

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL**

**STATUTORY PROPOSAL FOR HORTON GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

In accordance with Section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 2EF intends to make the following prescribed alterations to the school:

**Enlargement of Premises**

**Horton Grange Primary School**, Cowpen Road, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 4RE by making permanent the enlargement of the premises with effect from 1 October 2019 or as soon as possible thereafter.

- The number of pupils on roll in Reception to Year 6 at the school in January 2019 was 386. The current published capacity of the school is 420. The proposed capacity of the school is to be 630 following expansion of the school building on its current site. The current maximum number of pupils admitted at age 4 is 90 as a result of an increase to the PAN in September 2018 as a result of growing numbers of pupils in the school catchment. Nursery admission numbers would remain unchanged.

Horton Grange Primary School is a local authority maintained community school.

**Contact Details**

Full copies of this proposal may be obtained from :

The School Organisation and Resources Team  
Northumberland County Council  
County Hall  
Morpeth  
Northumberland  
NE61 2EF

and from the Council's website at [www.northumberland.gov.uk/schoolconsultations](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/schoolconsultations)

**Implementation**

It is proposed that the expansion of Horton Grange Primary School would be made permanent from 1 October 2019 or as soon as possible thereafter.

### **Objectives**

The objective of this proposal is to:

Make permanent the expansion of Horton Grange Primary School in order to accommodate the growing number of pupils being born in the school's catchment area.

### **Reasons for proposal**

In 2017, it was agreed that from September 2018 the Planned Admission Number of Horton Grange Primary School should be raised from 60 to 90 in September 2018 to take account of the increasing number of children being born in the catchment area. The growth in the proposed admission number has been necessary in order that the council fulfils its statutory duty under Section 14 of the Education Act 1996 to provide sufficient school places for all pupils of a statutory age. Birth data now indicates that the current expansion of the school building will need to be made permanent and therefore there is a requirement under regulations to undergo a statutory process.

### **Effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions in the area**

The building of Horton Grange Primary School is being expanded in order to accommodate the growth in pupil numbers within its own catchment area, therefore there will be no impact on other schools, academies or other educational institutions in this area of Blyth as a result of this proposal.

### **Project Costs and Proposed Stages for Implementation**

The costs for the building works necessary to expand Horton Grange Primary School building have been resourced through the Council's Basic Need funding grant from the ESFA (which is specifically allocated to local authorities to assist with pupil growth) and the costs are as set out in the table below:

School	Costs
Horton Grange Primary	£2,058,451

The agreed expansion of the school now needs to be made permanent as a result of the continued growth in pupil numbers in the catchment area.

### **Pupil Numbers and Admissions**

#### Horton Grange Primary School

In January 2019, there were 386 pupils on roll at the school in Reception to Year 4.

The age range of the school is 2-11 and it provides education to both boys and girls.

There are 2 pupils with an Education Healthcare Plan currently enrolled at the school.

**Timeline for Implementation**

It is proposed that the expansion of the school building will be made permanent from 1 October 2019 or as soon as possible thereafter subject to final approval of the Council's Cabinet.

**Impact on the Community**

It is expected that there will be a positive impact on the local community served by Blyth Horton Grange as the growing number of children living in the catchment area of the school will continue to be able to be educated within their own communities.

**Balance of denominational provision**

There would be no impact on the balance of denominational provision in relation to the making permanent the expansion to Horton Grange Primary School.

**Maintained nursery schools**

Horton Grange Primary School has a maintained nursery provision for two, three and four year old children and this provision would not be affected by the making permanent of the expansion to the school.

**Provision for 16-19 year olds**

There may be a need at some point in the future to request the expansion of the Planned Admission number at The Blyth Academy (secondary provision) as the growing number of pupils from Horton Grange Primary School feed into the secondary academy at age 11.

**Special educational provision**

There is no specialist provision for pupils with SEND currently at Horton Grange Primary School.

- There are 2 pupils with a statement of Special Educational Needs/Education Healthcare Plan on roll at Horton Grange Primary School.

Current SEND provision at the school would not be impacted by this proposal.

**Travel**

- Transport for pupils resident in Northumberland is arranged in accordance with the Council's Home to School Transport Policy and designated catchment areas.
- It is not anticipated that there would be an impact on Home to School Transport provision as a result of the making permanent of the expansion at Horton Grange Primary School.

- There would be no anticipated significant increase in car use as a result of these proposals.

### Consultation

All of the applicable statutory guidelines to consult on this proposal were complied with during the pre-publication consultation period that took place between 17 March and 11 May 2016.

A consultation document was distributed electronically to interested parties, including parents, staff and Governors and published on the Council's Website. A public event was also held at Horton Grange Primary School on 11 March and local authority officers were present at the event to answer questions and provide further information on the proposal to permanently expand the school. Only 3 responses were received in response to the consultation, which were all supportive. The low response rate is deemed to be as a result of the non-contentious nature of this proposal.

Details of the persons and parties consulted and views of the persons consulted are detailed in the Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Children's Services 9 July 2019, which is available on the Council's website at

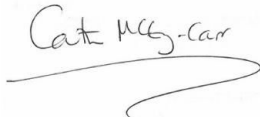
<http://committee.northumberland.gov.uk/Meeting.aspx?MeetID=9488>

### Submission of Objections and Comments on Proposals

Within four weeks after the date of publication of the these proposals (**i.e. by midnight on Thursday 8 August 2019**), any person may object to or make comments on the proposals by sending their written representations to: **The Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Children's Services, County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 2EF**, or by email to **educationconsultation@northumberland.gov.uk**.

Signature

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