



**Complete proposal to  
Expand Boston Park Primary School**

MATTERS TO BE SPECIFIED IN SECTION 19 OF THE EDUCATION AND  
INSPECTIONS ACT 2006 PROPOSALS TO MAKE PRESCRIBED ALTERATIONS  
TO A SCHOOL

**21 March 2012**

## **Contact details**

This proposal has been published by Lincolnshire County Council, County Offices, Newland, Lincoln LN1 1YQ regarding the expansion of Boston Park Primary School, Robin Hood's Walk Boston PE21 9LQ.

## **Implementation**

The proposal is to expand Boston Park Primary School with effect from 1 September 2013. The proposal is being made to ensure that there are sufficient primary school places in Boston to accommodate the increasing pupil numbers in the town and to enable the Local Authority (LA) to fulfil its statutory duty of providing school places for all children of statutory school age in Lincolnshire.

## **Objections and Comments**

Any person or organisation may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Provision Planning, Children's Services, Lincolnshire County Council, County Offices, Newland, Lincoln LN1 1YQ or by emailing [provisionplanning@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:provisionplanning@lincolnshire.gov.uk) to be received by the deadline of 18 April 2012

## **Alteration description**

The proposal under consideration is to expand Boston Park Primary School from its existing capacity of 210 to 315. This will increase the Published Admission Number (PAN) for the Reception intake and each year group from 30 to 45.

## **School Capacity and Site**

The aim is to have the new facilities ready for the September 2013 intake. Due to the pressure on primary school places in Boston the school has admitted over their PAN in the last year with the agreement of the LA with the number on roll at the start of the January term standing at 259 in a school with an original capacity of 210. The number on roll at the time of the preparation for publication of the Statutory Notice has further increased to 263. This has already required the use of temporary accommodation at the school which will continue to provide additional places while building work takes place. The expansion proposal will enable the correct infrastructure and facilities to be provided for the number of pupils on roll. Currently the school is overcrowded with key facilities (such as hall size and outdoor hard play area) being insufficient for the number of pupils on roll. If the expansion proposal is approved it is proposed that building work to add the additional accommodation will begin during 2012 and be completed by September 2013. This would be managed to cause minimal disruption to the school during term time making best use of the school holidays. The expansion will not require the use of any new or additional site.

## **Objectives**

The proposal detailed in this document is to expand Boston Park Primary School with effect from 1 September 2013 and the objective is to ensure that there are

sufficient primary school places in Boston to accommodate the increasing pupil numbers in the town and to enable the LA to fulfil its statutory duty of providing school places for all children of statutory school age in Lincolnshire.

The LA considers this to be the best available solution to the expected shortage of primary school places in Boston and would not be actively participating in this process if it did not see significant advantages for children and young people, their parents/carers and the local community.

The LA believes this proposal to be in the best interests of local children and local parents as well as educational provision in the area and it reinforces the priorities in the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP). The proposal will ensure that the provision of school places is planned so as to promote high educational standards, enable fair access to educational opportunity for every child and promote the fulfilment of each child's potential. This proposal will both enhance the quality of provision and sustain local provision.

The publication of the Statutory Notice will enable the statutory and legal processes to proceed. This continuation to the next stage of the process will allow a further opportunity for people and organisations to express their views about the proposal and ensure that they will be taken into account by the Executive.

## **Consultation**

In order for the school to expand the LA must follow the necessary statutory legal processes as required by the Secretary of State in accordance with the Education and Inspections Act (EIA) 2006 and updated by the Education Act 2011 together with the guidance of the Department for Education (DfE) regarding expansion. Under current legislation the LA is the decision maker for the proposal.

Consultation originally began on 10 January 2012 with a letter, incorporating relevant information and reasons for the proposal, being sent to all parents of pupils attending the school informing them of the proposal. Interested parties were also informed as required by guidelines issued by the DfE. In addition, on Friday 20 January 2012, individual drop in sessions were offered to parents to discuss the proposal further with LA officers. These meetings were arranged to allow those having an interest in this proposal to be able to gather information, ask questions and get involved in the debate. However, no appointments were actually taken up.

