

Date: 22nd November 2010

Consultation on the Proposal to Enlarge Bathampton Primary School

Bath and North East Somerset Council is proposing to make the temporary enlargement of Bathampton Primary School that has taken place in recent years a permanent enlargement. Before this change can be made to the school, the Council is required to carry out a statutory process of consultation with individuals and organisations that may have an interest in this proposal.

The school was enlarged on a temporary basis by the addition of a temporary building to the school site in 2008 and the Planned Admission Number (PAN) of the school was increased from 15 for admissions in 2008 to 20 for admissions in 2009 to 22 for admissions in 2010.

The additional accommodation and the higher PAN has increased the Net Capacity – the size of the school - from a 105 place school with four classes to a 149 place school with five classes.

As pupil numbers in the city of Bath have risen in recent years, the additional places created temporarily are now needed permanently. It is therefore proposed to make this temporary enlargement permanent which will result in a school that has a Net Capacity of 149, a PAN of 22 and five classes. A permanent building will replace the temporary building.

The proposal to expand the school permanently has the support of the Governing Body who wish to be able to continue to provide this number of places to serve the local community.

How you can comment on this proposal

If you would like to comment on this proposal, you can do so by sending an email to Bath and North East Somerset Council at:

Schools_organisation@bathnes.gov.uk

Or by writing to:

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Children's Service Capital & Organisation Team,
Bath and North East Somerset Council,
PO Box 25,
Riverside,
Temple Street,
Keynsham,
Bristol BS31 1DN

The final date for submission of comments to Bath and North East Somerset Council is **Sunday 19th December 2010**.

What happens next

At the end of the consultation period the Council will consider any feedback that has been received and will then decide whether to proceed to publish a statutory notice for the proposed change as above. If it does decide to go ahead, the proposal will be published in a local newspaper, posted at the main entrance to the school and at another public place in the area at the beginning of February 2011. There will then be a further four week 'representation period', during which interested stakeholders will have a final opportunity to comment on the proposal.

At the end of the four weeks, the Council will consider any comments or objections received during the representation period and decide whether to go ahead with the proposed change. If the decision is made to go ahead with the proposal, the implementation date will be the end of March/beginning of April 2011.