

**SANDBROOK COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL, ROCHDALE -
PROPOSED ENLARGEMENT
CONSULTATION DOCUMENT
8th October 2015**

INTRODUCTION

1. Rochdale Local Authority is consulting on the enlargement of Sandbrook CP School to increase the pupil intake from 60 places to 90 places from September 2016 onwards.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT SIZE OF THE SCHOOL?

2. The current age range of the school is 3-11, and the Admission Number has been 90 for the last 3 years and was previously 60 up to 2011 admission year. In most year groups is 90, with a capacity of 480 places. The school has a nursery class of 30FTE on roll and 507 children on roll in Reception through to Year 6 based on the May 2015 census data as shown below:

ROCHDALE	Places 2014	Rec NOR	Places Left	Places 2013	Year 1 NOR	Places left	Places 2012	Year 2 NOR	places left	Places 2011	Year 3 NOR	places left	Places 2010	Year 4 NOR	places left	Places 2009	Year 5 NOR	places left	Places 2008	Year 6 NOR	places left	Total NOR
Sandbrook	90	86	4	90	90	0	90	88	2	60	62	-2	60	60	0	60	62	-2	60	59	1	507

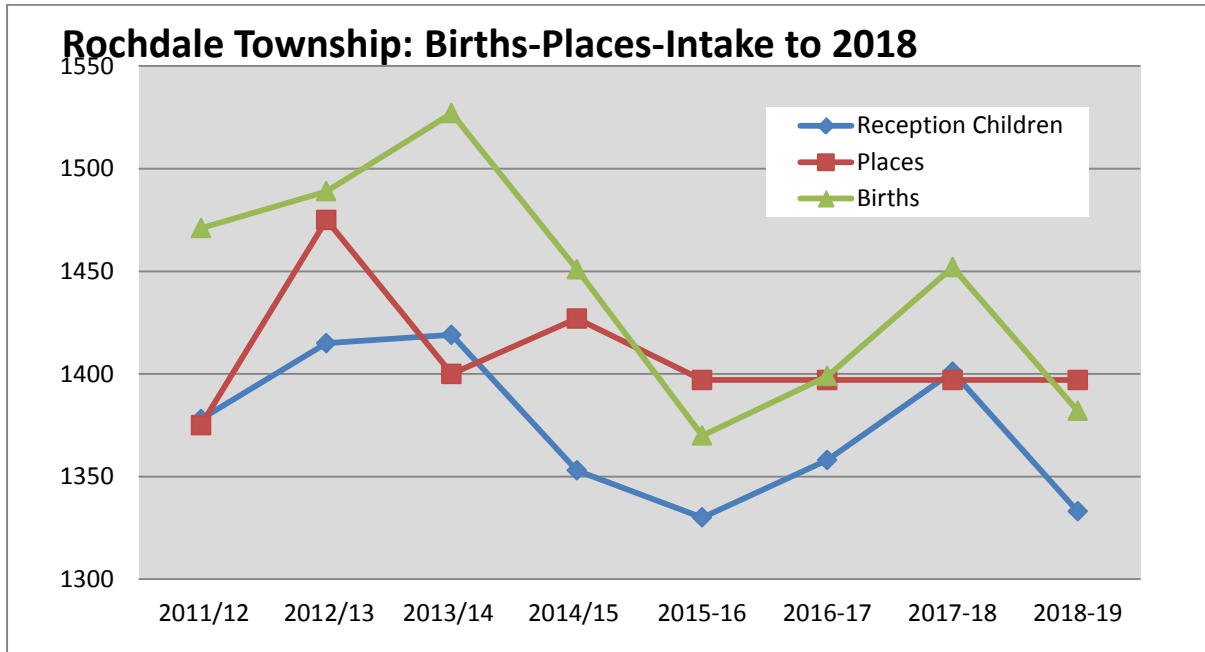
WHAT IS PROPOSED AND WHY?