All parents/carers and other interested parties were given the opportunity to respond as part of the consultation process by 7 February 2012. Copies of the letter commencing consultation and the response form were also published on the County Council website under the webpage Current Consultations on [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/provisionplanning](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/provisionplanning)

An analysis of the written responses to the consultation is detailed in Appendix B but to briefly summarise there were 32 valid responses in total with 27 supporting the proposal, 1 against and 4 expressing views neither in favour nor against the proposal. The overwhelming majority of responses (85%) were from parents of current pupils and staff at the school. 40% of all the consultation responses were

from parents with only 1 against the proposal. 43% of the responses were from teachers and non-teaching staff members of the school with all being in favour.

The Headteacher and staff have consulted with the children currently attending the school to explain the proposal.

### **Evidence of the consultation before the proposal was published -**

(a) a list of persons and/or parties who were consulted can be found in Appendix A

(b) the views of the persons consulted are summarised in Appendix B

(c) a copy of the letter confirming the commencement of the consultation process and incorporating relevant information and reasons for the proposal is in Appendix C

(e) a copy of the form to send in responses is in Appendix D.

Following the initial letter all documentation relating to the consultation was published online through the County Council website under Current Consultations at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/provisionplanning](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/provisionplanning).

All applicable statutory requirements to consult in relation to the proposal were complied with.

### **Project Costs**

This proposed expansion will incur a certain amount of capital costs and the LA will fund the necessary costs to implement the project making use of basic need funding.

### **Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision**

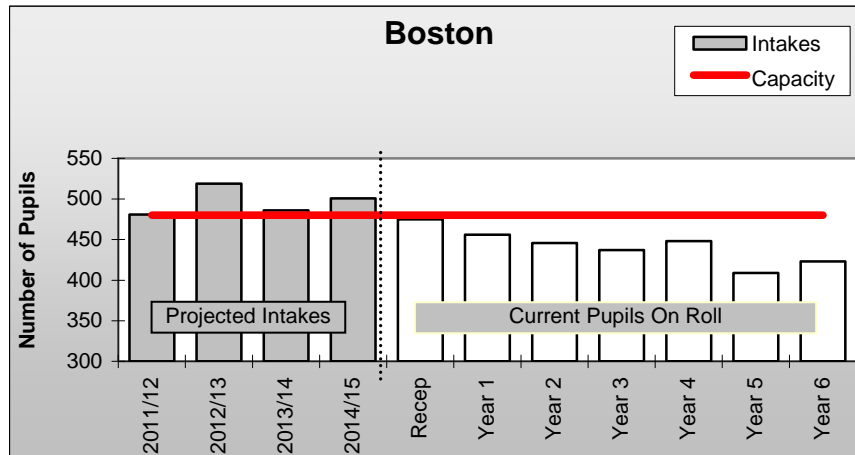
Education is continuing on the existing school site and there is therefore likely to be no impact on SEN provision other than an opportunity to improve the provision as the work is undertaken to reduce the effects of overcrowding on the pupils by improving the infrastructure and facilities. Consideration of pupils with SEN will take place should there be any relocation of pupils to an alternative part of the existing site and physical access will be assured should a need be presented. The LA will continue to look to make improvements in the standard, quality and/or range of the education provision for children with SEN.

### **Need for places**

National birth rates, mostly concentrated in towns and cities (urban areas), have been steadily rising in recent years. This increased birth rate, combined in some areas with migration and housing development, is now starting to have an impact at primary school age putting significant pressure on schools across the country where there is a shortage of Reception places.

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addition to the current expansion of Boston West Primary School and Boston Hawthorn Tree School. The graph below shows the known pupil numbers across all Boston primary schools of children aged 0-3 that will be needing primary places in the current year and years ahead (shaded columns), compared to existing pupil numbers aged 4+ already in Boston schools (non- shaded columns).



