

Appendix 2

STATUTORY PROPOSAL FOR PRESCRIBED ALTERATION TO A MAINTAINED SCHOOL – DISLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Local Authority Proposal

1. School and local authority details

Disley Primary School
Danebank Drive,
Disley
Stockport
SK12 2BD

Disley Primary School is a Community School maintained by:-
Cheshire East Borough Council,
Westfields,
Middlewich Road,
Sandbach,
Cheshire, CW11 1HZ

2. Implementation

September 2017

3. Proposed Alteration

The Current capacity of the school is 210 school places. The proposal is to expand the school to provide 280 pupil places by increasing the existing capacity by 70 places for implementation by September 2017.

Subject to approval it is proposed that the published admission number should permanently increase from 30 to 40.

4. Need or demand for additional places

Until 2008 Disley Primary had a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 45 children per year group and accommodated 315 pupils. The school was reduced to 30 PAN, 210 pupils, under Cheshire County Council's Transforming Learning Communities (TLC) initiative. Until more recently, this school been able to accommodate the children of Disley but increasing demand means that changes are needed and therefore this proposal would increase the school back to nearer its former capacity

The data shown in the table below shows a forecast shortfall for Disley Primary School over the five year forecasting period of 42 pupil places based on current patterns of parental preference, new housing pupil yields and allowing for a level of operational surplus, which is intended to facilitate admission mid year, some degree of parental choice and reasonable journey times to school.

Forecast shortfall for Disley Primary School

Disley Primary – Pupil Place Forecasts Shortfall (-) or Surplus Places (+)					Disley Primary – Pupil Place Forecasts Including 2% operational surplus.				
2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
-27	-45	-45	-47	-42	-31	-49	-49	-51	-46

Data Source – October 2015 Based Forecasts

The approved housing developments in the area of the school that have been included in the pupil forecasts, and which have informed the need for expansion of the village primary school, are shown in the table that follows. The estimated number of school aged children from this new housing is referred to in the table as the 'pupil yield'

Pupil Yield from new housing developments

Housing Development	Catchment Area School	Number of Houses	Total Pupil Yield	Pupil Yields Included in Forecasts	Post 2021 Pupil Yield (Not included in Forecasts)
Fibrestart	Disley Primary School	121	22	10	0 (12 included in 2014 forecasts)
Land at Redhouse Lane	Disley Primary School	39	7	7	0
Total		160	29	17	0

The development at Fibrestart has already commenced and as at March 2016, 86 of the 121 houses had been completed.

The changing demographics of Disley and the demand for places at the local primary schools indicate that the area has insufficient capacity to accommodate local demand and long term measures are necessary to accommodate this anticipated increase.

5. Objectives of the Proposal and Educational Standards

The objective of this proposal is to provide additional places for local children within Disley Planning Area.

When identifying the schools for expansion consideration is given to a number of issues including, a site assessment and whether the school can accommodate the proposed expansion, a schools popularity and the extent to which the school serves its community, the schools ability to deliver a full range of curriculum and social experiences and the latest Ofsted inspection.

Disley Primary School is a successful school, achieving a “Good” category from Ofsted at the latest inspection in November 2011.

Number of catchment children and reception class applications

Admission Year	Number of Children Resident in the Catchment Area.	First Preferences for Reception Places
2013	45	36
2014	43	35
2015	43	37
2016	50	40

Figures as at August 2016 January 2016.

In order to accommodate the increasing number of requests for reception class places, the school has admitted above its Published Admission Number of 30 places since September 2013 and has admitted more children mid year due to demand, as shown below:

School census data

School Census Count	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
Oct-15	33	37	35	29	31	27	23	215
Jan-16	34	38	35	31	31	28	24	221

The Published Admission Number (PAN) confirms the number of children to be admitted into the reception class at the normal point of entry to the school. This extra capacity if approved would facilitate an increase in the PAN from 30 to 40, allowing for 10 extra reception class admissions each year.

