

PREScribed ALTERATIONS TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF SIX PRIMARY SCHOOLS ACROSS CAMBRIDGESHIRE

To: Cabinet

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From: Service Director: Strategy and Commissioning,
Children and Young People's Services (CYPS)

Electoral division(s): Abbey, Cherry Hinton, Ely North and East, Fulbourn,
Huntingdon, Papworth and Swavesey, Soham and
Fordham Villages

Forward Plan ref: 2010/023

Key decision: Key

Purpose: To seek Cabinet's approval to proceed with plans to increase the size of six primary schools, five schools by the addition of 30 extra Reception places with effect from 1 September 2010, and one school by the addition of 20 extra Reception places with effect from 1 September 2011. The schools which are proposed to increase in size are:

- Abbey Meadows Community Primary, Cambridge;
- Colville Community Primary, Cambridge
- Spring Meadow Community Infant, Ely
- The Weatheralls Community Primary, Soham
- St John's Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary, Huntingdon
- Pendragon Community Primary, Papworth Everard

Recommendation: Members are asked to:

- (i) Note the pupil projections for each of the relevant schools for entry in September 2010 onwards;
- (ii) Note the responses to the statutory notices published during the spring term 2010; and
- (iii) Approve the enlargement of the physical capacity of all six primary schools, in order to provide a total of 170 additional places across Cambridgeshire (as listed above).

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1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Council has a statutory duty to provide a school place for every child living in its area of responsibility who is of school age and whose parents want their child educated in the maintained sector. The Council's policy is to admit children into Reception in the September following their fourth birthday; children become of school age once they reach the age of five.
- 1.2 A series of reports were produced for the Children and Young People's Policy Development Group (CYP PDG), between 13 November 2008 and 8 March 2010, which have provided detailed information about the projected increased demand for primary school places across Cambridgeshire due to rising birth rates and increased fertility rates. This information was based on National Health Service (NHS) data. The most up-to-date version of this data has made it possible to identify demographic pressures at individual school and local area level up to and including the 2013/14 academic year.
- 1.3 The areas with the greatest predicted pressure to be identified were, Cambridge City, East Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire. Officers have been working with key stakeholders since the demographic trends were identified, in order to ensure that the Council's good record in meeting the demand for school places and, wherever possible, parental preferences is maintained.
- 1.4 Officers working with the schools within the County have identified the actions that need to be taken to respond to the forecast increased demand for primary school places. This includes proposals for the provision of additional places at six schools in Cambridge City, Ely, Soham, Papworth Everard and Huntingdon.

2 Prescribed alterations to expand Abbey Meadows Community Primary School and Colville Community Primary School, Cambridge.

- 2.1 Due to the increase in demand for primary school places in Cambridge City, a consultation document with the outline options for meeting the identified demographic pressures in the south of the City was circulated during December 2009.
- 2.2 The data relating to the proposals for Abbey Meadows Primary School and Colville Primary School was contained in a report to Cabinet on 23 February 2010. The proposals included a recommendation for the expansion of each of these schools by one form of entry (1FE), so to provide an additional 30 Reception places from 2010/11. These recommendations were approved by Cabinet.
- 2.3 The Council published a combined statutory notice to make a prescribed alteration to enlarge the physical capacity of Abbey Meadows Primary School and Colville Primary School on 23 April 2010, which expired on 21 May 2010. A copy of the notice is attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 2.4 There have been only two written responses to the publication of the statutory notice, which both outlined concerns regarding the potential impact of the expansions on two village primary schools on the fringe of the City. The Council has responded to the concerns raised in the responses by meeting with governors at Fen Ditton Community Primary School (**see Appendix 2**), and by letter to the Chair of Governors of Teversham Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School (**see Appendix 3**).

3 Prescribed alteration to expand Spring Meadow Community Infant School, Ely

- 3.1 The Published Admission Number (PAN) of Spring Meadow Infant School is 90. However, last year, 120 places or four forms of entry (4FE), were offered to children entering Reception in response to increased demand for places at the school from within its catchment area. Pupil numbers are predicted to remain at this level for the foreseeable future.