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### Expansion of successful and popular schools

The Government is committed to ensuring that every parent can choose an excellent school for their child with the wishes of parents being taken into account. There is a strong presumption that proposals to expand popular and successful schools should be approved.

The latest Ofsted report noted the challenges that the school faces in that a much higher proportion of pupils than is typical leave and join the school at other than usual times; approximately half of the pupils come from Eastern Europe or Portugal with limited English on arrival; and the proportion of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities is well above average. However, even with these challenges, the report rated the school's overall effectiveness as satisfactory with a number of outstanding features.

As can be seen from the number on roll figures detailed earlier in this document the school is a popular one with parents and is consistently oversubscribed.

## **Related Proposals**

The proposal to expand Boston Park Primary School is not related to any other statutory proposal.

## **What will happen now?**

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At the close of the 4 week representation period (statutory formal consultation) on 18 April 2012 responses will be collated and analysed and a final report will be presented to the Executive Councillor in May for a decision on the expansion of the school. The representation period is the final opportunity for people and organisations to express their views about the proposal and ensure that they will be taken into account by the decision maker.

<b>Interested Parties list for Boston Park consultation</b>	
<b>Interested Party</b>	<b>Name</b>
Put on Int Comms	
Details on LCC website	
Details on George	
Leader of Council	Clr Hill
Executive Councillor	Clr Mrs P Bradwell & Clr A P Williams
LCC Chief Execs office- DMT/SMT/CMT	Copy to Kathy White as the Director's PA and ask her to forward to appropriate Senior Officers NB Relevant Councillors are being notified separately by us.
Head of Strategy	Jim Hogg
CfBT	Andy Breckon
CfBT primary	Elaine Radley & John Sandfield
CfBT secondary	Keith Batty & Fred Morris
CfBT strategic projects incl SEN	Paul Snook
CfBT CPD	Tim Lomas
School Administration	David Robinson
	John O'Connor
	Chris Wrench
	Adrian Flowers
	Steve Gamble
	Lynn Yap
	Ruth Mayers
	Helen Clark
Exclusions	Phil Whitworth
SEN	Gary Nixon
SEN	Julia Andrews
Early years/extended provision	Meredith Teasdale
	Julie Grindley
Finance LCC	Tony Warnock
	Debra Williams
Finance Mouchel	John Rossington
	Eizabeth Bowes

## APPENDIX A

	Jackie Allen
	Kevin Eaton
Governors Support	Hilary Wells
Performance Management	David McWilliams
	Marcus Needham
	Dave Uphill
	James Thomas
Commissioning	Justin Hackney
	Andrew McLean
ICT Support Mouchel	Neil Winter
LCC Communications	John Giblin
Human Relations	Julie Jackson
	John Matthews
	Penny Lee
	Joanne Edwards
Business support	Debbie Proctor
	Di Grocock
	Teri Jones
Capital Development	Brendan Pritchard
	Debbie Wilkinson
	Steve Atkin
	Simon Hardy
	Phil Buzzard
Schools Library Service	Jill Trowsdale
Procurement Lincolnshire	Karley Allam
CSC	Tanya Dempsey & Julia Key
Property & Technology Management	Paul Holmes
	Matt Clayton
	Linda Duffield
	Gerald Snaith
	Steve Mason
	Katie Gosling
	Adrian Clarke



## APPENDIX A

	Anna-Maria Edwards
	Rosemary Eades
	Hazel Bingham
	Emma Taylor
	Danielle Garratt
	Anita Hodgson
	Claire Loasby
	Terry Mason
	Justin Ward
	Tina Johnson
	Laura Abbott
	Alan McKenzie
	Michael Watson
	Jez Bailey
Chief Executive of Boston Borough Council	Richard Harbord
County Councillors	Cllr Raymond Brian Singleton-McGuire
	Mike Gilbert
	Ray Newell
	Paul Skinner
	Andrea Jenkyns
	Michael Brookes
	Peter Bedford
	James Swanson
	Betty Harvey
District councillors	Alison Hull at member services confirmed will distribute to appropriate district cllrs
Parish Councillors	
	Boston Town Area Committee
	Butterwick
	Fishtoft
	Frampton

