

PROPOSALS FOR PRESCRIBED ALTERATIONS TO MAINTAINED SCHOOLS:

Extract from Department for Education guidance entitled:

**Making ‘prescribed alterations’ to maintained schools
Statutory Guidance for Proposers and Decision Makers**

Annex A: Information to be included in a prescribed alteration statutory proposal

Above guidance dated April 2016

In respect of a Local Authority proposal: School and local authority details:

1. The name, address and category of the school

- **East Markham Community Primary School, Askham Road, East Markham, Nottinghamshire NG22 0RG**
- **A community school maintained by Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC)**
- **Mike Sharpe (Team Manager - Place Planning Strategy)
0115 9772803 / statutory-school.proposals@nottscc.gov.uk**

Implementation date and any proposed stages for implementation:

2. The date on which the proposal is planned to be implemented, and if to be implemented in stages, a description of what is planned for each stage, and the number of stages intended and the dates of each stage.

1 September 2019.

It is proposed to increase the capacity at East Markham Primary School (“the School”) by increasing the number of pupils to be accommodated from 144 to 210 in Years Reception to Year 6 (ages 4 to 11).

It is proposed that the expansion would be implemented with the School taking up to 30 pupils in all year groups from 1 September 2019. If the proposal to increase the capacity of the School is implemented, the Published Admission Number for entry to the Reception year group will be 30 pupils from September 2020. There would be an in-year variation for September 2019 in order to allow up to 30 pupils to be admitted in 2019/20. If 30 pupils were to be admitted to all year groups, then the School would be at its maximum capacity of 210.

It is anticipated that the necessary building work will be completed by September 2019.

Support, objections and comments:

3. A statement explaining the procedure for making representations including:-
 - (a) the date prescribed by which support, objections or comments should be sent to Nottinghamshire County Council and
 - (b) the address of NCC to which objections or comments should be sent.

Please refer to the published Section 19 Notice concerning East Markham Primary School dated 6 September 2018. Any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to:

**Colin Pettigrew
Corporate Director of Children and Families (for the attention of Mike Sharpe)
Support to School Services
County Hall
West Bridgford
Nottingham NG2 7QP**

**Comments may also be submitted on-line at
www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/public-notices**

Comments on and objections to the proposal published in this statutory notice must reach the Corporate Director, Children and Families by 4.30 p.m. on Thursday 4 October 2018.

Alteration description:

4. A description of the proposed alteration and in the case of special school proposals, a description of the current special needs provision.

To increase the school's net capacity by expanding the school's existing premises.

School capacity:

5. (a) Details of the current capacity of the school and, where the proposals will alter the capacity of the school, the proposed capacity of the school after the alteration.

NCC proposes to make a prescribed alteration to East Markham Primary School by expanding the school's current net capacity from 144 permanent places to 210 from September 2019.

(b) Details of the current number of pupils admitted to the school in each relevant age group, and where this number is to change, the proposed number of pupils to be admitted in each relevant age group in the first school year in which the proposals will have been implemented.

Year Group and PAN							
	Rec	1	2	3	4	5	6
Current	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
2019/20	30	30	30	30	30	30	30

(c) Details of the current number of pupils on roll at the school at the time of the publication of the proposal.

At the time of publication, there were 122 full-time equivalent pupils on roll at the school.

Implementation of Proposal:

6. Where the proposal relates to a foundation or voluntary controlled school a statement as to whether the proposals are to be implemented by the local authority or by the governing body, and, if the proposals are to be implemented by both, a statement as to the extent to which they are to be implemented by each body.

N/A

Objectives:

7. The objectives of the proposal.

East Markham has experienced significant growth in the past 10 years and is expected to continue to grow in the future. There is a demand for places at the school and it is a Good school according to its latest Ofsted inspection report, conducted in February 2018. Expanding the school would increase the provision of places at good schools in the area and increase the choices available to parents. For those families moving into new homes in the area, there would be more local availability, increasing the ability for children to walk to school and reducing the need to attend schools some distance away from their community. This would contribute to improved attendance, family wellbeing and local cohesion.