3.2 Pupil Projections at Spring Meadow Infant School

Spring Meadow Infant & Nursery School

School Year		NHS Data		R	Y1	Y2 Total	PAN
2009/10	105	120	90	86	296	90	
2010/11	107	120	120	90	330	120*	
2011/12	92	120	120	120	360	120*	
2012/13	104	120	120	120	360	120*	
2013/14	122	120	120	120	360	120*	

*subject to approval

- 3.3 In January 2010, the Council issued a school organisation consultation paper setting out a proposal to expand Spring Meadow Infant School, on its existing site, from 3FE to 4FE, from September 2010. This would be an increase of 30 Reception places in 2010/11, enabling the school to eventually provide 360 places overall, as opposed to the current 270.
- 3.4 There were no written responses to the school organisation consultation and the Council published a combined statutory notice with The Weatheralls Primary School, Soham, to make a prescribed alteration to enlarge the physical capacity of Spring Meadow Infant School on 23 April 2010 and which expired on 21 May 2010. There were no written responses to the publication of the statutory notice. A copy is attached as **Appendix 4**.

4 Prescribed alteration to expand The Weatheralls Community Primary School, Soham

- 4.1 The Published Admission Number (PAN) of The Weatheralls Primary School is 60. However, last year the school agreed to admit pupils above this level into Reception in response to increased demand for places at the school from within its catchment area. Analysis of National Health Service (NHS) birth data indicates that demand for places at the school from within its catchment area will rise to 90 (3 FE) and remain around this level for the foreseeable future.

4.2

Pupil Projections at The Weatheralls Primary School

The Weatheralls Primary School

School Year	NHS Data		R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Total	PAN
2009/10	81	72	58	47	58	50	64	56	405	60	
2010/11	82	80	72	58	47	58	50	64	429	90*	
2011/12	100	90	80	72	58	47	58	50	455	90*	
2012/13	90	90	90	80	72	58	47	58	495	90*	
2013/14	113	90	90	90	80	72	58	47	527	90*	

*subject to approval

- 4.3 In January 2010, the Council issued a school organisation consultation paper setting out a proposal to expand The Weatheralls Primary School on its existing site from 2FE to 3FE with effect from September 2010. This would be an increase of 30 Reception places in 2010/11, enabling the school to eventually provide 630 places overall, as opposed to the current 420. The school's Governing Body has agreed to the expansion of the school.
- 4.4 There were three written responses to the publication of the school organisation consultation paper. Two responses indicated concerns about the impact of the proposed expansion on St Andrew's Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School in Soham. The other response outlined concerns regarding the potential impact of the proposed expansion on future secondary school provision. In addition one parent telephoned the Council with a concern about the size of the proposed expansion on the current site. The Council has responded to all these concerns, and will be reviewing the need for additional provision, for both the primary and secondary age-groups, in light of proposed new housing developments in Soham.
- 4.5 The Council published a combined statutory notice, with Spring Meadow Infant School, Ely, to make a prescribed alteration to enlarge the physical capacity of The Weatheralls Community Primary School, on 23 April 2010 which expired on 21 May 2010. A copy of the combined statutory notice is attached as **Appendix 4**.
- 4.6 There were two written responses to the publication of the statutory notice. One response was in full support of the proposal. The other response outlined concerns regarding the potential impact of the proposed expansion in delaying the building of a third primary school, part of the Soham masterplan, which would be required to provide additional primary places for the proposed housing developments. The Council will continue to monitor the situation regarding these proposed housing developments in order to be in a position to provide sufficient school places.
- 4.7 Subsequent to the expiry of the statutory public notice, one of the two local members for Soham and Fordham, Councillor Palmer, expressed significant concerns about the proposed expansion of the school. A meeting was held on Friday 28 May 2010 to discuss these concerns. The officers in attendance offered reassurances that the expansion of The Weatheralls Primary School was only one element of the development strategy for Soham, and would not affect the plans for a third primary school. Further meetings are to be held to discuss these plans in more detail.