3. Rochdale Borough Council needs to make sure there are enough school places for those who need them, taking account of demographic growth and change, and demand. There has been a high level of increased demand for school places in the Rochdale Township as a result of both increased births and movement into the Township. The proposal to increase the number of school places at Sandbrook CP School will make sure there are enough school places available for families within a reasonable distance of this popular and school.
4. The proposal is to enlarge Sandbrook CP School by providing an additional 30 places in each new year group. The enlargement of the school would be to increase the admission number for each new successive year group to 90, from the current number of 60 places available.

ARE MORE PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES JUSTIFIED?

5. The Pupil Projections for the Rochdale Township highlight the need for additional primary school places within this area. The current figures tabled below, show that for the 2016/17 admission year, there are just enough places available for the expected number of Reception children with little margin for flexibility. Additionally, from the 2017/18 admission year, the birth data indicates that there are significantly more children born in the Township compared to the places available. Therefore, the need for additional primary school places in the Rochdale Township is required with effect from 2016/17 admission year. Further information on the number of children born in the Township is set out in Appendix One. This shows a high level of demographic demand for Balderstone and Kirkholt ward, and the Kirkholt area in particular. The projected pupil numbers take

account of current housing developments under way, and not developments that are at planning stage with or without planning approval. Such additional developments would serve to ensure that the proposed growth is sustainable without adversely affecting other schools in the Township.



	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Reception Children	1378	1415	1419	1353	1330	1358	1401	1333
Places	1375	1475	1400	1427	1397	1397	1397	1397
Births	1471	1489	1527	1451	1370	1399	1452	1382

*Data taken from January 2015 Census.

HOW WILL PARENTAL PREFERENCE AND SCHOOL PLACE DEMAND BE AFFECTED?

6. Sandbrook CP School is a popular and successful school, and judged Good by OfSTED. There is a high level of demand for places at the school in each year group. The data above shows there is a need for further reception class places in the Township up to 2017/18 school year. Providing more places at the school will help more parents from the Kirkholt area to access a place at this school.

HOW WILL THE ADDITIONAL PLACES BE ORGANISED?

- The Reception year group will be organised with each class of 30 children having one teacher and one classroom assistant. Infant Class Size Limits will apply. As the year group moves up the school the class size will continue to be 30 with one teacher.
- In order to accommodate additional children, the school will need extra classrooms. The building work proposed is to provide 3 additional classrooms by way of an extension to the existing school.
- The school will appoint additional teaching and other staff as required. The school management structure will reflect the development of a larger school in terms of curriculum management and leadership.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF THE ADDITIONAL PLACES IN A LARGER SCHOOL?

10. The advantages to the school and the children will be:
- Opportunities for young people to interact with a wide range of peers, and to prepare for secondary school;
 - Capacity to develop a strong leadership team which will share the responsibility of knowing children and their families individually, and have direct and empowered links with the Head teacher and governors when necessary;
 - Flexibility of organisation due to multiple year groups and a significant budget;
 - Opportunities for staff to specialise and offer high quality support to colleagues;
 - Capacity to retain high quality staff by offering a wide range of experience and consequent promotion opportunities within one organisation; and
 - Opportunities to offer a very wide range of extra-curricular activities due to the range of talents and interests of the staff.

WILL STANDARDS AND ETHOS OF SANDBROOK CP BE MAINTAINED?

11. The Governing Body of Sandbrook CP is committed to upholding the standards and ethos of the School. Through the Leadership and Management Team and alongside the Governing Body, the school aspires to provide an 'outstanding' education to all of the children in its community. It is helpful that the expansion will be on a progressive basis enabling the school to plan ahead, step by step, ensuring that all is in place as each additional class, in each year group, arrives. The school will maintain all staffing ratios: resources for which are provided through the school funding formula, and which will be increased accordingly each year as numbers grow.

WILL THE INCREASE IN PLACES AFFECT CLASS SIZES?

12. By law, class sizes in Infant classes (Reception, Y1 & Y2) cannot exceed 30 children in a class with a single qualified teacher. The enlargement of the school is planned to be progressively from Reception onwards therefore we do not expect there to be an impact on junior class sizes.

WHAT IMPACT WILL THERE BE ON TRAFFIC AND HOW WILL THIS BE MANAGED?

13. A school travel plan will be produced to help reduce the impact of increased pupil numbers over the next few years by encouraging sustainable patterns of travel to school.