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	Freiston
	Frithville
	Kirton
	Langrville
	Sibsey
	Wyberton
	Holland Fen with Brotherton
MP	Mark Simmonds
European MPs	Derek Clark MEP
	Roger Helmer MEP
	Emma McClarkin MEP
	Bill Newton Dunn MEP
	Glenis Willmott MEP
	Charles Shaw
Trade Unions	Christine Toumi UNITE
	Dave Roome
	Mr K Rustidge Asst Sec Lincs Asscn of National Union of Teachers (NUT)
	Mr J Sharman Branch Sec UNISON
	Mr C Todd Organiser of General, Municipal, Boilermakers Union (GMB)
	Mr D Morgan Secretary National Asscn of Schoolmasters & Union of Women Teachers NASUWT)
	Miss J Frost Branch Secretary Asscn of Teachers & Lecturers (ATL)
	Mr J Gibbs County Secretary National Asscn of Head Teachers (NAHT)
	Roger Hale Secretary Association of School & College Leaders (ASCL)
	Mr S Payne Representative Union for Educational Professionals (VOICE)
Boston Park School	HT is Carol Clare & cc David Tebbutt
Parents/carers of pupils Boston Park	email HT and david tebbutt
Headteacher & staff at Boston Park	email HT and david tebbutt
Chair of Govs at Boston Park	Mr D Shepheard
Current pupils at Boston Park	email HT and david tebbutt
Head, staff, pupils & parents at neighbouring secondary schools	
Mr P Marsh at Grammar & Acting HT at High is Dr J Howard	Boston Grammar Schools Federation
Mr A Reed	Boston Haven High Technology College

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Mr S W Johnson	Kirton Middlecott
Mr M A Taylor	Donington Thomas Cowley
Mr A J Fulbrook	Stickney William Lovell C of E School
Mr C Walls	Old Leake The Giles Academy
Chair of Govs of neighbouring secondary schools	
Mr Gosling	Boston Grammar Schools Federation
Mrs Jayne Coddington	Boston Haven High Technology College
Mr A Cogan	Kirton Middlecott
Mrs T Chapman	Donington Thomas Cowley
Mrs M Everard	Stickney William Lovell C of E School
Head, staff, pupils & parents at neighbouring primary schools	
	Boston Tower Road Academy
	Boston Staniland
	Boston Carlton Road
	Boston St Nicholas
	Boston Hawthorn Tree
	Boston West
	Boston St Marys
	Boston St Thomas
	Fishtoft
	Wyberton
	Swineshead St Marys
	Sutterton
	Wrangle
	Old Leake
	Sibsey Free
	Kirton
	Frithville
	Gipsey Bridge
	Butterwick Pinchbeck
Chair of Govs of neighbouring primary schools	
Mr S Horniblow	Boston Tower Road

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Mrs C Shephard	Boston Staniland
Mrs J Coddington	Boston Carlton Road
Mr Richard Cozens	Boston St Nicholas
Mrs Sandra Gaunt	Boston Hawthorn Tree
Mr Andy Fisher	Boston West
Mr J Poucher	Boston St Marys
Mr Philip Barlow	Boston St Thomas
Rev N Vickers	Fishtoft
Mrs J Cooper	Wyberton
Mrs C Tunnard	Swineshead St Marys
Mrs C Tunnard	Sutterton
Mr Stuart Pinchbeck	Wrangle
Mr Jon Hooper	Old Leake
Mrs J M Hutson	Sibsey Free
Mrs A Smith	Kirton
Mrs R Quinnell	Frithville
Mrs G Roberts	Gipsey Bridge
Mr A Hardy	Butterwick Pinchbeck
Anglican Diocese	Paul Thompson
R C Diocese	Ms Gail Neil
Neighbouring LAs	N/A
Libraries	Gill Young, Library Support Service
Primary Care Trust	Chief Exec of Lincs Primary Care Trust
Any groups using Boston Park premises	ask David Tebbutt or HT for details of regular bookings