5 Prescribed alteration to expand St John's Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School, Huntingdon

- 5.1 The Published Admission Number (PAN) of St John's Primary School is 30. While there has previously been local capacity available in the area to offer all children a school place, the increased demand for places at the school from within its catchment area is predicted to rise sharply. Pupil numbers are predicted to remain at this level for the foreseeable future.

5.2 Pupil Projections at St John's Primary School

St John's C of E Primary School

School Year	NHS Data	R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Total	PAN
2009/10	45	30	30	18	31	24	25	21	179	30
2010/11	54	51	30	30	19	31	25	28	214	60*
2011/12	50	60	51	30	30	20	31	28	250	60*
2012/13	62	60	60	51	30	30	21	31	283	60*
2013/14	69	60	60	60	51	30	30	24	315	60*

*subject to approval

- 5.3 In February 2010, the Council issued a school organisation consultation paper setting out a proposal to expand St John's Primary School on its existing site from 1FE to 2FE, from September 2010. This would be an increase of 30 Reception places in 2010/11, enabling the school to eventually provide 420 places overall, as opposed to the current 180.
- 5.4 There were two written responses to the publication of the school organisation consultation paper. One response was in full support of the proposal. The other response outlined concerns regarding the potential impact of the proposed expansion on secondary school provision. The Council has responded to the concerns raised in this response by reviewing the secondary forecasts for the area. Forecasts indicate that there will be sufficient school places at the local secondary school, which is predicted to be operating with surplus places for the next five years.
- 5.5 With the support of the Governing Body of St John's Primary School, and the Diocese of Ely, the Council published a statutory notice to make a prescribed alteration to enlarge the physical capacity of the school on 23 April 2010 which expired on 21 May 2010. There were no written responses to the publication of the statutory notice. A copy of which is attached as **Appendix 5**.

6 Prescribed alteration to expand Pendragon Community Primary School, Papworth Everard

- 6.1 The Published Admission Number (PAN) of Pendragon Primary School, is 40. However, at the request of the Authority, the school has admitted more pupils into Reception in each of the last three years in response to increased demand for places at the school from within its catchment area.

6.2

Pupil Projections at Pendragon Primary School

Pendragon Primary School										
School Year	NHS Data	R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Total	PAN
2009/10	61	50	50	51	39	30	38	24	282	40
2010/11	61	48	50	50	51	39	30	38	306	40
2011/12	37	39	50	52	51	52	39	30	313	60*
2012/13	54	58	42	53	54	53	53	40	353	60*
2013/14	44	51	60	45	55	56	54	54	375	60*

*subject to approval

6.3 In January 2010, the Council issued a school organisation consultation paper setting out a proposal to expand Pendragon Primary School to 2FE from September 2011. This would be an increase of 20 Reception places in 2010/11, enabling the school to eventually provide 420 places overall, as opposed to the current 270. The consultation paper was circulated to all statutory consultees. There was only one written response to the school organisation consultation, which was in full support of the proposal.

6.4 With the support of the Governing Body of Pendragon Primary School, the Council published a statutory notice to make a prescribed alteration to enlarge the school's physical capacity on 23 April 2010, which expired on 21 May 2010. There were no written responses to the publication of the statutory notice. A copy of which is attached as **Appendix 6**.

7. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Resources and Performance

7.1.1 The Council has developed proposals to provide additional accommodation at all six primary schools named in this report. The total capital cost of these projects will be met from the basic need allocation made to the Council by the Department for Education. The schemes are all included in the Children and Young People's capital programme for 2010/2011 to 2015/2016.

7.2 Statutory Requirements and Partnership Working

7.2.1 The Council can publish expansion proposals for any category of maintained school within Cambridgeshire. Statutory notices to make a prescribed alteration to enlarge the physical capacity of all six primary schools were published in the appropriate local newspapers on 23 April 2010 and expired on 21 May 2010.

7.2.2 The latest School Admissions Code (February 2009) requires admission authorities to consider the overall effect on a school in continually admitting pupils over the Published Admission Number (PAN). In cases where more than 26 children are admitted above the PAN for three years in a row, the admissions authority must determine a higher PAN at the next opportunity.