HOW WILL THE SCHOOL MANAGE DISRUPTIONS FROM THE BUILDING WORK?

14. By planning well in advance, the school, other users on the site and the contractors can work together to minimise disruption on site. The building contractors will be familiar with working on school sites and will be audited on considerable construction.

WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

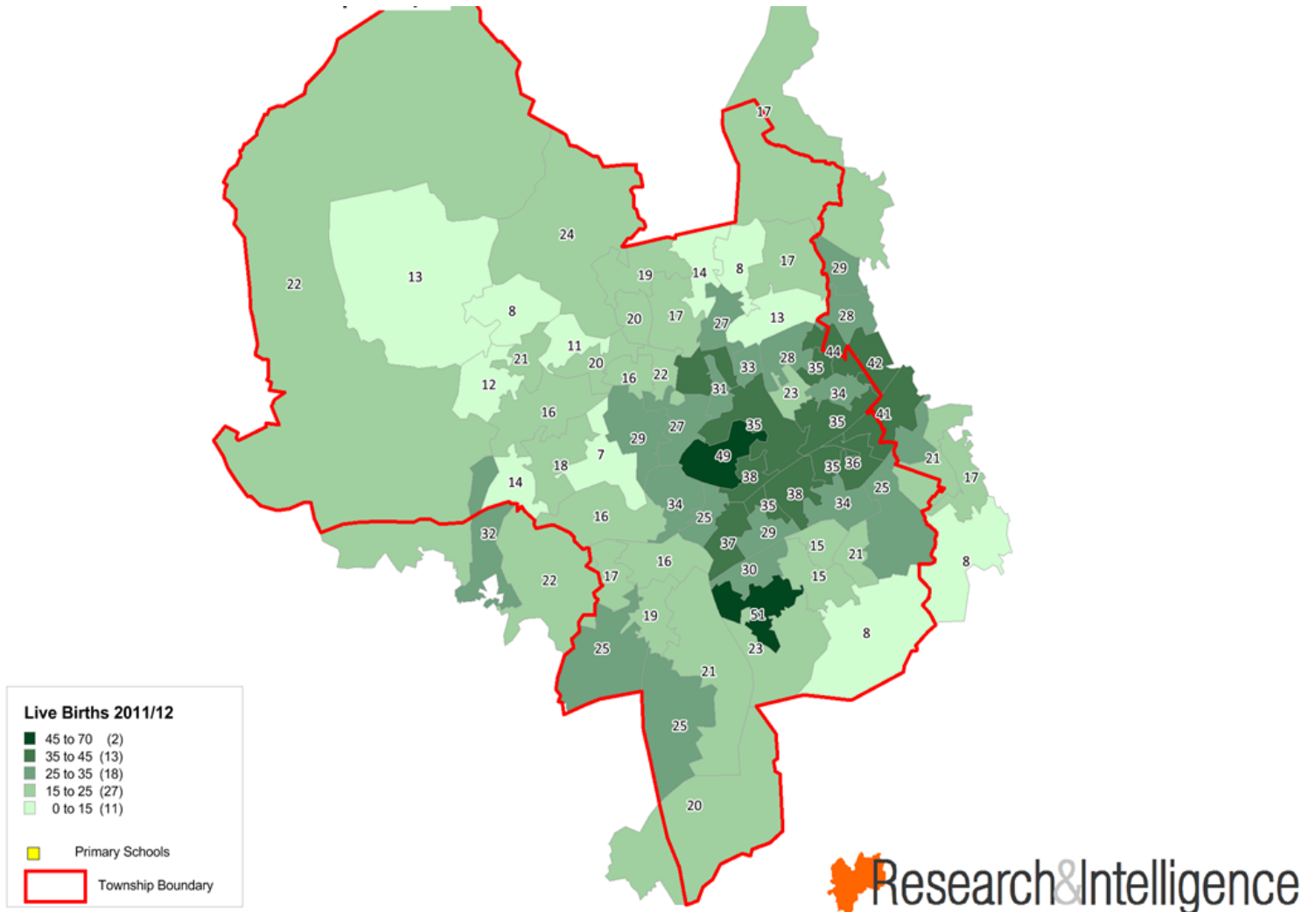
15. Any person can make representations on the proposals by using the following link to the council consultation website at:
<http://consultations.rochdale.gov.uk/council-wide/additional-places-sandbrook>
or by writing in to: Robert Aspinall, School Organisation & Development Team, Early Help & Schools, Rochdale Borough Council, Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale, OL16 1XU, or by e-mail to: robert.aspinall@rochdale.gov.uk.

