

Consultation on opening new secondary provision on land to the south of Seacroft Hospital to open September 2018

Consultation period: 11 May 2015 – 29 May 2015

Why is Leeds City Council proposing this?

Context: Projections show a rising demand for high school places until 2021/22, reflecting the steep rise in birth rates for children due to start secondary school. In the inner east and inner north east of the city (Roundhay, Harehills, Gipton, Chapel Allerton, Moortown, Meanwood, Burmantofts, Seacroft) there is a projected shortage of 200 year 7 places by 2016 and 375 places by 2018.

Schools and their admission limits	Projections			
	2015	2016	2017	2018
Inner North East: Allerton Grange 240 Cardinal Heenan Catholic High 180 Carr Manor Community 180 Roundhay Through School 250 Total year 7 places: 850	917 Gap 67	942 Gap 92	981 Gap 131	1006 Gap 156
Inner East: David Young Community Academy 180 Mount St Mary's Catholic High 180 The Leeds East Academy 180 The Co-Operative Academy of Leeds 180 Total year 7 places: 720	764 Gap 64	834 Gap 114	858 Gap 138	939 Gap 219
Combined Gap	131	206	269	375

Graphs illustrating the projections and admission limits for the two areas above, can be found via the following link: <https://leedssecondaryschoolplaceplanning.wordpress.com/>

Proposal for land to the south of the Seacroft Hospital site

The council has a statutory duty to provide school places and now has an opportunity to assemble part of the land to the south of Seacroft Hospital. Creating additional secondary provision on this site could provide one of the solutions to meet the expected demand for places. We are seeking your views on the principle of using part of the site for school use.

The Council's Executive Board needs to make a decision on site assembly in June 2015, and this consultation will inform part of that decision. Should approval be given on the site assembly, a more detailed consultation will follow. This will include details of numbers of pupils, age range and any inclusion provision.

The site is currently in third party ownership and will be subject to a planning application by a housing developer for somewhere in the region of 700 homes, which would reduce to the region of 500 homes should part of the site be used for school provision. Potentially this could allow for secondary provision with 180 places per year group.

Consultation has finished on the expansion of Roundhay School's secondary phase to create an additional 50 places and the findings of this will also be reported back to Executive Board in June.

How have these proposals been developed, and what other options were considered?

A stakeholder consultation event which included head teachers, governors, parent representatives, ward members, council officers from Planning and Highways and representatives from the Church of England and Catholic diocesan education boards was held in February 2015. Stakeholders discussed the background data and information, and considered ideas to increase secondary school places in the area.

A range of issues and options were identified, and public opinion was sought on the broader issue of school places in this area. You can read more about this on the Leeds School Place Planning WordPress site via the following link:

<https://leedssecondaryschoolplaceplanning.wordpress.com/>

Options identified included a mixture of building new schools as well as expanding existing schools, to address the longer term need. The expansion of Roundhay School's secondary phase by 50 places to simultaneously address existing accommodation issues and pressure on places was also broadly supported and has been consulted on.

The new sites considered were:

- Dolly Lane: a city centre site that seems more suited to use for the demand arising from city centre housing or other educational provision.
- Roundhay Road / Leopold Street: This site is too small for secondary use.
- East Leeds Family Learning Centre site: Has potential for a range of educational uses, but is adjacent to David Young Community Academy, which has some expansion potential within its existing site.

Potential housing sites identified in the site allocations plan which will go out to consultation later this year could generate over 5 forms of entry (150 places) of additional demand. School provision was considered in that process, and in addition to the sites above, a site in Burmantofts which could be used for primary expansion was identified. The site allocations plan will be available for public consultation later this year. The new sites are not all in council ownership and would all need to be approved for school use.

There are more changes that we know about but can't predict their impact, and so are not in this data. We know of two free schools which will open nearby. The Ruth Gorse Academy (240 year 7 places) is already open on temporary premises in Morley, but will move to its permanent site on Black Bull Street in the city centre in 2016. It is likely some of its pupils will draw from this area. The Temple Learning Academy is planned to open on Neville Road in 2016, offering 60 primary places in 2015, and opening its secondary phase with 120 places in 2016. This is more likely to draw pupils from the Temple Newsam / Halton Moor area, but may have some impact.

Why are we consulting on this proposal now?

To enable the council to make a decision on the assembly of the site as a whole, and to allow sufficient time to meet the need for secondary places.

How do stakeholders put their views forward?

To comment specifically on the proposal for new provision on this site comments can be submitted as follows:

- email:
educ.school.organisation@leeds.gov.uk
- post:
Leeds City Council,
PO Box 837,
Capacity Planning and Sufficiency Team,
Leeds,
LS1 9PZ
- Talking Point:
<https://consult.leeds.gov.uk/KMS/elab.aspx?noip=1&CampaignId=822&SessionId=H8SUWY5GDX>
- WordPress:
<https://leedssecondaryschoolplaceplanning.wordpress.com/category/inner-east-and-inner-north-east/>

This is a discussion forum so it is possible that during the consultation process people may refine their views. To ensure that your final views are heard, please respond by email or in writing.

Responses will be summarised and presented to the Executive Board, along with the feedback from the broader discussion on options for the area, and on the Seacroft Hospital site. They will take all views into consideration. Your opinion is important to us so please take the opportunity to respond to the proposal.

What are the next steps of this process?

If the principle of new secondary provision on this site is agreed then consultation on the details will begin in September 2015. Executive Board will consider the outcome of that consultation and decide whether to approve the next steps. Full information on the process will be included at that time.