**Written Responses made in Consultation Period on the proposed expansion of Boston Park Primary School**

Point of View	Supports Proposal (27)	Against Proposal (1)	Not For or Against (4)	Other comments/Notes
schoolstaff	y			will provide a higher response to a continuously growing multicultural community
Chair of Govs of local primary school	y			accept that the expansion is necessary and will not present a problem to St Marys applications
schoolstaff	y			children are entitled to upto date teaching methods. Leadership team excellent at fulfilling this role
schoolstaff	y			Quality of teaching and keeping up to date with teaching styles due to the excellent leadership of the senior management team and governors
schoolstaff	y			smaller class sizes provide better education. The extra choice will be welcome in the area. More opportunities for more children to enrol in the Polish Saturday club
schoolstaff	y			Well equipped for expansion because of large site size, effective and efficient management and committed team of staff. There is definitely a need for more school places and Boston Park is well situated.
parent	y			Boston Park is an excellent school with caring dedicated teachers. Asll pupils will benefit from larger improved facilities. Wider community will benefit as school will turn out more well adjusted integrated and polite children. Disruption in the short term will be outweighed by the result
schoolstaff	y			the school will benefit by being able to accommodate the growing community. The expansion will provide a safe inviting environment where children can receive a first-class education
schoolstaff	y			to help more children get a better education and the community to gain more people and different nationalities to learn about others and help expand the children's understanding
schoolstaff	y			with increasing enrolment facilities need to be updated and expanded. Greatest concern is the hall
parent	y			The school provides a good education and there is a shortage of places in Boston. Parents currently often do not have a choice in Boston due to the lack of spaces
schoolstaff and associate governor	y			Increasingly difficult to maintain high standards of tuition, expansion needed to ensure high quality provision. Site has ample room to expand. Hopefully the expansion will avoid separation of siblings and minimise use of home to school transport and children will be able to attend their local school
schoolstaff	y			There is a need for additional pupils to access a high quality education and this could be met at Boston Park
parent	y			
parent	y			Boston Park is a very good school where children achieve their potential, behave properly and have good manners
parent	y			
parent and schoolstaff	y			

Appendix B Summary of Consultation Responses

parent	y			Would be great to have bigger school and playground
parent	y			
parent	y			
parent	y			
schoolstaff	y			important that all children are in education
schoolstaff	y			Parents are being forced to enrol their children in village schools with extra transport costs and travelling time for young children because there are not enough places in Boston
schoolstaff	y			There is a need for expansion that will benefit the school and the town
schoolstaff	y			To increase parental choice, avoid separating siblings, avoid extra costs of transporting children to schools outside of Boston and impact of extended travelling time on young children.
parent	y			
schoolstaff	y			There is a severe shortage of space and the school and the children will greatly benefit from the expansion
parent		y		The school is already overcrowded, the maximum has already been exceeded and standards in achievement and behaviour are slipping. The fact that extra pupils have been taken shows the LA's intention to push this through. There will not be enough room for the children to play at playtime. Installation of temporary classrooms caused enough disruption
District council			y	
parent			y	Concerns over difficulties of teaching large number of children with English as a second language being exacerbated by larger class sizes and additional buildings will encroach on outside plat space
local resident			y	concerns over the increased volume of traffic and its impact and this will need addressing
parent			y	

Children's Services  
County Offices, Newland, Lincoln LN1 1YQ  
Tel: 01522 782030  
Fax Number 01522 553257

To Staff, Parents/Carers and other interested parties

10 January 2012

Dear Consultee

### **Proposal to Expand Boston Park Primary School**

Lincolnshire County Council are commencing a consultation process on the proposal to expand Boston Park Primary School, Robin Hood's Walk, Boston PE21 9LQ to ensure that there are enough primary school places to accommodate the increasing pupil numbers in Boston.