7.3 Climate Change

- 7.3.1 The Council's current policy is for all newly-commissioned Council buildings to meet the BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) 'very good' standard, with an aspiration to achieve 'excellent'. In the Council's Climate Change and Environment Strategy, a public commitment has been made to develop a new minimum standard for all newly-commissioned buildings. This will ensure that the Council is prepared for the implementation of the Government's zero carbon standards for new schools, which come into effect in 2016, and for other buildings, which come into effect in 2018.

7.4 Access and Inclusion

- 7.4.1 A duty of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 is that local authorities should take account of the needs of all communities when planning educational provision.

7.5 Engagement and Consultation

- 7.5.1 The Council has complied with all the statutory requirements in respect of consultation in relation to this proposal. This includes the publication of notices in a local newspaper, and for notices to be on placed on public display at the schools concerned and in at least one other venue in the local area. Copies of the notices were sent to the following:

- Local District Councils
- Members of Parliament
- Local members
- Trade Unions
- Local Primary and Secondary Schools
- Diocesan Boards
- Neighbouring Local Authorities (where applicable)
- Department for Education (formerly the Department for Children, Schools and Families) School Organisation Unit

Source Documents	Location
Prescribed Alteration documents School Admissions Code (February 2009)	School Organisation & Planning Cambridgeshire County Council Box CC1206, Castle Court, Castle Hill, Cambridge, CB3 0AP

Copy of the combined statutory notice for Abbey Meadows Community Primary School and Colville Community Primary School:

Cambridgeshire County Council

Expansion of Abbey Meadows Community Primary School and Colville Community Primary School, Cambridge

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Cambridgeshire County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to two Community Primary Schools from 1 September 2010:

- **Abbey Meadows Community Primary School,
Galfrid Road, Cambridge, CB5 8ND**
- **Colville Community Primary School,
Colville Road, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge, CB1 9EJ**

The phased expansion at Abbey Meadows Community Primary School will add 7 new classrooms to the existing school buildings over a period of years. The current capacity of the school is 390 and the proposed capacity will be 630. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 336. The current admission number for the school is 60 and the proposed admission number will be 90.

The phased expansion at Colville Community Primary School will add 7 new classrooms to the existing school buildings. The current capacity of the school is 210 and the proposed capacity will be 420. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 202. The current admission number for the school is 30 and the proposed admission number will be 60.

Cambridgeshire County Council will implement these proposals.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: David Clark, Assistant Education Officer, Cambridgeshire County Council, Box CC1206, Castle Court, Castle Hill, Cambridge, CB3 0AP. E-mail: david.clark@cambridgeshire.gov.uk Tel: 01223 699782.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposals in writing by sending them to David Clark (contact details - as above).

Signed: Gordon Jeyes, Executive Director
Children and Young People's Services
Publication Date: 23 April 2010

Explanatory Note:

Although published in a combined notice, these proposals are not related. You may respond to either proposal by:

- supporting both proposals;
- objecting to one and supporting the other; or
- objecting to both.

Appendix 2

Notes from the meeting between the Council and Governors at Fen Ditton Primary School:

Meeting with Fen Ditton Primary School Premises Sub-Committee re Publication of Statutory Notice to expand Abbey Meadows – 7 May 2010

A meeting was held with the headteacher, Councillor Nick Clarke and members of the school Governing Body Premises sub-committee at which the background to the work that was being undertaken to make additional provision to meet the demographic pressure on primary school places in Cambridge City, due to a rising birth rate. A copy of a table showing the number of children born in each primary school's catchment area, compared with the schools' published admissions numbers, was shared with the Sub-committee, together with a summary of the action being taken by the Council to meet this demand (**see Appendix 3**).

Specific reference was made to the birth data for the Abbey Meadows catchment area, and the equivalent information for Fen Ditton. This showed that, even with the expansion of Abbey Meadows from two forms of entry to three (providing 90 places), there was still a significant deficit in school places available in future years, particularly in 2011/12 and 2012/13, when the number of in-catchment children for Fen Ditton dropped, but those in Abbey Meadows peaked.

