

## STATUTORY PROPOSALS FOR PRESCRIBED ALTERATION TO MAINTAINED SCHOOL

### **Local Authority Proposal**

#### **1. School and local authority details**

Springfield School  
Crewe Green Road  
Crewe  
CW1 5HS

Springfield School is maintained by  
Cheshire East Borough Council  
Westfields  
Sandbach  
Cheshire  
CW11 1HZ

#### **2. Implementation**

September 2018

#### **3. Proposed Alteration**

Springfield School currently has a capacity of 132 places.

We are consulting on a proposal to expand Springfield School by an additional 24 places.

The proposal, if agreed, would involve increasing the accommodation at Springfield School by 3 classrooms along with ancillary space. This would involve a newly constructed block to the front of the school.

The Council has published online its Sufficiency Statement for Children and Young

People with Special Educational Needs. This document highlights the provision necessary within the Borough and led to the development of a 3 year plan to develop provision

<https://cheshireeast.gov.uk/livewell/local-offer-for-children-with-sen-and-disabilities/send-developments/assessing-our-local-send-sufficiency.aspx>

#### **4. Need or demand for additional places**

Springfield School has a capacity of 132 places and currently has 140 children on its roll.

The Councils Sufficiency Statement and 3 year plan has identified a need for additional places to be available at Springfield School

#### **5. Objectives of the Proposal and Educational Standards**

The Council Sufficiency Statement for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs states:-

We want all our children and young people to be happy, healthy, and safe, and to be able to live a life that is full of opportunities to learn and develop. We want all our children and young people to achieve to their full potential, and go into adulthood equipped with the skills they need to enjoy their adult lives.

Our Children and Young People's Plan is based on what children and young people told us was most important to them. It has six priority areas that we are working to achieve across the partnership to ensure that Cheshire East is a great place to be young. We want to ensure that all our children and young people:

1. Have a voice, and are actively involved in decisions that affect their lives and communities
2. Feel and are safe
3. Are happy and have good emotional and mental health
4. Are healthy and make positive choices
5. Leave school with the best skills and qualifications they can achieve, and the life skills they need to thrive into adulthood
6. Children and young people with additional needs have better chances in life

Having the right educational placement and support is key to ensuring that children and young people experience the best outcomes. As such, the statement contributes to the authorities work across all of these priorities, but it is particularly related to priority 6; ensuring that children and young people with additional needs have better chances in life.

To achieve the best outcomes for children, we need to plan and deliver our services with children and young people at the centre, involve them in decisions, and base our services on what children and young people need and how they tell us they want to be supported. Children, young people, parents and carers have been involved in developing this statement and will continue to be involved in developing our provision going forward.

We want to ensure that all our children and young people achieve the best possible outcomes.

It's also really important to us that we make the very best use of our resources so that we can provide the best quality service possible to all children and young people that need support. This means ensuring that we use our resources innovatively, match our services to the needs within our population, and also that we don't duplicate services. This also means reducing costs on any additional expenditure that doesn't contribute to children and young people's attainment or wellbeing, such as travel costs for long distance travel.

## **6. Effect on other Educational Establishments in the Area**

The next nearest Cheshire East School delivering similar provision to Springfield School is Park Lane School in Macclesfield.

This School is in the North of the Borough and is 15.8 miles (straight line distance) from Springfield School.

## **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 at Springfield is to increase specialist provision within the Borough for 24 places and is being funded via Section 106 and a school contribution.

The works are anticipated to cost in the region of £850,000.

## **8. Objections and comments**

Within 4 weeks from the date of publication of this proposal i.e by 16 May any person may support, object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to:-

Children's Services  
School Organisation and Capital Strategy,  
Delamere House Floor 2  
c/o Municipal Buildings  
Earle Street  
Crewe  
CW1 2BJ

or via email to [SOCS@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:SOCS@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

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