

Bramford CE Voluntary Controlled School

Statutory Proposal to Enlarge the Premises

Full Proposal Document

1. LA details

Suffolk County Council
Endeavour House
8 Russell Road
Ipswich
IP1 2BX

Suffolk County Council is the Proposer.

2. School details

Bramford CE Voluntary Controlled Primary School
Duckamere
Bramford
Ipswich
IP8 4AH

Voluntary Controlled School

3. Description of alteration and evidence of demand

Enlarge the Premises: Enlarge the physical capacity of the school from 210 places to 315 places.

The current Admission Number is 30 and the proposed Admission Number will be 45 with effect from 01 September 2020.

Four new classbases are required in order to accommodate the additional 105 pupils.

Bramford CE Voluntary Controlled Primary School is Federated with Somersham Primary School.

4. Objectives and reasons

Bramford CE Voluntary Controlled Primary School is currently a single form entry school (1FE) with permanent accommodation for 210 pupils. Due to anticipated housing developments in the area which will increase the population within the school catchment area Suffolk County Council proposes to increase the capacity of Bramford CE Voluntary Controlled Primary School to accommodate a one and a half form entry school (1.5FE), with a total of 315 places.

The school is a popular, oversubscribed school rated Good by Ofsted. Expansion of the school will provide more places to meet the growing demand in the Bramford area.

There will be an increase in admissions with a greater number of pupils receiving their first preference of Bramford CE Voluntary Controlled Primary School.

Permanent, purpose-built teaching accommodation will enhance the school site.

5. The effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area

There will be no effect on other schools in the area as the increase to a one and a half form entry school is driven by local new housing.

6. Project costs and an indication of how these will be met

The estimated cost of the project to expand the premises from 210 places to 315 places is £1.8 million. Funding is included in Suffolk County Council's 2019-20 Capital Programme, subject to approval of the statutory proposal to extend the accommodation.

7. Implementation date

01 September 2020.

The potential building project to extend the physical capacity of Bramford CE Voluntary Controlled Primary School to accommodate 315 pupils will be completed by 25 May 2020.

8. Consultation

Letters were issued by Bramford CE Voluntary Controlled Primary School to parents/carers of all pupils attending the school on 01 March 2019 regarding the enlargement of premises.

A consultation took place between 11 March 2019 and 24 March 2019.

Letters inviting comments on the proposals, including a link to view plans of the proposed project were issued to neighbours of the school, adjacent catchment primary schools, Claydon High School, Bramford Pre-School, Bramford Parish Council, Daniel Poulter MP, County and District Councillors, St Mary the Virgin Church, Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia and the Diocesan Board of Education.

An information event for all interested parties was held at the school on 13 March 2019 where officers were available to answer questions.

Plans of the proposed project were available to view at the school during normal school hours until 22 March 2019.

9. Related proposals

There are no related proposals.

10. Procedure for making representations (support, objections and comments)

Any person may object to, express support for, or make comments on the proposals by writing to Bramford CE Voluntary Controlled Primary School Consultation, Schools Infrastructure Team, Children and Young People's Service, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich IP1 2BX, email schools@suffolk.gov.uk, within 4 weeks of the publication of these proposals (by 26th April 2019).