The key points made during the discussion, of relevance to this report, were as follows:

- Fen Ditton would like to be considered as part of the solution to meeting the growth in demand for primary places in Cambridge City, as they currently take a number of children from the existing Abbey Meadows catchment area, and, given the birth data shared with the school, expect to continue to do so in the future.
- If Fen Ditton were seen as part of the solution for meeting this demand, they should also be able to draw on the funding that was being made available for Cambridge, via the Council's Capital Programme to meet basic need, to enable Fen Ditton School to expand in permanent accommodation.

It was confirmed that the points that had been made in relation to the Abbey Meadows statutory public notice would be summarised in the 15 June Cabinet report, and Councillor Clarke asked that he, as the local member, be copied into any relevant information about this issue in the future.

Appendix 3

Council response to the Chair of Governors of Teversham Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School:

From: Tony Sharpe, Chair of Governors, Teversham Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

Expansion of Abbey Meadows and Colville Community Primary Schools

Having read with interest the announcements of the planned expansions of Abbey Meadows and Colville Community Primary schools I feel I must write to you on behalf of the Teversham Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School. At present 25% of our pupils are from the Abbey Ward and 6% are from the Cherry Hinton Ward. There are four schools - Abbey, Colville, Cherry Hinton Infants (coupled with Cherry Hinton Community Junior School) and Spinney - within 1.3 miles of Teversham School and of these five only Teversham and Spinney were oversubscribed in the 2010/11 published admissions data. It thus seems strange that undersubscribed schools are being expanded at the expense of higher performing, oversubscribed schools in the same area.

I can understand that from the figures for expanding population more primary school places will be needed in the coming years; however I am very concerned that parental choice is not being taken into account by these plans. The boundary between the city and the parish of Teversham is in practice difficult for most parents to identify, e.g. Cherry Hinton Community School is in Teversham parish. So I see no reason why schools like Teversham and Spinney could not be expanded.

Teversham Church of England Primary School has an excellent record of high performance in terms of both CVA and attainment taken over the last 5 years. It also has a unique ethos, being the only primary school in this very close group of schools that has a Christian Foundation and a distinctively Christian ethos. It is for these reasons that many parents from adjacent wards apply to Teversham and are desperate for their children to attend our school. If you insist on pushing forward with these expansion plans then to get our support I would like to have on behalf of Teversham Church of England Primary School the following guarantees :-

- 1) We are given an absolute assurance in writing, that parents who qualify under our admissions criteria from adjacent wards will not be forced to attend expanded Abbey Meadows and Colville schools in order to fill places resulting from these additional expansion plans.
- 2) That the PAN for Teversham Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School be increased immediately from 25 to 30.

Trusting that you have the principles behind Every Child Matters as an important criterion in these expansion plans, you will give very serious consideration to our concerns.

Response from Sian Phillips, Education Officer

Dear Mr Sharpe

Proposed Expansion of Abbey Meadows and Colville Community Primary Schools

Thank you for your letter of 7 May 2010, addressed to David Clark, to which I am responding as the lead officer for the development of primary school provision in Cambridge to meet the demographic pressure being experienced there. Before I address the specific points raised in your letter, I set out below some background information about the work that has been undertaken to meet the demographic pressures in the City. I apologise for the length of the reply, but believe that it is important to place the issues you have raised in this wider context.

The County Council has a statutory duty to provide a school place for every child living in its area of responsibility who is of school age, and whose parents want their child to be educated in the maintained sector. In May 2008, we first experienced a late, and unexpected, surge in applications for Reception places in Cambridge, and had to provide two additional Reception classes for September that year. As a result of this rise in applications, we commissioned the Council's Research Group to do further work on this issue, as this additional demand had not been forecast.

This work was done, and we were informed that this was unlikely to be a one-off occurrence and to expect continued increases in particular areas across the County in the future. We have been planning on this basis ever since and, in addition to the information which the Research Group provides, we receive regularly-updated birth data from the National Health Service (NHS) from which it is now possible to identify pressures at local District Area and individual school level up to the academic year 2013/14.