All representations must be submitted by midnight on 4th November 2015 in order to be considered by the Council's Cabinet.

APPENDICES

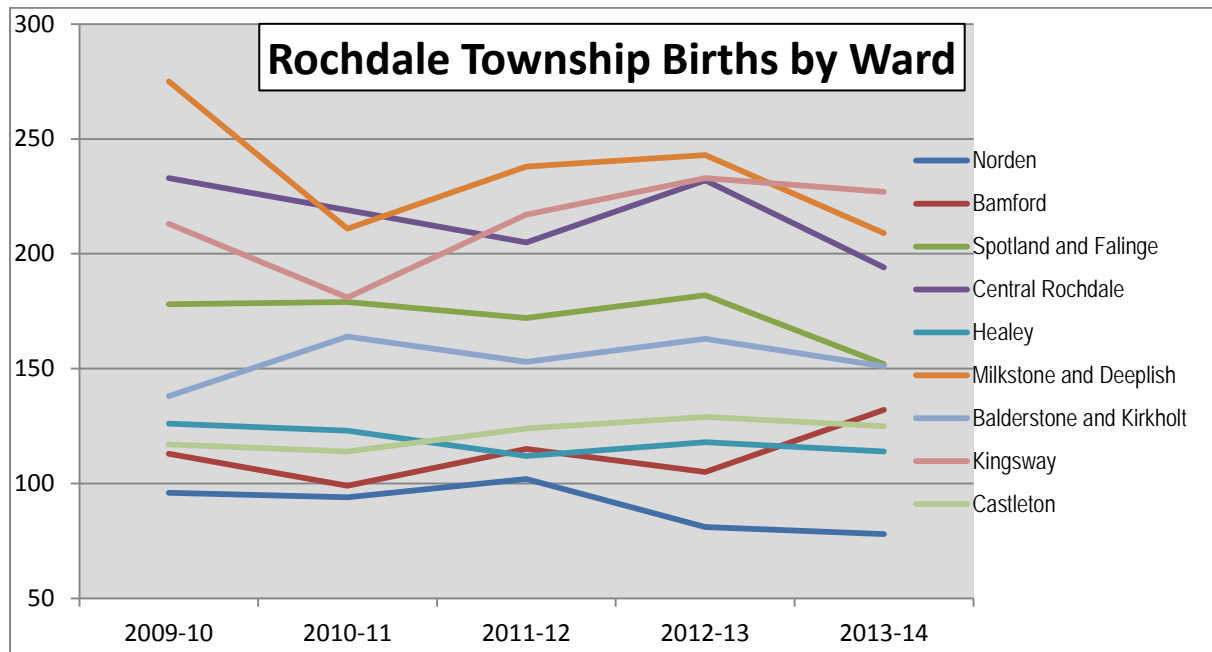
Appendix 1a:

Rochdale Birth Distribution Map 2011-12
(Births in 2011-12 for Admission Year 2016-17)



Appendix 1b:

Birth Data by Ward



ROCHDALE TOWNSHIP					
Birth Year	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
R Admission Year	Sep-14	Sep-15	Sep-16	Sep-17	Sep-18
Norden	96	94	102	81	78
Bamford	113	99	115	105	132
Spotland and Falinge	178	179	172	182	152
Central Rochdale	233	219	205	232	194
Healey	126	123	112	118	114
Milkstone and Deeplish	275	211	238	243	209
Balderstone and Kirkholt	138	164	153	163	151
Kingsway	213	181	217	233	227
Castleton	117	114	124	129	125
Township Total Births	1489	1384	1438	1486	1382

Appendix 2:

Rochdale Township – Map of Schools

