

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**PROPOSED EXPANSION OF TOOT HILL SCHOOL****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval to the principle of an increase in capacity at Toot Hill School by one form of entry (FE) / 150 school places.
2. To seek approval for funding to enable a detailed analysis, site surveys, master-planning, feasibility study and design to planning application stage regarding the deliverability and estimated costs for the above expansion.
3. To seek approval for funding for Arc to monitor the proposed works.

Information

4. Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) has a statutory duty to secure a sufficiency of school places for all children of statutory school age (5-16 years old) whose parents want them to be educated in a state-funded school. As the Local Authority's role shifts to that of being a 'commissioner' of school places, it will be necessary to work in a different way with a diverse range of providers and different models of governance. The future landscape of education provision in Nottinghamshire is expected to be a 'mixed economy' approach, characterised by a wide variety of schools, academies and other providers.
5. As reported to Policy Committee on 15th July 2020 (Agenda Item 4- Expansion of South Nottinghamshire Academy) the school is part of the Rushcliffe East secondary planning area, which also includes South Wolds Academy and South Nottinghamshire Academy. Current projections in the area indicate a significant shortage of secondary places. There is a significant amount of housing anticipated to be built in the planning area, with circa 1,000 dwellings being constructed in Bingham (Chapel Lane / Roman's Quarter) and Radcliffe-on-Trent (Shelford Road). The report outlined a desire for further expansion of Toot Hill School with a PAN rise from 300 to 330 creating 150 additional places. This will not address place deficiency in West Bridgford.
6. The data contained in Table1 (please see below) demonstrates a growing shortfall of statutory school places in the secondary phase of education in the Rushcliffe East Planning area. This shortfall rises to over 300 places in the period from September 2024 to 2027 meaning that an expansion Toot Hill of more than 1 form of entry (150 places) is required to satisfy the growing demand. Independently of this project, there is a proposal to create an additional Form of Entry (PAN + 30) at South Nottinghamshire Academy.

Table 1 – Rushcliffe East planning area

					School years							Whole school projection	
School Name	Planning area	PA	Net ca	PROJ YEAR	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	TOTAL	surplus / deficit place
Planning area summary	Rushcliffe East	570	3754	2019-20	596	593	573	565	567	301	291	3486	+268
Planning area summary	Rushcliffe East	570	3754	2020-21	654	602	596	566	560	323	303	3604	+150
Planning area summary	Rushcliffe East	570	3754	2021-22	659	660	605	590	562	334	328	3738	+16
Planning area summary	Rushcliffe East	570	3754	2022-23	642	670	667	603	589	342	343	3856	-102
Planning area summary	Rushcliffe East	570	3754	2023-24	655	653	678	666	604	362	351	3969	-215
Planning area summary	Rushcliffe East	570	3754	2024-25	661	665	660	676	666	377	370	4075	-321
Planning area summary	Rushcliffe East	570	3754	2025-26	617	669	670	655	673	414	382	4080	-326
Planning area summary	Rushcliffe East	570	3754	2026-27	617	625	674	665	652	421	420	4074	-320
Planning area summary	Rushcliffe East	570	3754	2027-28	597	621	626	666	659	411	423	4003	-249
Planning area summary	Rushcliffe East	570	3754	2028-29	576	600	621	617	659	417	412	3902	-148

Table 2 – extract showing Toot Hill School only

					School years							Whole school projection	
School Name	Planning area	PA	Net ca	PROJ YEAR	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	TOTAL	surplus / deficit place
Toot Hill School	Rushcliffe East	300	2012	2019-20	312	294	310	339	331	196	191	1973	+39
Toot Hill School	Rushcliffe East	300	2012	2020-21	358	316	295	309	338	210	194	2020	-8
Toot Hill School	Rushcliffe East	300	2012	2021-22	336	363	318	295	309	222	210	2053	-41
Toot Hill School	Rushcliffe East	300	2012	2022-23	337	342	365	318	295	210	222	2089	-77
Toot Hill School	Rushcliffe East	300	2012	2023-24	338	342	344	365	318	206	210	2123	-111
Toot Hill School	Rushcliffe East	300	2012	2024-25	356	342	343	343	364	221	205	2174	-162
Toot Hill School	Rushcliffe East	300	2012	2025-26	319	358	341	339	339	248	217	2161	-149
Toot Hill School	Rushcliffe East	300	2012	2026-27	321	321	357	337	335	235	244	2150	-138
Toot Hill School	Rushcliffe East	300	2012	2027-28	266	319	316	350	330	231	228	2040	-28
Toot Hill School	Rushcliffe East	300	2012	2028-29	289	264	314	309	343	228	224	1971	+41