The main increase in births has taken place in Cambridge, and this is, therefore, where the most extensive and urgent action has had to be taken. This growth is concentrated mainly in the south of the City, where we have to provide an additional three forms of entry (FE) for September 2010, and are making arrangements for an additional seven FE from September 2011. To illustrate the extent of the pressure, I attach a table which contains the birth data for all Cambridge City school catchments, showing the year in which these children reach Reception age, together with details of the action being taken across the City to meet the increased demand for places.

When planning the provision to meet this increase in demand, officers worked closely with the heads and chairs of governors of all schools in Cambridge, and with a small Steering Group, comprising headteacher and Diocesan representatives. The Steering Group's advice was that any additional provision to meet the demographic pressure should, wherever possible, be developed in conjunction with the schools in whose catchment area the pressure was to be found, in order to foster community cohesion and to minimise the need for travel. This advice informed the proposals made, including the expansion of Abbey Meadows and Colville Community Primary Schools. Further information about the expansion of both of these schools, including links with Teversham, is set out below.

Abbey Meadows

The proposed expansion of Abbey Meadows will provide an additional 30 places for children entering Reception from September 2010, increasing the school's published admission number (PAN) from 60 to 90. Set out below is a table showing the birth data for the Abbey Meadows and Teversham catchment areas. This shows that, even with the additional 30 places provided at Abbey Meadows, if all of the children born in the two catchment areas require places when they reach Reception age, then there will still be a shortfall.

Abbey Meadows and Teversham

Child Health Register Data	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	PANs
Schools					
Abbey Meadows	108	129	130	126	90
Teversham	12	13	11	11	25
Total	120	142	141	137	115
Children/PAN +/-	-5	-27	-26	-22	
83% (5-yr average)	100	118	117	113	
Children/PAN +/-	+15	-3	-2	+2	

Note: The 83% five-year average of children born in a Cambridge City school catchment area requiring a maintained school place is shown here. This takes into account drop-out for various reasons, but particularly independent school placement, which is less of an issue in the Abbey Meadows catchment area than it is in some other parts of Cambridge.

To provide a broader picture of demand in the area, a table which includes birth data relating to Fen Ditton School is also shown, as this is another school which children from the Abbey Meadows catchment area have attended historically. The inclusion of Fen Ditton reduces the shortfall if a 100% of the children born require Reception places and provides some flexibility across the three schools if this is a lower percentage. However, it is anticipated that places in surrounding schools will continue to be required for the foreseeable future, as pressure across the rest of the south of the City is intense.

Abbey Meadows, Fen Ditton and Teversham

Child Health Register Data	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	PANs
Schools					
Abbey Meadows	108	129	130	126	90
Fen Ditton	19	8	10	25	25
Teversham	12	13	11	11	25
Total	139	150	151	162	140
Children/PAN +/-	+1	-10	-11	-22	
83% (5-yr average)	115	125	125	134	
Children/PAN +/-	+25	+15	+15	+6	

Colville

As far as the proposed expansion of Colville School by an additional 30 Reception places from September 2010 is concerned, the way forward in Cherry Hinton was considered in depth during 2009, in conjunction with all of the Cherry Hinton primary schools, including the Spinney. Canon Tim Elbourne, the Diocesan Director of Education, was also involved with this work, as Cherry Hinton Infant is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled school. It was concluded that the Spinney's current capacity is appropriate to meet its in-catchment need, but, even if it were not, the school is on an extremely restricted site which is unsuitable for significant expansion.

I also met with the headteacher of Teversham Primary School at this time, who indicated the school's willingness to expand, which was fed back into the work that was being undertaken. However, it was concluded that, as the main demand existed within the Colville catchment area, in line with the general advice of the Cambridge heads' steering group, the proposal was put forward to County Councillors that Colville should be expanded. Proposals are also being taken forward in relation to Cherry Hinton Infant and Junior Schools, about which details are provided in the second enclosure.

