



PUBLIC EXHIBITION TUESDAY 21st MARCH 2017

The Local Authority (Cambridgeshire County Council) has a statutory duty to ensure that there are enough primary school places to meet the needs of its children and families, both now and into the future.

As you are no doubt aware, there has been a marked increase in the birth rate throughout Cambridgeshire over the last four or five years, creating the need for more school places, including in Histon and Impington. Since 2014, the Council has been working with the local schools to determine how best to provide extra primary school places in permanent accommodation. On 17 January 2017, the Council's Children and Young People's Committee was unanimous in approving proposals for significant capital investment in the Junior School to develop this from its current 3FE Junior status (360 place for children aged 7 to 11), to a 3FE Primary School (630 place for children aged 4 to 11).

Kier have been appointed by the Council to undertake the associated design and build project.

The project is at an early stage and our team is working in consultation with Council officers and their technical advisors to develop the outline proposals in greater detail. Key factors which will influence our approach and the final plans are: ensuring pupils and staff are not placed at any risk and minimising the impact on the day-to-day activities of the school whilst the works are being carried out.

We also recognise the importance and value of consulting with the local community and would very much welcome your views on the outline plans as part of the ongoing development of the scheme, ahead of submission of a formal planning, which is currently scheduled for early July 2017.

Separate to this, plans are being developed for the Infant School which will involve its relocation to a new site and its development as a 2FE Primary (420 places for children aged 4-11). There will be an opportunity to comment on those plans in due course.

On Tuesday 21st March 2017, a public exhibition of the plans for development of the current Junior School will be held at Histon & Impington Junior School. This event will commence at 3:30pm, and will conclude at 7:30pm.

Council officers, Kier and the Architects, Frank Shaw Associates, will be pleased to discuss the design proposals with you and would welcome any comments that you may have.

Whilst this event is designed to focus on the proposals for the current Junior School, we recognise that the local community may wish to raise queries relating to the wider educational proposals for the Histon & Impington area with the Council officers who will be in attendance.

If you are unable to attend the exhibition itself, we would still very much like to hear from you. The draft proposals will therefore remain at the school for 2 weeks after the event, along with a comments box to capture any further feedback after the event.

Subject to a satisfactory planning process, it is intended that the construction work will commence in January 2018, with a view to pupils and staff being able to start to use their new accommodation from the start of the September 2018 term.

We look forward to meeting you on Tuesday 21st March 2017.

