primary School have been assessed by the recently completed feasibility study at £2.6m. The funding for the scheme will be a combination of Basic Need and developer contributions. This estimate is thought to be a worst case scenario and includes allowance for a number of risk factors at this early stage of the project. The use of developer contributions will be maximised as payments are received thereby reducing the call on Basic Need funding.

Implementation

(Any proposed stages for implementation?)

The following is an indicative timeline for the expansion proposal should it receive approval to proceed:

Feasibility and sketch design work	June to September 2017
Member decision to publish statutory proposals and notices	17 October 2017
Publication of statutory proposals	1 November 2017
Representation period	1 November to 29 November 2017
Determination of the proposal to expand and enlarge the school by the	16 January 2018

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Planning Approval, Detailed Design and Procurement	October 2017 to June 2018
Construction	Summer 2018
New places available	2018/19

Implementation will be conditional on the grant of planning approval by 30 June 2018.

Statement explaining the procedure for responses: support, objections and comments

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposals by sending them to Strategic Planning, Children and Young People's Service, North Yorkshire County Council, County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AE by 5pm on 29 November 2017.

There is no longer a statutory 'pre-publication' consultation period for prescribed alteration changes, however, during the representation period the Diocese and Governing Body will be consulting on the proposal to ensure all relevant considerations are taken into account.

Local community and interested parties will also have the opportunity to comment on the proposals during the planning process.