I shall now address the specific assurances that you are seeking:

1. Parents will not be forced to attend Abbey Meadows and Colville

Cambridgeshire County Council's admission arrangements comply with the law and the Code of Practice on School Admissions, including how parental preferences for particular schools are dealt with. If there are places available in your school for which parents from adjacent school catchment areas express a preference and qualify, then they will be allocated those places. The only limiting factor, as it is now, is the provision of transport; if parents express a preference for a more distant school, then they are responsible for arranging and paying for the transport for their children, if it is required.

2. The PAN for Teversham should be increased immediately from 25 to 30

It is not possible to make an immediate increase in a published admission number, as there is a prescribed legal process which must be followed. The earliest a formal increase in Teversham's PAN could be actioned would be for September 2012, but, as you will see from the future birth figures for your catchment area, there is no reason to do so at this stage. However, this data and preference data will be kept under close review, and the Admissions Team will make contact with Teversham if there is any significant change in the future on which action needs to be taken.

I hope that I have been able to assure you that it is necessary for Abbey Meadows and Colville to be expanded to contribute towards meeting the basic need for primary school places in Cambridge, and that this will not adversely affect Teversham School. Your letter and this response will be provided to the County Council's Cabinet to inform their determination of the proposals following the publication of the statutory public notices. I have also copied the letter, for information, to Canon Elbourne.

Number of children born in each primary school's catchment area in Cambridge compared with Published Admission Numbers (PANs): January 2010

Child Health Register Data	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	PAN
Schools						
South of City						
Abbey Meadows (CP)	104	108	129	130	126	60
Cherry Hinton Infants CE (VC)	59	58	71	75	74	60
Colville (CP)	40	54	64	50	59	30
Fawcett (CP)	47	45	47	58	39	30
Morley Memorial (CP)	81	85	98	86	73	60
Newnham Croft (CP)	48	57	57	42	71	34
Park Street CE (VA)	15	8	16	18	17	18
Queen Edith (CP)	73	89	90	84	67	60
Ridgefield (Foundation with Trust)	65	63	68	98	88	30
Spinney (CP)	25	37	28	41	38	30
St Alban's RC (VA)						30
St Matthew's (CP)	74	72	101	104	125	60
St Paul's CE (VA)	46	47	55	47	45	30
St Philip's CE (VA)	70	62	76	97	97	45
Sub-total	747	785	900	930	919	577
83% (5-year average)	620	651	747	772	763	
Children/PAN +/-		-74 (3FE)	-170 (6FE)	-195 (7FE)	-186 (6FE)	
North of City						
Arbury (CP)	64	59	73	87	86	60
Grove (CP)	46	56	39	72	71	30
King's Hedges (CP)	81	64	69	71	80	60
Mayfield (CP)	55	34	60	60	50	60
Milton Road (CP)	78	83	92	75	90	60
Orchard Park (CP)	16	20	29	30	21	15
Shirley(CP)	101	91	108	117	138	60
St Laurence's RC (VA)						35
St Luke's CE (VA)	42	49	61	60	68	37
Sub-total	483	456	531	572	604	417
83% (5-year average)	401	378	441	475	501	
Children/PAN +/-		+39	- 24 (1FE)	-58 (2FE)	-84 (3FE)	
TOTAL	1230	1241	1431	1502	1523	994
83% (5-year average)	1020	1030	1187	1246	1264	

MEASURES AGREED TO TACKLE INCREASING DEMAND FOR PRIMARY PLACES

North of Cambridge

In order to meet the demand for additional primary school places in the north of Cambridge, the following action is being taken, in conjunction with the relevant governing bodies and the Authority's Admissions Team, as appropriate:

- The Grove County Primary School : increase the admission limit from 1 form of entry (FE) to 2FE from September 2011.
- Orchard Park County Primary School : increase the admission limit from 0.5 FE to 1 FE from September 2011.
- St Laurence's Roman Catholic (RC) Voluntary Aided School:
Following discussions with the RC Diocese and the St Laurence's School governing body, agreement has been reached to the expansion of the school from 1 to 1.5FE from September 2012. A contribution from the Council's capital programme to the building work necessary to enable this expansion has also been agreed. (NB: St Laurence's, as an RC school, does not have a specific catchment area, and any expansion would aim to serve a broader area than the north of the City.)