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The additional information accompanying this letter outlines the reasons for the proposal and explains in more detail why there is a need to expand this school and how the expansion can benefit the children and the community.

Following statutory consultation, if the expansion proposal is approved, it is proposed that building work to add additional accommodation will begin during 2012 and will be completed by September 2013. This would be managed to cause minimal disruption to the school during term time making the best use of school holidays.

If you wish to comment on this proposal then after reading the accompanying information please return the response form by 7 February 2012 using the contact details provided. If you would like to discuss this further before responding to the proposal then LA officers will be holding pre-booked consultation drop in sessions at the school on Friday 20 January 2012. Please contact Mrs Lisa Turley, School Administrator, on 01205 368805 to arrange an appointment.

If you have any queries regarding the proposal or the consultation process please do not hesitate to contact the Property and Technology Management team. (contact details are confirmed on the response form).

Yours sincerely

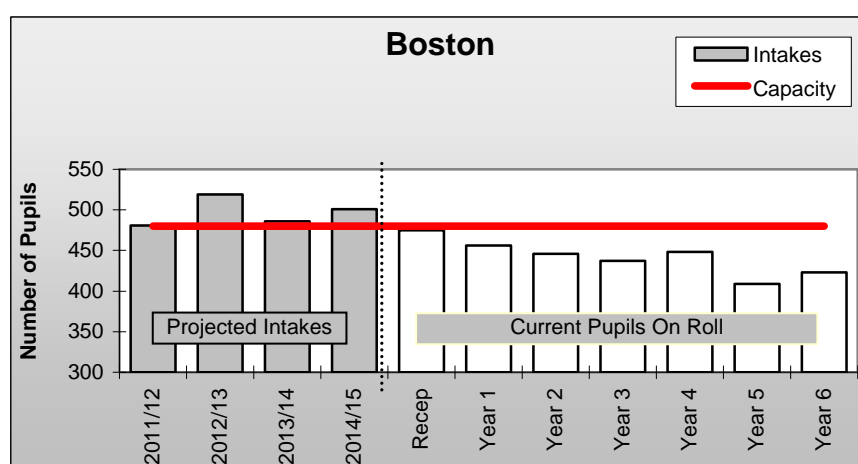


Matt Clayton  
School Organisation Planning Manager  
Property and Technology Management

## Reasons for the Proposal to Expand Boston Park Primary School

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The LA understands that an increase in the number of pupils attending a school may have an impact on the local road network and access. However, many of the children that will benefit



from improved facilities and additional accommodation are already attending the school and the majority of additional pupils are likely to come from within a suitable walking or cycling distance from the school. Also the LA would look to mitigate any negative impact by improvement to the infrastructure together with the implementation of a travel plan and would have to meet stringent requirements at the planning application stage. Any planning queries will be dealt with through a separate planning consultation process should the proposal go as far as a planning application. It must also be noted that although the proposal is based on an increased capacity at the school of 105 places, as the number on roll already stands at 259, this proposal would actually only lead to a further 56 additional places.

If you would like further information or would like to comment on this proposal then please return the attached form, email [provisionplanning@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:provisionplanning@lincolnshire.gov.uk) or write to Property & Technology Management, Lincolnshire County Council, County Offices, Lincoln LN1 1YQ by 7 February 2012.

Copies of all consultation documents including an electronic version of the feedback form, can be found online at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/provisionplanning](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/provisionplanning) under "Current Consultations"

## Consultation Feedback Form on the expansion of Boston Park Primary School

Please note that if you do not provide your name and address your views will not be counted as legitimate responses to this consultation. Names and contact details will remain confidential.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Carer  Teacher/School Staff  Governor  Employer/Business

Other (please specify)  : \_\_\_\_\_

Which school (if any) do you represent? \_\_\_\_\_

Having read the proposal please indicate your view below by ticking one of the boxes

I am in favour of proposal  I am against proposal  I am neither for nor against the proposal

Why have you decided this is your view? Tell us about it below.

Is there anything else you want us to consider?

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Other (please specify)  : \_\_\_\_\_

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