Nottinghamshire County Council

Consultation on the possible expansion of Pupil Places at Arnold Mill Primary School in Arnold

Introduction

We are seeking the views and comments from interested parties about developments that are proposed to take place at Arnold Mill Primary School over the next year or so.

The proposal is to provide a further 75 permanent pupil places for the school in newly built premises on the school's existing site. This is part of a wider Nottinghamshire County Council remit to provide much needed additional school places in the Arnold community.

Background Information

Like many other authorities responsible for providing school places for children and young people, the County Council has been experiencing an increase in demand for places in certain parts of the County.

In this respect, a strategic school place planning and provision review has been undertaken of the predicted demand for places.

The above review has identified a number of schools where extra pupil places are required to meet the assessed need.

In respect of providing additional places at Arnold Mill Primary School, the following important issues have been taken into account:

- the number of children likely to benefit from the proposal
- the likely effects on the school's teaching and support staff
- the ability to offer more places at Arnold Mill Primary to families in the local community

Statutory Process

In order for the County Council to progress with their proposal it is a legal requirement to publish a 'statutory notice' to significantly expand the physical capacity of the school; a 'significant expansion' is deemed to be where a school's net capacity to accommodate pupils is permanently increased by 25% or more. This is part of the process that gives formal notice of the proposal to those at the school and others in the immediate area. Prior to the notice being published however, the County Council is also required to consult with local people so that they can give their views. If you have any views or comments on the proposal mentioned in this leaflet, there are a number of ways you can have your say. Please let us have your response by **Friday 16 November 2012**.

The responses collected will help to make a recommendation to the County Council about whether to publish a statutory notice.

If the County Council agrees to the publication of the notice, there will be a further four week period during which formal comments or objections can be made about the proposal.

The outcome of representations made in writing to the notice will then be considered by the County Council as part of its statutory duties before making a final decision on whether or not the proposal can be implemented.

Depending on the outcome of the decision making process, it is proposed to have the new

additional pupil places available from **September 2013**.

Any legal requirements that would necessitate the approval of planning permission for the proposed additional school places, would be subject to a separate public consultation in due course.

This consultation closes on Friday 16 November 2012.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Your views about this proposal are important.

You can make your views known by:-

attending the meeting to be held at Arnold Mill Primary School on **Monday 8 October 2012** commencing at 3.30 pm

completing the attached Response Form and handing it in to Mr Matt Lawrence, Headteacher of Arnold Mill Primary School Cross Street, Arnold, NG5 7AX

OR send responses to:

By post:
CFCS Support to Schools Service (Ref ABZ)
Children, Families and Cultural Services,
County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham
NG2 7QP

By email:
statutory-school.proposals@nottscc.gov.uk

Response Forms are also available and can be completed on line at the County Council website:
www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

All responses should be returned no later than Friday 16 November 2012

If you wish to speak to a representative of the County Council's Customer Services Centre about this proposal or to discuss any specific communication needs please contact:

08449 808080
(Please select option 4)

(Minicom 01623 434993)

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Response form:

PROPOSAL - Proposed expansion of Arnold Mill Primary School

Do you agree with the proposal to provide a further 75 permanent pupil places in newly built premises on the existing site of Arnold Mill Primary School ?

(Please tick one box only)

Yes ☐ **No** ☐ **Don't Know** ☐

It would be helpful if you could provide reasons for your views below:

Please see further information overleaf

It will help us to analyse responses if we know more about you.

Please complete the following details:
(Please tick all boxes that apply)

I am a:

Parent / Carer		Which school does your child attend?
Governor		At which school?
Member of Staff		At which school?
Pupil		At which school?
Other		Please specify

The County Council wants to ensure that the views of people with protected characteristics are taken into account. If you have any specific concerns relating to age, gender, disability, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion or belief, please detail below:

Thank you for your response.

Your name (please print):

Your address

Please return this form to Toni Brzeskiewicz, Support to Schools Service, Children, Families and Cultural Services, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QP **OR** to Mr Matt Lawrence, Headteacher of Arnold Mill Primary School, to be received no later than **Friday 16 November 2012**.