South of Cambridge

The proposals agreed by the County Council's Cabinet on 23 February 2010 were that:

- Abbey Meadows Primary School should be extended to provide an additional 30 places for children entering Reception from September 2010, increasing its overall capacity from 420 to 630 pupils.
- Colville Primary School in Cherry Hinton should be extended to provide an additional 30 places for children entering Reception from September 2010, increasing its overall capacity from 210 pupils to 420.
- Queen Edith Primary School should be extended on a temporary basis by 30 Reception places for the 2010/11 academic year only.
- Cherry Hinton Infant and Junior Schools should be extended and their age ranges changed to enable them both to operate as all-through primary schools, providing for children aged 4-11, from September 2011. This will provide an additional 30 Reception places.
- A new primary school should be established in Gunhild Way, Cambridge, to open in September 2011.

Statutory notices for the Abbey Meadows and Colville proposals have been published, providing for anyone with an interest to comment on or object to them. The final decision on whether or not to proceed with implementing the proposed changes will be taken by Cabinet in June. The Cherry Hinton Infant and Junior School statutory notices will be published in June, and determined by Cabinet in September.

The best means of meeting the significant increased demand in the St Matthew's catchment area is also being explored at present.

Appendix 4

Copy of the combined statutory notice for Spring Meadow Community Infant School and The Weatheralls Community Primary School:

Cambridgeshire County Council

Expansion of The Weatheralls Community Primary School, Soham and Spring Meadows Community Infant School, Ely

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Cambridgeshire County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to the following two Community Primary Schools from 1 September 2010:

- **The Weatheralls Community Primary School,
Pratt Street, Soham, CB7 5BH**
- **Spring Meadow Community Infant School,
High Barns, Ely, CB7 4RB**

The phased expansion at The Weatheralls Community Primary School will add 7 new classrooms to the existing school buildings. The current capacity of the school is 420 and the proposed capacity will be 630. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 412. The current admission number for the school is 60 and the proposed admission number will be 90.

The expansion at Spring Meadow Community Infant School will add 3 new classrooms to the existing school buildings. The current capacity of the school is 270 and the proposed capacity will be 360. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 275. The current admission number for the school is 90 and the proposed admission number will be 120.

Cambridgeshire County Council will implement these proposals.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: David Clark, Assistant Education Officer, Cambridgeshire County Council, Box CC1206, Castle Court, Castle Hill, Cambridge, CB3 0AP. E-mail: david.clark@cambridgeshire.gov.uk Tel: 01223 699782.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposals in writing by sending them to David Clark (contact details - as above).

Signed: Gordon Jeyes, Executive Director
Children and Young People's Services
Publication Date: 23 April 2010

Explanatory Note:

Although published in a combined notice, these proposals are not related.

You may respond to either proposal by:

- supporting both proposals;
- objecting to one and supporting the other; or
- objecting to both.

Appendix 5

Copy of the statutory notice for St John's Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School, Huntingdon:

Cambridgeshire County Council

Expansion of St John's Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Cambridgeshire County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to St John's Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School, Sallowbush Road, Huntingdon, PE29 7LA from 1 September 2010.

The expansion will add 7 new classrooms to the existing school buildings. The current capacity of the school is 180 and the proposed capacity will be 420. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 185. The current admission number for the school is 30 and the proposed admission number will be 60.

Cambridgeshire County Council will implement this proposal.

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Appendix 6

Copy of the statutory notice for Pendragon Community Primary School, Papworth Everard:

Cambridgeshire County Council Expansion of Pendragon Community Primary School, Papworth Everard

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Cambridgeshire County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Pendragon Community Primary School, Varrier Jones Drive, Papworth Everard, Cambridge, CB23 3XQ from 1 September 2011.

This is the fourth phase of development at the school which will provide a 4 classroom extension at the school, including a new multi-use activity space, a new ICT suite, a group room and a new entrance to the existing school buildings. The current capacity of the school is 280 and the proposed capacity will be 420. The current number of pupils registered at the school is 290. The current admission number for the school is 40 and the proposed admission number will be 60.

Cambridgeshire County Council will implement this proposal.

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