The PAN for September 2017, which was determined by Cabinet on 9 February 2016, is 30. Admissions above the determined PAN are permitted under the School Admissions Code if the admission authority decides that it can accommodate additional pupils in any year group. Should this proposal be approved, the admission authority would be in a position to admit above the 30 PAN for September 2017 and then determine the higher PAN of 40 for September 2018 reception intake and subsequent years.

6. Effect on other Educational Establishments in the Area

The geographical location of Disley Primary in Cheshire East is fairly unusual in that there are no other Cheshire East schools within walking distance. For example, Kettleshulme is

the next nearest Cheshire East school but this is over 4 miles away and is not on a direct public transport route. The journey is by hilly, country roads that are sometimes inaccessible during winter months.

Alternatively, pupils could attend primary schools in Poynton, but again, there is no direct public transport route which can lead to long journey times. The table below shows the three nearest Cheshire East schools to Disley together with the distances measured using the post code address points of each school – therefore school to school. As the Disley catchment area residents live in the area surrounding their local primary school, distances for families will vary according to where they live in relation to the primary school.

Next Nearest Cheshire East Primary Schools

Order	School	Walking Distance
1	Kettleshulme St James' Church of England Primary	4.291
2	Worth Primary School	5.038
3	Vernon Primary School	5.163

Consideration has also been given to the availability of places at schools in the neighbouring authorities of Derbyshire and Stockport. The table below shows those schools that are below the 2 mile statutory walking distance ¹ using school to school distances as aforementioned.

Next nearest neighbouring Local Authority primary schools.

School	Home LA	Walking Distance
Newtown Primary School	Derbyshire	1.318
Hague Bar Primary School	Derbyshire	1.435
High Lane Primary School	Stockport	1.746
Brookside Primary School	Stockport	1.750

Information from Derbyshire and Stockport local authorities has been requested in relation to surplus places in these schools and any plans for change to their capacity in the future to assess the potential availability of school places should the decision be taken not to expand Disley Primary School. The number on roll at Hague Bar Primary (Ofsted rated 'Good') is forecast to be oversubscribed and Newtown Primary (Ofsted rated 'Good') is forecast to have some surplus capacity. High Lane Primary (Ofsted rated 'Good') and Brookside Primary (Ofsted rated 'Good') are also forecast to have some surplus places. There are currently no plans for expansion at these schools. Cheshire East parents would be able to apply for places at these schools if this was their preference although Cheshire East Council would be responsible for finding its residents a school places if their school choices were unsuccessful.

Officers from the local authority met with headteachers of Cheshire East primary schools and secondary school in the area on 13 September and pre publication consultation on the proposal ran from 14 September 2016 to 12 October 2016.

Feedback from the consultation was presented to the Cabinet Member for Children and Families at a meeting on 24 January where a decision was taken to issue public notices.

1. The statutory walking distance is defined in law as 2 miles for pupils aged under the age of 8 , and 3 miles for those aged 8 and above, although [Cheshire East's Transport Policy](#) includes a variation to the distance limit for primary pupils.

Further information can be accessed on the Council's website.
http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school_organisation.aspx

7. Project costs and Value for Money

The authority believes that to provide long term value for money it is right to expand schools with permanent accommodation where possible. Permanent expansion provides new facilities providing reassurance to parents and providing children with the most favourable good quality learning environment.

The proposed expansion of Disley primary school to increase the school's capacity to 280 pupil places is being funded from the Basic Need capital Grant and an anticipated Section 106 developer contribution of £75,000.

Based on a desktop analysis of works to be undertaken the estimated cost of the expansion is £450,000. All Capital projects greater than £250,000 are currently subject to Cheshire East Council's Project Gateway process, which seeks endorsement by way of review and challenge.

In accordance with the Cheshire East Council's Constitution - Finance and Contract Procedure Rules, financial approval of this scheme was secured as part of the 2016/17 Capital programme at a Cabinet meeting held on 12 July 2016.

8. Objections and comments

Within 4 weeks from the date of publication of this proposal i.e by 29 March 2017 any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to:-

Children and Families
Organisation and Capital Strategy
Delamere House Floor 7
c/o Municipal Buildings
Earle Street
Crewe
CW1 2BJ

or via email to SOCS@cheshireeast.gov.uk

(School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013)