Evidence of Demand:

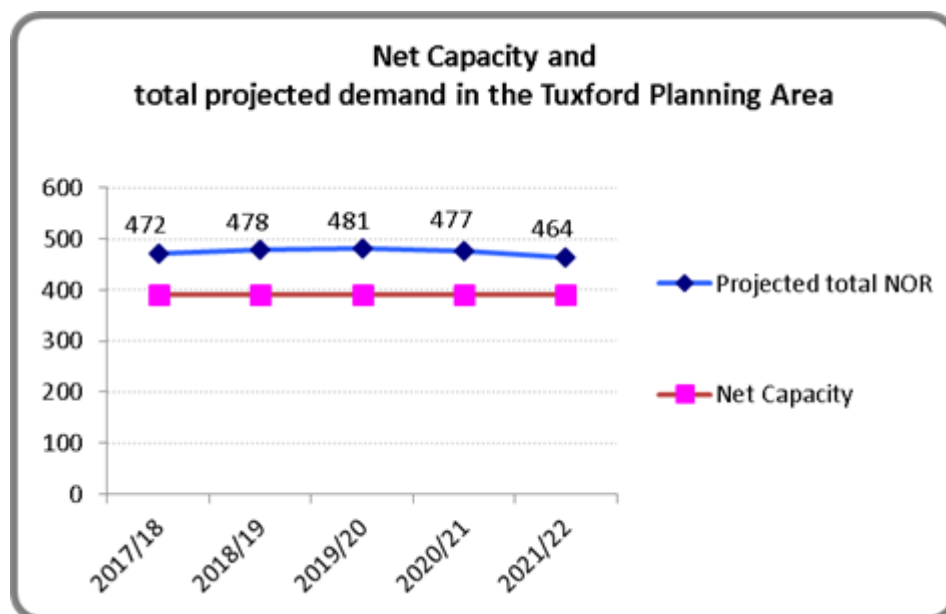
8. Evidence of demand for the additional school places.

In line with the underlying national trend, Nottinghamshire has seen an increase in the overall school population, particularly in the numbers of primary age children.

The total primary Number on Roll (NOR) has seen an increase over the past few years which causes difficulties for parents moving into an area where there are no places at their local (catchment area) school.

The area served by East Markham Primary School lies within the Tuxford Primary Planning Area, comprising of East Markham, Dunham C of E and Tuxford primary schools. This area has a growing population due in part to an increase in house building. The number of children of primary school age in this area is forecast to continue to rise over the next few years as can be seen in the chart below:

The graph below represents the projections and net capacity for the Tuxford Primary planning area for the period 2017/18 – 2021/22



Due to the increase in numbers already attending the school, it has been necessary to change the use of some of the rooms in the school which has resulted in the school now having no hall and having a kitchen that cannot adequately provide meals for the number of children attending the school. In order to address these matters, and to provide suitable accommodation for the children in the area both now and in the future, it is necessary to expand the school's accommodation in line with it being a school able to admit up to 30 children per year. Without this increase in provision, the ability of the school to continue to provide a good standard of education will be limited. The curriculum needs of a primary school of this size requires an appropriately sized school hall which will serve both the school and the local community. As numbers rise, the school kitchen, which already is undersized, should be able to provide for the needs of a larger school and so needs to be replaced.

Effect of Proposal:

9. The effect of the proposal on other schools, academies and educational institutions.

It not anticipated that this proposal will have any adverse effect on other schools or educational establishments in the locality.

Publication of Proposal:

10. Evidence of the list of persons/recipients who received a copy of NCC's Section 19 Notice

- **East Markham Primary School**
- **Other schools in same family**
- **Local County Councillor**
- **Local MP**
- **Catholic Diocese of Hallam School's Department**
- **Southwell & Nottingham CE Diocesan Board of Education**
- **Bassetlaw District Council**
- **East Markham Parish Council**
- **Trades Unions of those employed at East Markham Primary**
- **Retford Times**

Project costs:

11. A statement of the total capital cost of the proposal that is to be met by NCC, and how long term value for money will be achieved.

It is intended that the gross costs for developing East Markham Primary School will be secured from NCC's Basic Need Programme.

Long term value for money will be achieved by the provision of permanent additional accommodation.

Expansion of successful and popular schools:

12. A statement that NCC considers that the presumption for the expansion of successful and popular schools should apply.

Nottinghamshire County Council considers that the expansion of East Markham Primary is in line with both DfE national policy, as well as with the County Council's Policy Statement for Schools, which encourages the expansion of good and popular schools.

In particular, one of the underlying principles of the above Policy Statement is to ensure sufficiency of school places.

Extended services:

13. If the proposed alterations affect the provision of the school's extended services, details of the current extended services the school is offering and details of any proposed change as a result of the alterations.

Any existing extended services will not be affected by this proposal.