- Officers from Pupil Place Planning and Place Strategy have been working closely with Nova Education Trust and have identified an opportunity to provide the required additional places at Toot Hill. The school currently operates as a 10 Form Entry school with a PAN of 300. At the conclusion of the programme of expansion funded through developer contributions the school will complete a Significant Change Document and revise its PAN to 330.
- In December 2013 a Section 106 Agreement was signed between Crown Estate Commissioners and Rushcliffe Borough Council, confirming that a contribution of £2,761,040 (Two Million, Seven Hundred and Sixty-One Thousand and Forty Pounds) was to be made available to provide additional secondary school places within the planning area. An additional £226,079 (Two Hundred and Twenty-Six Thousand and Seventy-Nine Pounds) is available should it be required, from a Section 106 Agreement generated by a development at Aslockton. This gives a total available budget of £2,987,119 (Two Million, nine hundred and eighty-seven thousand, one hundred and nineteen pounds).

Way Forward

9. The Trust has undertaken some high-level master planning of the school site to look at options for the delivery of the required works to meet the additional proposed places and this has given sufficient confidence that there is potential for a successful outcome. In order to move proposals forward it is now necessary to undertake detailed planning and feasibility work which will be commissioned by the Trust. In order to take the designs to RIBA Stage 5 (Construction) to planning application stage, the Trust will require a Grant Funding Agreement to be prepared for £92,840 (Ninety-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred and Forty Pounds) for design services. It is expected that the expenditure will occur in the current financial year.
10. Current indications are that the project cost is likely to be lower than the section 106 payments outlined above and lower per pupil place than the Councils benchmark expected cost although the proposed feasibility work will provide more detailed costs. It has been made clear to the Academy that there is a maximum amount of money available and that the Council will not spend more than is available through the Section 106 Agreements. Members should note that Nottinghamshire County Council is required to forward-fund this project, with Rushcliffe Borough Council forwarding Section 106 funds upon completion of the project.
11. In order to ensure that the designs meet pupil place planning requirements and can be delivered at acceptable cost Arc will be commissioned to undertake a monitoring role on the activities.

Other Options Considered

11. There are no feasible alternative secondary school options available to be considered.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

12. The Council has a statutory duty to ensure sufficiency of school places across the county. The Rushcliffe planning area is an area that will require additional school places.

Statutory and Policy Implications

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

14. The financial implications are set out in the report.

Implications for Service Users

15. The provision of additional school places within the Rushcliffe planning area will help to ensure pupils can be accommodated at their school of choice.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

16. The provision of schools serving their immediate local area will reduce the need to travel.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That approval is given to:

- 1) The principle of an increase in capacity at Toot Hill School by one form of entry (FE)/150 places.
- 2) Funding of £92,840 to enable master planning, feasibility and design to planning application stage that would assess deliverability and estimated construction costs.
- 3) The appointment of Arc to monitor the works at a cost of £10,000.

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Constitutional Comments (SS 07/08/2020)

17. This report is appropriate to be considered by Policy Committee.

Financial Comments (GB 13/08/2020)

18. It is proposed that the £102,840 costs set out in this report will be forward-funded from the Basic Need capital programme, which is already approved in the Authority's capital programme with a value in 2020/21 of £13.3m, until the S106 contribution are received by the Authority.

Background Papers and Published Documents

- None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- Electoral Division(s): Bingham East - Member(s): Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan

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Properties affected: 01818 : Toot Hill School (Academy)